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COLLECTION OF THE MONTH

By Jack Bales, PF-258

Dan Fuller's article in the December issue of Newsboy is one of the most fascinating essays that I have read in our publication in a long time. Although my Alger hunting experiences have not been as various as some of Dan's, I still have accumulated a number of fairly scarce books, bringing my total to 103.

Here then, is a list of the highlights of my career as an Alger collector. Also, since I liked the format of Dan's article so much, I am taking the liberty of borrowing it for my "Alger diary".

February, 1967: It is a cold, wintry day, and while searching in my house for something to read, I come across a Donohue edition of Charlie Codman's Cruise that my father read when he was a boy. I like the book, but can find no other Algers.

June, 1967: While in the "Economy Book Store" in Chicago, I find a stock of about ten Horatio Alger books. They are all tattered Donohues and New York Book's, priced between \$2.50 and \$5.00. When I ask the cashier why they are priced so high, I am assured that it is so because "they are all first editions." Like a fool, I shell out \$7.50 for three NYB's that are in such bad shape, that I would not classify them as poor. I have four titles now, but I've got a lot to learn!!!

April, 1968: The "Chicago Book Mart" finds for me a first edition (hard-bound) of Joe's Luck, plus a few good Hursts and Winstons. My total is eleven now.

December, 1968: In the Chicago Tribune's "Action Line", I read of a woman who asks the value of some Algers that she has. The History Director of the Chicago Public Library refers her to Ralph's book. I write the man, who tells me that the book is out of print, but he gives me the address of a used book store in Chicago that has a mint copy of it that costs \$3.75. My parents get me the book for Christmas.

December 27, 1968: In the back of Ralph's book I see references to Forrest Campbell and the "Newsboy Club." I write him, asking about the organization. On the envelope I just put: "Forrest Campbell, Kalamazoo, Michigan," but since he works in the Post Office in Kalamazoo, a fellow postal clerk hands him my letter.

January 31, 1969: I receive a letter from Forrest Campbell who tells me about the Horatio Alger Society. I immediately join, and a long and fruitful correspondence commences between Forrest and me. He starts to teach me all he knows about Horatio Alger. I learn fast, and have forty-three titles now.

July, 1969: I attend the Kalamazoo
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HORATIO ALGER SOCIETY

To further the philosophy of Horatio Alger, Jr. and to encourage the spirit of Strive and Succeed that for half a century quided Alger's undaunted heroes-lads whose struggles epitomized the Great American Dream and flamed hero ideals in Americans.

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Please use membership roster for mailing address of our officers.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS.....

PF-343 Gail Cronin Dec.
42 Crestwood Rd.
Marblehead, Mass. 01945
(Timothy) T-15

Gail lived at Alger's birthplace for 21 years. In addition to collecting Alger's Gail is kept busy with three children and a dog.

PF-344 Mrs. Florence Ogilvie Schnell
Manor House
Seaford, Del. 19973
T-1

Mrs. Schnell is retired. Her interest in Alger is the fact that

her Grandfather, John Stuart Ogilvie was a publisher of Alger books. Mrs. Schnell has an original Tony the Hero.

Mrs. Schnell would like to own another Alger published by J.S. Ogilvie Co., 57 Rose St., N.Y.

PF-345 Wallace A. Robinson
RD#1 Wayland Road, M
Meadville, Pa. 16335
(Margret) T-95

Wallace is retired and besides collecting Alger's he likes to sail.

L-11 Mass. State Chamber of Comm.
%Frederick A. Watson
Boston, Mass. 02109

PF-148 Paul J. Fisher
18 Ritchie Rd.
Binghamton, N.Y. 13901
(Florence) T-116

We are always happy to welcome back into the fold old members. Paul belonged to the "100" club years back.

Paul is a chemist and is also interested in collecting stamps.

We are happy to welcome our new members and hope you will drop them a line.

IN
REMEMBRANCE

Dear Members:

We are writing to inform you that PF-225, Kenneth H. Feller passed away in January. We do intend to keep his collection of books in tact.

Sincerely
The Kenneth Feller
family

The following members plan to be in Mt. Pleasant, May 12, 13 & 14, 1972.
CAN WE ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST?

Carl Thieme	Evelyn Grebel
Ralph Gardner	Carl Hartmann
Jack Bales	Dan Fuller
Irene Gurman	Judson Berry
Herb Risteen	Bob Bennett
Dale Thomas	Ken Butler

YOUR NAME SHOULD BE HERE!!!!!!

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Convention and for the first time meet some of the best people that I w. Being the youngest member there (17 years old), they take me under their wings and teach me more Alger fundamentals. I pick up a couple of Burt deluxe volumes from Irene Gurman and the six books in the Ragged Dick Series from Herb Risteen -- all six being identical Porter and Coates books. Also, I am able to buy a first of Frank Fowler (hardbound), a first of From Canal Boy to President, a first edition of The Store Boy, and a couple more P & C volumes. I leave the convention with 72 titles, and my parents are stunned to see me come off the train with all my clothes in a pillowcase and my books stacked neatly in my suitcase. Believe me, it's the only way to pack!!!

March, 1970: I'm in college now, and not too much money can go for books, so the collecting is pretty slow. For the first of many times, I visit Ken Butler in Mendota, Illinois. I spend the whole day there, with him giving me a tour of Wayside Press, and, while it is still being constructed, his "Time Was" Museum. At his house he gives me several Algers I don't have, making my total about 76.

July, 1970: I visit Forrest Campbell in Kalamazoo, and get a few more new books from him. I leave his house with 80 titles.

May, 1971: I attend the convention in Sioux Falls. Although I do not get many new books, I improve a few of them, and go home with 85 titles.

June 13, 1971: I buy five new titles from Dale Thomas. I start to really yearn for a "100 Club" plate.

June 30, 1971: Among other books, Forrest Campbell sends me a copy of Julius, which makes 91.

July, 1971: I buy a first of Ben Logan's Triumph from Dan Fuller, plus a mint P & C of Sam's Chance and a good HTC of Shifting for Himself.

August, 1971: I latch onto an AUTO- -3-

GRAPHED first of From Canal Boy to President. I lord it over Bob Bennett, who nauseated me last October with his tale of how he found Seeking His Fortune. He deflates my ego by saying how he has 129 titles now with 55 firsts, including a copy of Granther Baldwin's Thanksgiving, that, like mine, bears Alger's signature.

September, 1971: I finally possess a Loring Ragged Dick, something for which I have often yearned.

November, 1971: Ralph Gardner sells me a Loring Mark the Match Boy, my last acquisition to date.

December, 1971: I finally receive my "100 Club" plate for my walnut plaque. It took me almost two years since I joined the Society to finally earn it, and, like Dan Fuller, I am now waiting to see if a new title that I need is still available for me.

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I have over 200 duplicate Alger's. Send me a list of those you have, and I will try to help. Reasonably priced.

Paul Fisher
18 Ritchie Road
Binghamton, N.Y. 13901

IN

REMEMBRANCE

Horatio Alger Society,



Dear Members,

This is to inform you of the death of my husband Frank, on Dec. 18, 1971, very suddenly.

He took great pride in being a member of the society and recalled many times of the good fun and fellowship we enjoyed at the Berry's meeting in Sioux Falls, S. Dakota.

May you continue to grow in members and interests.

Sincerely,
Sara Eisenberg

H.A.S. THE BOOK MART



The following are available from:

CHESTER N. KENNEDY,
PF 323

81 Pinnacle Rd.
Plainville, Conn. 06062

CWO, returnable, a d 25¢ per book
cover shipping.

IN SEARCH OF TREASURE - 1st ed., A.L.
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bargain offer at \$5.00.

LUCK AND PLUCK - Porter & Coates,
binding mended, good cover, good
page condition, \$7.00.

BOUND TO RISE - Donahue, unusual,
almost mint condition, has dj sl
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HERBERT CARTER'S LEGACY - Hurst,
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ONLY AN IRISH BOY - A.L. Burt, early
ed., very good, \$5.00.

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er ed., excellent, \$4.00.

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WALTER SHERWOOD'S PROBATION - Wi-
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good, \$3.00

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\$3.00

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Hurst, red covers with identical il-
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ANDY GORDON - A.L. Burt, good, \$2.00.

HELEN FORD - Winston, cover fair, 1
pages, \$2.00.

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Will sell the lot as a lot for \$60.,
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