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ALGER MEMORIAL HELD AT NATICK

Past President Max Goldberg, who initiated the annual observance in 1964, was host to over thirty persons at the eight annual Memorial to Horatio Alger Jr.

Following the service a short historical tour guided by Max, followed by a get-together at the Goldberg home. Ida Goldberg was the perfect hostess and made everyone feel at home.

The BOY'S HOME WEEKLY

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FACING THE WORLD



PLEA FROM THE HISTORIAN RESULTS GRATIFYING

by Jack Bales PF-258

The cooperation of H.A.S. members is very much appreciated in obtaining material for the Society scrapbook. If everybody helps the books will really look nice, so -- please, whatever you have -- send. All photos should be labeled on the back with the event and the date. All the items are handled with utmost care.

Material may be sent to the Society or direct to me.

Thank you !

HORATIO ALGER SOCIETY

On May 17th, 1911, the Arthur Westbrook Company, Cleveland, Ohio started publishing in THE BOY'S HOME WEEKLY for 5¢ per copy, 12 Alger stories. No. 1 was *DRIVEN FROM HOME*, No. 12 *HECTOR'S INHERITANCE*. If you have more information on this series drop a line to the Editor. (The above copy from the collection of Forrest Campbell.)

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NEWSBOY recognizes Ralph D. Gardner's HORATIO ALGER, or the American Hero Era, published by Wayside Press, 1964, as the leading authority on the subject.

Please use membership roster for mailing address of our officers.

Notes From Members

PF-146, Willard Thompson asks that we have some articles on the following: "Comparison of Bonehill as an Alger writer", "Frank Gruber, was he influenced, and can one read any part of the Alger idea in his writings". He would like to see more dialogue. So, all you would-be writers - sit down now and see what you can do. Willard has forty years experience in the book field and feels there are more interesting by-paths than verbatim extracts.

If you have any ideas on how the Newsboy can be improved, drop a line to the Guest Editor now.

We are very sorry to report the death of one of our members. PF-284, Frank James Bussone passed away last June. Although we never met Frank, we feel close to all our members because of our common interests. We express our condolences to Mrs. Bussone from all our members.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Robert L. Johnson
P. O. Box 47
Bisbee, Arizona 85603

At the Sioux Falls Convention, Ralph Gardner ran a contest. President Judson Berry has extra copies and if you are interested, send him a stamped self-addressed envelope.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Gilbert K. Westgard
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North Las Vegas, Nevada
89030

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

PF-322 - Ward G. Loucks
150 East 8th St.
Oswego, N. Y. 13126
(Dorothy) T-60

Ward is a friend of PF-264, George Clarke, and would like to add to his Algers. He also collects other boy's books by such authors as Henty, Chipman, Roosevelt, etc.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Horatio Alger Society Title & Price list is now available. Copies of this booklet may be ordered from Carl T. Hartmann Executive Secretary, 4907 Allison Drive, Lansing, Michigan. Make checks payable to The Horatio Alger Society. Price - \$2.00 per copy to Horatio Alger Society members; \$5.00 per copy to non-members.

Order yours now!!!!

Listed below

We also have available in limited quantities back issues of the Newsboy. Reprints of the following out of print issues as follows:

July 1962
April thru Dec. 1964
Jan. thru Dec. 1965
Jan. thru Dec. 1966 (no July issue)

Feb. thru June 1967
Also available in limited quantities are copies from Aug. 1967 thru the present.

Price is 50¢ each issue, post paid. Order from Carl T. Hartmann at above address. Make checks payable to The Horatio Alger Society.

NOTES FROM RALPH

There is a new book that just came out titled, "Horatio Alger is Alive and Well and Living in America", by David Goodrich. I ran to take a look at it, hoping it would be about Horatio. Regrettably, there isn't a word in it about Horatio Horatio. It is the success stories of 10 young Americans who became millionaires at an

early age. Although there is nothing in the book to tell today's generation who Horatio was, the fact remains that the Alger name has such sight identification and meaning that nobody thought it necessary to explain it further!

I just got a letter from Dave Kanarr, (PF-314), and he has some beautifully expressed lines about his Alger collection. I don't believe Dave would object to my sharing his thoughts with all our members: "I enjoy my collection very much and feel quite wealthy in spirit every time I look at those rows of stories-many happy hours of pleasant reading and discovery yet to come."

I think this concisely describes how so many of us feel about our Alger collections.

Ralph Gardner

Notes From Members

Stanley Pachon, PF-087, reports that Nautilus Books are publishing on September 15, two facsimiles of two first editions of Algers books. They are "Struggling Upward" and "Phil the Fiddler". They will cost \$12.50 for the slipcard set and \$14.00 for the library bound. They will contain the original illustrations and a introduction by Dr. Rychard Fink. These two books are to receive national advertising and publicity. If you are interested in ordering, the address is:

Nautilus Books
Div. of Galloway Corp.
5 Mountain Avenue
N. Plainfield, N. J. 07060

George Clarke, PF-264, appeared on the Paul Benzanin Hour, (WNAC-TV, Channel 7, Boston) at 9:00 a.m. on July 28, 1971 and told the Alger Story.

I was in Galena, Illinois, the other day (on a historical tour) and I browsed about the many antique shops. At RA-HO ANTIQUES, 114 N. Main St., (Mr. Joe Rank), I found a box of some 45 Alger books. Most were in fine condition - some I would call mint - Winston, Hurst, Donohue, etc. - no 1st editions! - including one miniature (Jed the Poorhouse Boy, I believe). I am not buying much Alger now (concentrating on Henty and Castlemon). Moreover, Mr. Rank asked too much, I felt. He wanted \$100 for the box and preferred not to break the lot. I couldn't go for that!

I thus pass the word along for others who may be passing through Galena soon or who may want to dicker with Mr. Rank via mail.
George W. May
P-F 121

NEW YORK CITY

DURING THE TIME OF HORATIO ALGER JR.

The Gangs of New York
by Jack Bales

There were many street gangs that existed in the area of the Five Points. Most of them originated in the various speakeasies, or bars, that were located in the tenement district, as it was in these bars that most of the men in the area spent their time.

The "Forty Thieves" was the first gang that existed in New York, and it was founded in the first speakeasy of the city. Another gang was the "Dead Rabbits," a "dead rabbit" being a slang term for a tough and wiry brawler.

The "Bowery" was a district that was located near Astor Place. Like the Five Points, the Bowery had its share of the New York City street gangs. The "Bowery Boys" was one of these Bowery located gangs, and "it was probably the most infamous one in the history of the United States. The Bowery Boys' chief enemies were the gangs of the Five Points, and notable among them, the Dead Rabbits.

Political mobsters in New York soon realized that they could use the city's gangsters as tools with which to throw elections. On election days, gangs, working for particular political parties, would intimidate voting citizens and would smash ballot boxes.

A typical example of this type of chaos occurred in 1856, when Fernando Wood was elected to a second term of office as Mayor of New York. All the Five Points gangs were behind him, and their efforts won the election for Woods, but the gangs of the Bowery hated the man. Therefore,

rioting broke out between the two main contingents, the Dead Rabbits and the Bowery Boys, with the men of the Five Points finally defeating the Bowery gang. The New York Police tried to overpower the gangs and restore order, but their ineffective numbers were no match for the ferocious gangs.

Besides the gangs that roamed New York's streets, the city also harbored many river pirates. These men, and sometimes women, would often sail forth at night on the Hudson or East Rivers. They would slip up to docks where cargo was stored, steal it when the watchmen were not looking, and then load it into their boats.

One of the most feared dock thieves was a woman named Gallus Mag, who was so named because her skirt was kept up by galluses, which is another name for suspenders. Gallus Mag was skilled in the use of a club and a pistol, and whenever she would best an opponent in a fight by the use of one or both of these weapons, she would bite his (or her) ear off and place it in a jar of alcohol. She had quite a number of ears preserved this way.

Gallus Mag and other leaders of the river pirates soon became quite proficient in their career of piracy. Therefore, in 1858, a harbor police force was organized in order to stop the dock thievery. Men would patrol the rivers in rowboats, and would search for any boat that even looked like it might contain river pirates. Eventually, the harbor police force eliminated practically all the thievery that was being committed by the gangs.

During the first two decades after the Civil War, almost every note-

Con't on page 6

Alger Enthusiasts ~~X~~ Hold National Meeting In City

Sioux Falls will be the meeting place next weekend for fans of Horatio Alger Jr., American author who wrote a famous series of books for boys.

Collectors and lovers of Alger books from throughout the United States will begin gathering Friday for the national convention of the Horatio Alger Society.

They will view book displays and share impressions of the writer whose novels, numbering more than 100, encouraged American boys to believe that wealth and fame were the inevitable outcome of virtue and hard work.

Convention headquarters will be located at the home of Judson S. Berry, 3801 W. 41st St., the society's president.

Other officers expected to be in attendance are Leo R. Bennett, Mt. Pleasant, Mich., vice president; Carl Hartmann, Lansing, Mich., executive secretary and Dan Fuller, Kent, Ohio, treasurer.

Also present will be Kenneth B. Butler, Mandota, Ill., past president and a founder of the 10-year-old organization.

Making several appearances at the meeting will be Ralph Gardner, New York, author of "Horatio Alger, or the American Hero Era."

Hal Guthrie, Sioux Falls, will show old movies following a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Normandy.

The convention will be concluded with a breakfast Sunday morning at the Berry home. Convention business will include election of society officers for the coming year.

The national organization says its purposes are "to further the philosophy of Horatio Alger Jr. and to encourage the spirit of strive and succeed that for half a century guided Alger's undaunted heroes, lads whose struggles epitomized the great American dream and flamed hero ideals in countless millions of young Americans."

Alger was born Jan. 13, 1834, at Revere, Mass., and died July 18, 1899, in Natwick, Mass.

He was graduated from the Harvard Divinity School and became a minister of the Unitarian Church in 1864. Two years later he left the ministry and went to New York to become a social worker and to write.

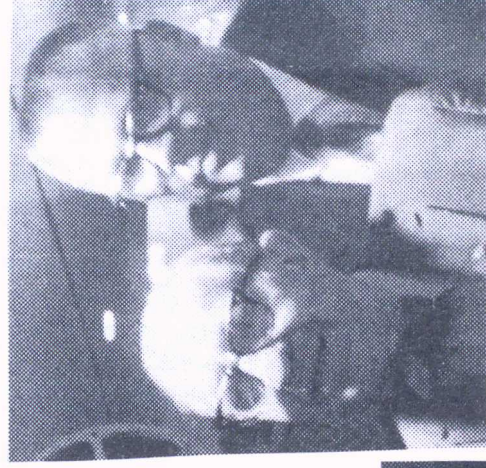
His work with poor and struggling boys inspired his stories. His books were highly successful and brought him a large income. However, he gave most of his money to charity and died a poor man.

Pictured on the right are the new membership cards for Junior Members. If you're interested in sponsoring a Jr. Member, send \$2 and the name of the boy to:

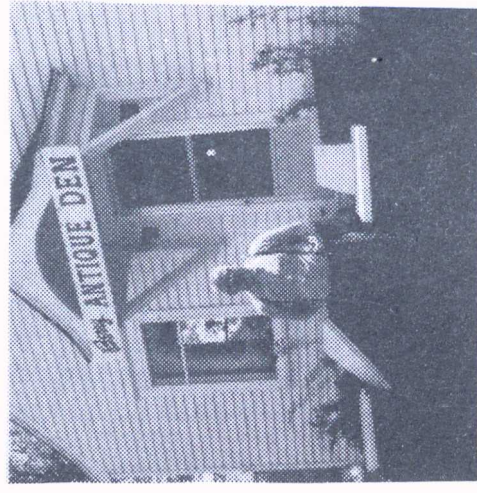
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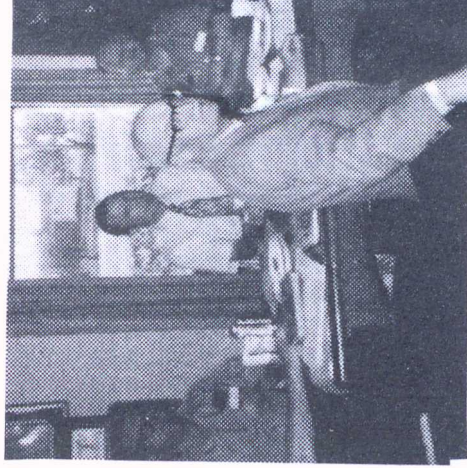
Jack Bales, Norman Hanson, Bob Bennett and Ralph Gardner. Ralph is doing a sketch of Bob while Jack and Norman watch entranced.



Frank Eisenberg and Pres. Berry look on as Hall Guthrie puts on another real of old time movies.



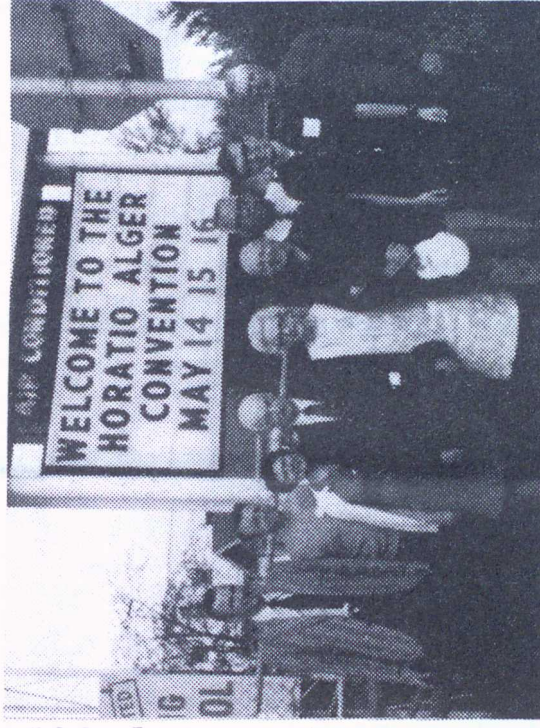
President Berry in front of Convention Hdqts. It is also Judson's home & Antique Den.



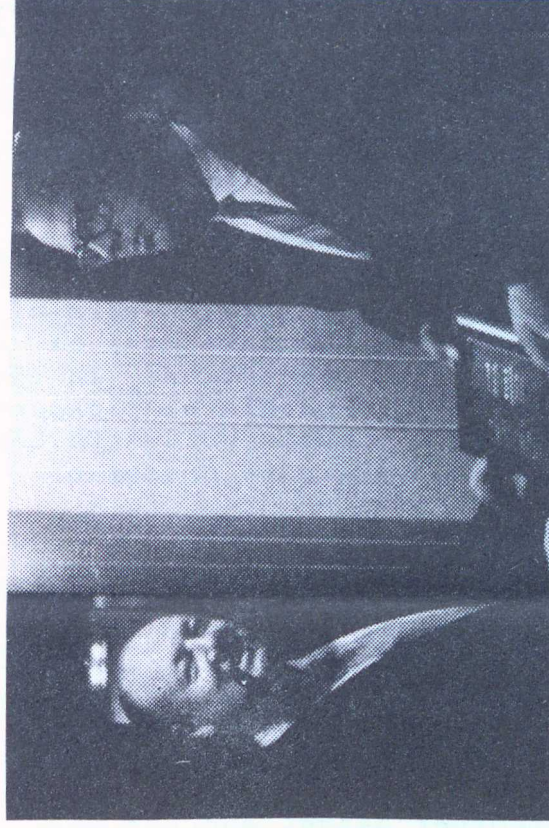
Hard at work on HAS business are: Pres. Berry, Bob Bennett, Ken Butler and Ralph Gardner.



Mr. & Mrs. Dale Thomas. Dale is "man of distinction".



Beth Row captures a happy group of Algerites in front of the Convention Motel. Bob Bennett, Carl Hartmann, Bette Robinson, Ken Butler, Doris Butler, Ralph Gardner, President Berry, Jack Bales, and Jack Row.



Ralph Gardner accepting the "Luck and Pluck" Award for Ed. Levy from Pres. Judson Berry.

Pictures by Jack Row and Carl Hartmann



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JR. PF NO. 23

PURPOSE: To further the philosophy of Horatio Alger Jr. and to read for my personal enjoyment as many as possible of his famous books for boys; to correspond with other boys between the ages of 10 and 16 regarding such books and their influence; to emulate his heroes; and to share in the present-day ALGER REVIVAL for a Better America!

New York City - Con't from page.3

worthy bank robber made his home in New York City. In these twenty years however, the most proficient bank robber in the city was George Leonidas Leslie. In The Gangs of New York, Herbert Asbury wrote: "Within a few years after the close of the Civil War Leslie had become the head of the most successful gang of professional bank robbers that ever infested the continent." Although his main home was in New York, Leslie also robbed banks in other major American cities too. In the course of Leslie's career as a bank robber, it is estimated that he and his cohorts committed eighty per cent of the bank robberies in America, with their stealings estimated at about ten million dollars.

Leslie would take great pains in planning a robbery. He would draw maps of the selected bank, and would practice opening a safe that was made by the same manufacturer as the safe that he wanted to rob.

Leslie was never captured and brought to court. Although he planned all the robberies for his gang, he let his men do the actual stealing, therefore absolving himself of guilt.

Leslie was murdered in 1884. Although the killer was never found, the police suspected a man named Draper, who was angry at Leslie because of the attentions that he paid to his (Draper's) mistress.

One infamous gang in New York during the 1800's was the "Whyos". Herbert Asbury says: "The greatest of the gangs which came into existence in New York after the Civil War was the Whyos, as vicious a collection of thugs, murderers, and thieves as ever operated in the metropolis."

It is not certain how the name, "Whoyo," began. It is the general consensus that the word originated from a strange call that the gang-

sters occasionally used.

The Whyos, who lived in the area around the Five Points, were in power during the latter years of the 1880's and the early years of the 1890's. They boasted men of many different occupations. In the gang there were burglars, pickpockets, thieves, thugs, brawlers, bar owners, and owners of houses of prostitution.

One Whyo who was greatly admired by his companions was, "Dandy Johnny Dolan." This respect was due to the fact that Dolan invented an instrument that was worn on the thumb, which enabled one to gouge out an opponent's eyes with great skillfulness. When the Whyos fought other gangs, success was achieved when they wore these copper devices on their thumbs. Dolan also placed portions of axe blade in the bottoms of his boots, in order that he could easily kill his opponent after he had thrown him to the ground.

The Whyos were fierce fighters, and the police engaged in battle with them many times. However, the Whyos were finally eliminated by the police in the middle 1890's.

SOURCE: Asbury, Herbert. The Gangs of New York.

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FOUNDER STRIKES AGAIN!!!!

PF-000, Forrest Campbell has struck again. Do to a letter to the Editor of "YANKEE" magazine July, 1971, written by Forrest, we have two new members and many new prospects. P.F's 323 & 324 will be reported in the Sept. issue of NEWSBOY. Keep up the good work Forrest.

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If you know of someone that might be interested in HAS send their name and address to me and I will see that they get a copy of NEWSBOY and an application blank.

Carl Hartmann

For the benefit of our new members, we would like to re-state a few of the policies of the Horatio Alger Society.

The Book Mart is solely for the use of HAS members. Each listing MUST contain the following information:

Title - Publisher - Condition
-Price-

Only books by or about Horatio Alger are to be listed. We will not list wants or trades. All dealings are between buyer and seller - the HAS assumes no responsibility, but we would like to be notified if there are gross errors in listings. The Editor of Newsboy will not take first choice - all listings are as received.

Articles for publication must have some connection with Horatio Alger, or interesting information about our members. The Editor reserves the right to edit, use or not use any material that is submitted. Deadline for all material is the 15th of the month preceding publication. Exceptions can and will be used at the discretion of the Editor.

A convention is held once a year normally during the first or second weekend in May. The 1972 convention will be in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Bids are open if you would like to have the convention in your city, during 1973 or 1974. Drop a line to our President Judson Berry if you are interested. The Conventions are the sole responsibility of the persons bidding. The Board of Directors will help in any way possible.

H.A.S. THE BOOK MART

Ben Logan's Triumph
C & D VG 10.50

Ben Logan's Triumph
C & L G 15.50
(1st ed. but with tipped-in,
xeroxed title page)

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Winston G 4.00

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Shifting for Himself
Winston VG 3.00

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Hurst G 2.25

Rupert's Ambition
Winston Lib. G 9.50

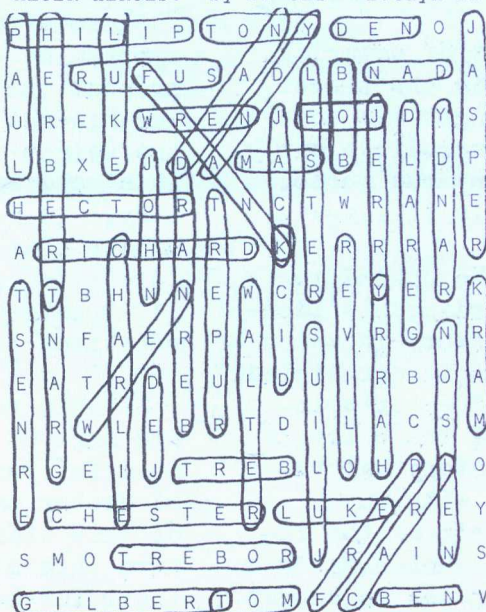
Tom Brace
AS paper 10.00
Good cover, no back or spine

The above lot in one group for
\$70.00. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Dan Fuller
1035 Merydith St.
Kent, Ohio 4424-

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Answer to last months puzzel "HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR
ALGER HEROES?" by PF-312 - Evelyn M. Grebel.



26. Hector Roscoe
27. Bernard Brooks
28. Bob Burton
29. Chester Rand
30. Randy Thompson
31. Rufus Rushton
32. Sam Barker
33. Walter Conrad
34. Tom Brace
35. Ned Newton

36. Hector Norton
37. Oliver Conrad
38. Luke Walton
39. Paul Larkin
40. Tony Prescott
41. Wren Hoffman
42. Mark Parton
43. Jasper Palmer
44. Phil Rugg
45. Charlie Winter

1. John Oakley
2. Lester Gray
3. Dick Hunter
4. Joe Bodley
5. Julius Taylor
6. Robert Coverdale
7. Rupert Raymond
8. Herbert Frost
9. Herbert Rushton
10. Jed Rudd
11. Dan Gilman
12. Andy Rollins
13. Fred Carter
14. Ben Carr
15. Grant Mason
16. Bert Gilman
17. Jack Mordaunt
18. Jerry Burke
19. Ernest Grant
20. Dean Gordon
21. Carl Fenton
22. Frank Stanton
23. Gerald Logan
24. Gilbert Brandon
25. Harry Barclay



Beth Row, Doris Butler, Bette Robinson, Les Langlois, Bertie Langlois & Ken Butler just after the HAS Meeting.



Beth Row, Doris Butler, Bertie Langlois relaxing after a hard day on the Alger trail.

THE MOST INCREDIBLE ALGER BULLY

After submitting my last article on the subject of The Alger Bully, I discovered that I had omitted, even without honorable mention a reference to a most unbelievable Alger bully. It appears to me that Horatio had accumulated a lot of facts on the habits of bullies, and he may have thought they were going out of style, for he seems to have used up all of his material in one story.

Believe me, he had a lot of material, and after putting it all in the proper sequence, he put it all under one cover, thereby creating a most incredible bully, and perhaps, using an anonymous quote, "We shall not look upon his like again."

At this stage it would be unkind to keep you in suspense regarding his identity and the name of the story in which the record of his meanness is chronicled. The name of the story is "Hector's Inheritance" and the name of the bully is Jim Smith. Actually the story has two bullies. The story opens with Guy Roscoe, a cousin of Hector's as the intended bully, but the scene changes to a boarding school where Socrates Smith was in charge as principal, but his nephew, Jim Smith was acclaimed tyrant of the play-ground.

In this capacity Jim ran true to the pattern of all bullies, and perhaps with a few ideas of his own such as changing the rules of the play-ground to suit his fancy with no one daring to challenge his right to do so. The introduction of new students to Smith Institute was never complete without a sound thrashing from the bully, Jim Smith. But in this respect Hector was not cooperative in submitting himself for punishment. Jim's orders, delivered by his cronies, that Hector make an appearance before him to receive his thrashing remained unheeded.

Eventually their paths crossed and Jim entirely dependent on brute strength and unfamiliar with the manly art of self defense, discovered that he was no match for our hero. His cronies quickly changed allegiance to our hero and Jim was forced to admit bitter defeat.

In another Alger story Horatio uses

the expression "hectorin'" which, according to Webster means domineering, or a tormenting bully. The origin of the word no doubt comes from Greek legends of which Horatio was a scholar of note and I am surprised that he would assign the name to one of his numerous heroes.

In regard to the story of Hector, Alger has this to say about the allegiance expected by the bully:

"I am afraid school-boys do not always sympathize with the weaker side. In the present instance there was hardly a boy who had not at some time or other felt the weight of Jim's fist; and, as there is an old saying that 'misery loves company,' it was not, perhaps, a matter of wonder that they looked forward with interest to seeing another suffer the same ill-treatment which they had on former occasions received."

At this point I am sure that many of you are anxious to lay aside this paper and read for yourselves the further adventures of Hector and Jim Smith from your own copy of this story, but just in case you don't have this story, I will lightly review their further adventures:

Jim falsely accused Hector of brutal attacks in order to discredit him before his uncle, the principal. However, the punishment was in the form of extra study of Virgil's 'Aeneid.' and of which he was already far in advance of his class. Hector also rescued a defenseless youngster from being tossed in a blanket on the order of Jim. Jim stole some money from his uncle and planted the wallet in Hector's clothing hoping to get him into serious trouble but his attempt was a failure. In another fracas he was caught using foul play on his victim when he was down. He blamed his teacher of interference and caused his dismissal. Later, after Hector and Jim had both left Smith Institute they met again in New York City. Jim had the audacity to ask Hector for a recommendation to get him a job, to get him in his boarding house and after being twice refused he capped the climax by asking for a loan of five dollars, which incidentally was refused also. When last heard from he was a bartender in a low liquor saloon. Exit Jim Smith, the bully. (copyright, 1971 Forrest Campbell, PF-000)