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GREETINGS!

The National Horatio Alger Society will hold its annual Convention in Catskill, New York on May 3, 4, 5 and 6, 1990.

Members gather annually to honor this famous author of boys books who wrote more than 150 books and short stories. Some estimate that 400 million copies were published.

Horatio Alger's writings always stressed the virtues of honesty, hard work, and good habits. His influence on American philosophy is immeasurable. Even to-day, more than a century after Alger began to write, his name is synonymous with the American dream of the poor boy who makes good through perseverance and hard work.

Therefore, on this occasion, the CATSKILL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES wishes to acknowledge and welcome the presence of the Horatio Alger Society in the Land of Rip Van Winkle.

Feel welcome and enjoy your visit!

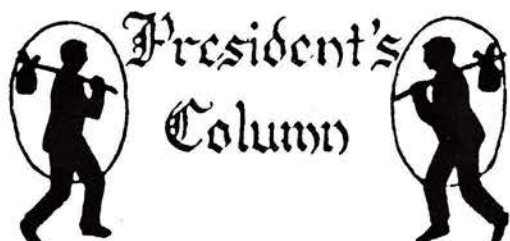
Made this 2nd day of May, 1990
at Catskill, New York

By: William J. McCord

Catskill Village President

William J. McCord





The twenty-sixth annual convention is over but not forgotten. Everyone who attended Catskill had a wonderful time.

Friendships were renewed, new friends were made, and Sara Jane and Willie got home safe. Old Silver was left with Bill McCord to take care of for awhile.

We are all looking forward to next year's convention to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana with Bernard and Marcy Biberdorf as the host. Bernie has asked for suggestions and ideas to make it the best convention ever. Send your thoughts to 5739 Winston Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46226.

Mark your calendar now for the first week end in May, 1991. Start a vacation fund for the H.A.S. convention, plan your work so that you will be free for those 3 or 4 days. Our annual meeting should be attended by every member. Not only do you get a chance to discuss our hobby with others but the policy and direction of the society is promulgated.

As with any organization, there is not always harmony between members. Disagreements and misunderstandings do occur. I hope that everyone will put aside any personal feelings and join in on the positive aspects of the heritage of Horatio Alger.

More than anything else is the need to get new members, especially young people. Us old timers need to turn the reigns over to those whose youth, vitality and vision can best carry the society over into the twenty first century.

The "NEWSBOY" needs input from you, the members of H.A.S. Even tho you may not be able to attend a convention, you can make yourself known by contributing. Send your letters, photos, comments, experiences, research, frustrations, etc., to our secretary, or myself. I can't promise that all will be used, but it will open the lines of communication, and hopefully make our society a better one.

Will Wright, President, PF-639
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"Ever notice how people who say,
'That's the way the ball bounces'
are usually the ones who dropped it"

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 Alger's undaunted heroes--lads whose struggles epitomized the Great American Dream and Flamed hero ideals in countless millions of young Americans.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bill Mc Cord

Dear Bill;

I was hoping I could attend the Convention this year, We missed last year, too Our latest one was Ada, Okla.

But my sister - after a massive heart attack is still not well enough to travel - so the three of us:

George S. Dunning PF-776

Velnor Dunning PF-818

Evelyn Grebel PF-318

will not be able to join you. As I am a board member I will miss being there.

I always enjoy the auction too - so will do a bit to help out a little by sending this check.

Please give them my greetings - I feel I have many friends in the Horatio Alger Society.

Sincerely

Evelyn M. Grebel

PF-318

Mr. Carl T. Hartmann

Dear Carl,

I would like to apply for membership in the Horatio Alger Society on the recommendation of Mr. Bob Williman. I met Bob several weeks ago at his home. He was very instrumental in helping me expand my Alger Collection. He suggested I join the Society at this time.

Look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely

W.C. Caspar Jr.

PF-853

Carl;

I have started a collection of Algers and have just been given your address and a little bit of information about the Alger Society.

Please send me more information about the Society and how one can become a member. If there is any information on Alger and the titles published that a novice could use I sure would appreciate it.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Dennis Hood

PF-854

Carl Hartmann

Dear Carl,

It was truly a pleasure meeting you and so many other collectors of the works of Horatio Alger, Jr. at the convention in Catskill, N.Y. As you are aware, it was my first attendance at a convention as I had joined H.A.S. only recently. There are so many people to whom I plan to write but, I thought it would be a good start to write to you with the hopes that you may share my reflections on attending the convention with my many friends through the pages of the Newsboy.

First and foremost, I was so pleased to find that I was warmly welcomed into the Society by so many of you. I felt at home from the first minute I arrived I was welcomed by Jim Thorp in the Hospitality Room and was immediately introduced to many new friends.

By way of background you should know that I have been collecting and reading the works of Alger since 1985 but only recently learned of the Society through Ed Mattson whom I met at the Antiquarian Book Fair in Willow Grove, PA. When I arrived in Catskill, I considered myself fairly knowledgeable about Alger's works as I was the proud owner and reader of 62 titles. When I left, I realized how little I really knew and how much there was for me to learn about the works of Alger and Juvenile book collecting, in general

One of my goals in coming to the convention was to increase my collection to 100 different titles and to pick up a first edition [within my budget] if at all possible. A few well-meaning collectors and sellers tried to steer me away from getting my desired titles and suggested that I buy only hard-to-find first editions. While I appreciate their well-intended and intelligent advice, I would not be deterred from my mission. For one thing, I really want to read everything by Alger that I can get my hands on. For another, I was soon to learn that it would be quite easy to spend my entire budget on one or two books or items of memorabilia such as an original letter by Alger. Within an hour of my arrival, my collection grew to 71 titles through the help of a few new friends. I also quickly learned that if I see or hear of a book that I want, that I better grab it quickly before it is sold or traded to someone else. I got burnt on this trying to buy a copy of A Rolling Stone, but nevertheless managed to leave with three copies of the story, one from Argosy, one under the title Wren Winter's Triumph, as well a third in the form of a modern reproduction.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Another strong impression that I was left with was that I was "adopted" by so many of fellow Society members who gave me friendly advice and, to the consternation of a few, whispered helpful suggestions to help me with my bidding at my first ever book auction. I want to specifically thank our host, Bill McCord, who on several occasions came up to me to make sure that I was being made to feel welcome. There were so many people who went out of their way to be friendly that I must refrain from trying to list them all for fear of forgetting to include someone's name. They know who they are and I thank them.

As we progressed into the second day, I feel that I did particularly well at both the Butler and Webb auctions. My collection grew and blossomed. By the time the Saturday booksale and the silent and afternoon auctions came around, I was rapidly approaching my goal of 100 titles. In the middle of the auction so humorously led by Jerry Friedland, Jim Thorp made a gift of The Young Musician to me as my 99th. title and within minutes, I reached my goal of 100 through the help of Rob Kasper. I eventually left the convention late Saturday afternoon with 106 titles in my collection and some treasured Alger Society mementoes. And, I also picked up three 1st. editions. I was only sorry that I couldn't stay for the banquet which promised to be a wonderful time. Commitments back home precluded this. In short, I had a wonderful time and learned so much from so many of you. I appreciated the personally inscribed items provided by Brad Chase and Ralph Gardner. I enjoyed learning of the diverse backgrounds of my fellow collectors. Their backgrounds ranged from car dealers to dairy farmers to lawyers to sports editors and so on. I can't wait to see everyone next year in Indiana. I have already made plans to meet with my fellow members in the weeks and months to come. God bless all of you. The passion, hard work, and honesty I encountered truly represents the high ideals of which Alger wrote.

Sincerely yours
Murray D. Levin PF-851

Bill McCord

Dear Friend Bill:

I thoroughly enjoyed my conversation with you last evening pertaining to the Alger Convention and the auction of books for sale. Once again, I sincerely regret my being unable to attend. You seem to have things well organized and I know it will be one of the best yet.

There is enclosed my list of bids for the various books indicated. Will you please place it in the "bid hopper".

Also since I will not be attending the convention there is enclosed a check for a donation.

You have my best wishes and appreciation for all that you are doing.

Most Sincerely
M.R.[Bob] Royar
PF-300

Mr. George Owens, President

Dear George and Conventioneers,

I've been remiss this year in thanking all of my many H.A.S Particular Friends for their many calls, letters, visits and other kindnesses.

First of all I would like to thank you, George, for choosing me to receive the Presidents' Award last year. I was stunned to get the award in the mail shortly after the convention. I am very pleased and humbled by your choice and proudly display it next to the others I've received from H.A.S. Thank you, also, for your offer to transport me round trip to the convention.

It's been a busy year for me. Finally, after going from lawyer to lawyer, an operation analogous to changing deck chairs on the Titanic, I've wrapped-up some legal problems of long-standing duration. The lesson learned here is to avoid lawyers leaving them to earn their traditional living by stealing from widows and orphans instead. Mr. Alger warned me about them. I should have taken his words more to heart.

About the time you will read this, we are anticipating the arrival of our first foal here at Rocking Horse Farm, our breeding farm. Our best thoroughbred mare [she won her first three horse races] had a one-night-stand with a smooth-whinnying Swede about eleven months ago. The sire is a Swedish Warmblood, Elektron, a former U.S. Olympic equestrian team horse who managed to get \$3000. for this particular performance and he doesn't even look like he has a law degree---well, maybe from the rear he does, come to think of it. Anyway, I've been waiting the foal's arrival with bated breath. [Kathie says I should get the worms out of my mouth and go fishing in our trout pond here instead.]

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We are attempting to get a classy dressage horse for the folks with money to burn to take to horse shows. For those of you unfamiliar with horse terms: "Dressage" is another way of saying "expensive". As I write this I am finishing the addition of three stalls on our stables, which will give us eight stalls and enough horses for Kathie and I to care for. This later-life adventure is interesting for both of us city-raised people who didn't know hay from straw and thought that Cheerios were donut seed when we started up about six years ago. It's been fun reflecting back on how "green" we must have looked to the local rural folk back then. They have been patient with us and we now know to use the straw for bedding and the hay for eating... or maybe it's the other way around...I'll have to check my notes on this.

I will really miss seeing my HAS friends this year as I must hurry and finish the five or six different books, all entitled, "All You Wanted to Know About Horse Breeding and Delivering Foals".

It will be difficult for me missing the beauty of the Catskills in the springtime this year. As one who has "been there", my thanks to Bill for hosting the 1990 convention and for doing all of the work it takes.

Here's hoping that you all have a great convention and, although I can't be there in person, I'm there in spirit. I've sent a few valuable collectors items for the auction and hope that none of you will be embarrassed by your display of wealth in bidding big bucks on them to benefit HAS programs for next year.

Heartfelt condolences to those who have lost loved ones this past year and especially to Eddie. I will always fondly remember his wife and her kind hospitality to me at their home.

Sincerely,
Bob Williman
PF-569

BOOK MART

Please send a stamped self addressed envelope for list of Horatio Alger books and references.

Irene Gurman
1800 South Drive # 128
Lake Worth, FL 33461



Bernard and Marcy Biberdorf our hosts for the 1991 convention in Indianapolis, IN.



Tom Brady and Paul Miller.

THE SUMMERVILLE STAR

BY

Horatio Alger, Jr.

[Poem recited at the Catskill Convention by Bob Sawyer. So many have asked for copies we decided to run it in the Newsboy.]

For years I have sat in our conventions and listened to the outstanding discoveries of long lost Alger stories, poems, articles etc. by such as Bob Bennett, Bill Russell, Jack Bales, Ralph Gardner, Gary Scharnhorst to name a few. Frankly I've been jealous---how come I don't ever find something like that. Well tonight I am finally going to announce a finding of my own. I have discovered, by long hard and diligent research a long lost Alger poem. As you all know from reading Alger's stories, he often wove the events of some sort of athletic contest into his stories with his hero winning in spite of the superior equipment of the local bully. He told of swimming races, boat races, foot races etc. but the only organized game he ever related to was baseball. Well I have a poem by Alger about a baseball game. I was startled to find that the hero of this game was believe it or not one of our well known members of the Horatio Alger Society. As Alger died in the late 1890's this will make our member over 100 years old. I knew he was old but didn't think he was THAT Old! Thinking back I have noticed that he didn't move around much, and at the Conventions likes to sit by the pool, smoke his pipe and watch for pretty girls. Could be he has just aged well. I have memorized this poem so with an introduction of "Take Me Out To the Ball Game", I will then recite Alger's long lost poem.....

THE SUMMERVILLE STAR

BY

HORATIO ALGER, Jr.

The crackinest player that ever ripped seam

On a baseball was star of the Summerville team.

His name was Ralph Gardner, a name that ranked high

Among pitchers for many umpire's eye

Was crippled ere any game was half done

Just watching the curves of that son-of-a-gun.

And running the bases, now that was a sight,

He'd circle the sacks like a grey streak of light.

And fielding, there was'nt his like in the land.

No drive was too hot to find rest in his hand.

Now the Summerville Greys and the Asherton Hounds

were matched for a blood-chilling clash on our grounds

But the day of the game, a spread of the tracks

Derailed the Hounds train and they had to turn back.

The Greys when they heard did'nt come to the park

But from batboy to captain, all went for a lark.

Leaving poor Ralph on the bench all alone

With a mob in the stands that was mad to the bone.

"We came for a ball game, the crack of the bat

And a ball game we'll have, you can gamble your hat!"

When the umpire agrievedly tried to explain

They shrieked and they shouted, he argued in vain.

"Play ball", yelled the mob, they'd accept n' excuse

And they showered the ump with both rocks and abuse.

Then out stepped Ralph Gardner, and the bleachers went wild

As he doft his grey cap, made a bow, calmly smiled.

I'm really a pitcher he said, just the same

You've paid your admission so I'll play the game.

I'll be both teams, both the Grey caps and Browns,

And he strode to the box, on his brow a deep frown.

He picked up a ball, made signs thru the air

At what would be a catcher if one had been there.

Tied himself in a knot, made a whale of a throw

And dashed for the plate, like a dart from a bow.

He arrived at the rubber, could scarcely slow down

Grabbed a bat, took a brace, changed his grey cap to brown

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THE SUMMERVILLE STAR

BY

Horatio Alger, Jr.

And swung at the ball, just a half inch above

Whirled, dropped his bat and picked up a glove

Changed his brown cap to grey, leaped back of the base

And caught his own curve, with the utmost of grace.

Well, he played the whole game, just this man alone.

First as Brown, then as Grey he impartially shown.

He did all the batting, he clouted or fanned.

He did all the fielding, each corner he manned.

Came the last of the ninth, the result was in doubt

Score nothing to nothing, the fans tired out

From yelling and shouting at this team and that

T'was the Browns in the field and the Grey's at the bat.

Poor Ralph, he was dust from his head to his feet

And he staggered a bit and he reeled from the heat.

But he gritted his teeth and he spit on his mit

And he pounded the plate, he sure wanted a hit.

Well, he fanned himself twice, then he struck at two curves

Then he hit one a mile, the man had steel nerves.

It whizzed thru the air, t'was a beautiful fly

And Ralph ran to first in a bat of an eye!

Paused a second, changed caps and then tore

Out to center, such speed man ne'er saw before.

But ere he could reach it, the ball came to ground,

He nabbed it with ease as it rose on the bound

Paused in his stride and threw like a flash

What next? Change of caps, off for third in a dash.

He rounded the plate like lightning once more

and streaked for the plate, the crowd in a roar.

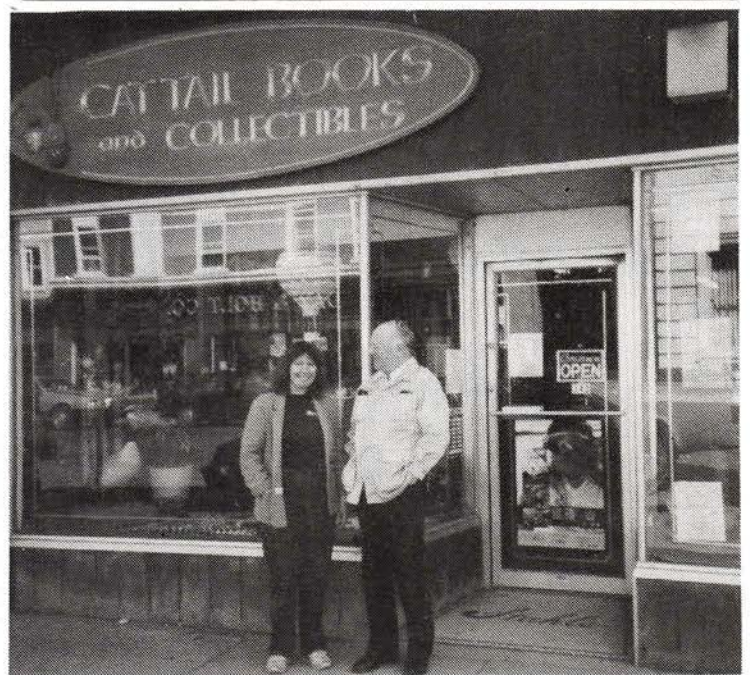
Slide Ralph slide! Dust rose in a cloud

As the runner slid home at the call of the crowd,

But the horsehide came whistling, alas Ralph was late

For he caught it and touched himself---OUT AT PLATE!

"And its one, two, three strikes your out at the old ball game".



Margo Byron and Ralph Gardner outside Margo's store. Ralph was trying to get Margo to sell her store but she just smiled and said no.

DONATIONS:

Evelyn M. Grebel PF-318

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The "Gang", gathering outside the home of Helen & Bill McCord for fun, food and talk.



Left to right - John Juvinal, Glen Corcoran and George Owens. Enjoying lunch in the hospitality room. The Ham we all enjoyed was donated by member Floyd Martin from Helena, Montana.



Ralph Gardner, Jean Hartmann, Ruth Miller & Paul Miller doing what they all do best - eating.
[Please believe me folks, Carl wrote this caption]



Left to right - Margo Byron, owner of Cattail Books, Tom Brady, Will Wright and Ralph Gardner discussing Algers in Margo's store.

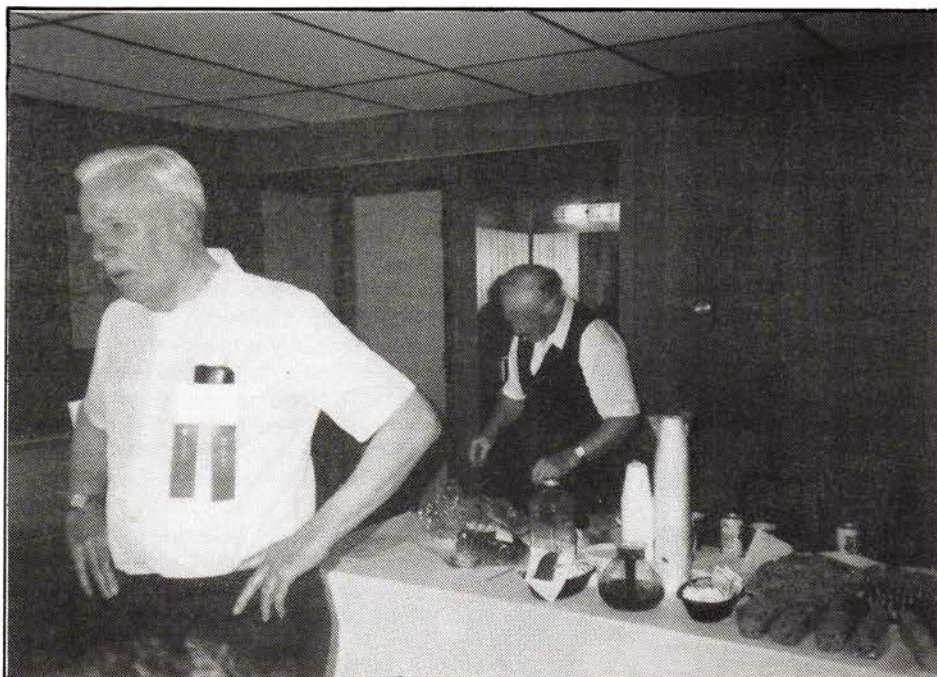
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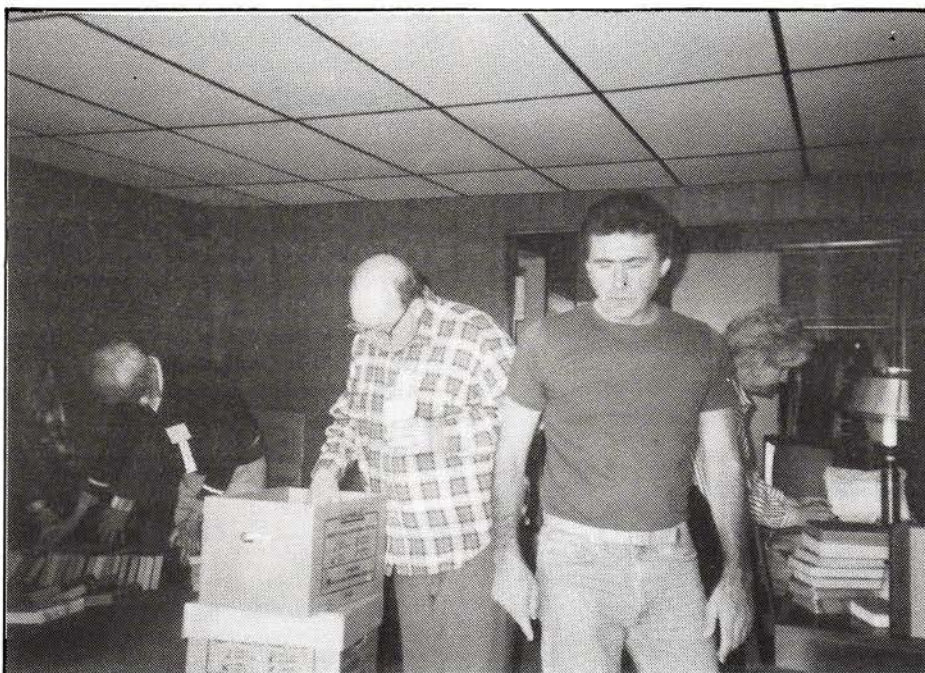
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Bill McCord with Ralph Gardner in the background. Bill is reading the riot act to Bob Sawyer for missplacing his name tag.



Left to right - Tom Brady, Bill Gowen and Ed Mattson going over Ed's books in his motel.

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8.	The Train Boy	Walter	5.00
9.	A Debt of Honor	Saks	16.00
10.	Ben Bruce	Owens	8.00
11.	Joe's Luck	Mohr	10.00
12.	Mark Mason's Victory	Levin	25.00
13.	Strong and Steady	Chase	7.00
14.	Driven from Home	Saks	13.00
15.	Sam's Choice	Chase	2.00

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18.	Shift for Himself	Nugent	5.00
19.	Andy Gordon	Royar	9.00
20.	Andy Grant's Pluck	Levin	10.00
21.	Struggling Upwards	Royar	5.00
22.	Tom the Bootblack	Nugent	10.00
23.	Tony the Hero	Royar	5.00
24.	Wait and Hope	Biberdorf	5.00
25.	Andy Gordon	Mohr	2.00
26.	Do and Dare	Royar	5.00
27.	Erie Train Boy	Nugent	5.00
28.	Adrift in New York	Royar	10.00
29.	Herbert Carter's Legacy	Royar	10.00
30.	Wait and Hope	Saks	11.00
31.	Walter Sherwood's Probation	Royar	10.00
32.	The Errand Boy	Beard	5.00
33.	Jacob Marlow's Secret	Levin	3.00
34.	Mark Manning's Mission	Pope	17.00
35.	Tom Turner's Legacy	Langsdorf	8.00
36.	Try and Trust	Schnell	3.00
37.	The Young Adventurer	Royar	10.00
38.	The Young Musician	Mohr	15.00
39.	Bernard Brooks Adventures	Walter	16.00
40.	In A New World	Royar	5.00
41.	Risen from the Ranks	Chase	11.00
42.	Strive and Succeed	Nugent	5.00
43.	In Search of Treasure	DeHaan	61.00
44.	Wait and Win	Leif	75.00
45.	Ben's Nugget	Bartlett	55.00
46.	Julius the Street Boy	Rebell	8.00
47.	Ragged Dick	Hartmann	10.00
48.	Young Circus Rider	Langsdorf	20.00
49.	Brave and Bold	Hartmann	9.00
50.	Try and Trust	Biberdorf	16.00
51.	Rufus and Rose	Beard	5.00
52.	Bound to Rise	Wright	2.00
53.	Herbert Carter's Legacy	Wright	2.00
54.	Luck and Pluck	Erickson	13.00
55.	Risen From The Ranks	Wright	2.00
56.	Sink or Swim	Wright	2.00
57.	Strive and Succeed	Wright	2.00
58.	Strong and Steady	Wright	2.00
59.	Try and Trust	Wright	2.00

PUBLISHER JOHN C. WISTON

NO.	TITLE	BUYER	PRICE
60.	Frank Hunter's Peril	Chase	18.00
61.	Rufus and Rose	Langsdorf	18.00
62.	Adrift in the City	Langsdorf	20.00
63.	Helping Himself	Thorp	5.00
64.	Digging for Gold	Royar	10.00
65.	Ben's Nugget	Schnell	3.00
66.	Luke Walton	Sharrard	2.00
67.	Raggid Dick	Royar	8.00
68.	Ruppert's Ambition	Novak	8.00

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PUBLISHER JOHN C. WISTON

NO.	TITLE	BUYER	PRICE
69.	Herbert Carter's Legacy	Royar	5.00
70.	Lesters Luck	Pope	8.00
71.	Shifting For Himself	Baach	7.00
72.	Strong and Steady	Royar	5.00
73.	The Young Adventurer	Royar	5.00
74.	The Young Outlaw	Royar	8.00
75.	A Boy's Fortune	Porter	5.00
76.	Facing the World	Biberdorf	2.00
77.	Helping Himself	Royar	5.00
78.	Luke Walton	Royar	4.00
79.	Sink or Swim	Bartlett	3.00
80.	The Telegraph Boy	Royar	7.00
81.	The Telegraph Boy	Juvinall	4.00
82.	Helen Ford	Mohr	16.00
83.	Bound to Rise	Royar	6.00
84.	Facing the World	Schnell	3.00
85.	Ragged Dick	Mohr	8.00
86.	Frank's Campaign	Royar	6.00
87.	The Young Bank Messenger	Levin	10.00

PUBLISHER DONOHUE

NO.	TITLE	BUYER	PRICE
88.	Five Hundred Dollars	Langsdorf	3.00
89.	Hector's Inheritance	Royar	4.00
90.	Herbert Carter's Legacy	Royar	4.00
91.	Luke Walton	Royar	4.00
92.	Shifting For Himself	Mohr	2.00
93.	Strive and Succeed	Royar	2.00
94.	Try and Trust	Wright	1.00
95.	Bound to Rise	Hohr	4.00
96.	Facing the World	Royar	4.00
97.	Helping Himself	Royar	4.00
98.	Making His Way	Schnell	3.00
99.	Ralph Raymond's Heir	Royar	4.00
100.	Shifting For Himself	Wright	1.00
101.	The Young Miner	Schnell	2.00
102.	Wren Winter's Triumph	Levin	24.00
103.	The Young Musician	Schnell	5.00
104.	The Store Boy	Royar	4.00
105.	Paul Prescott's Charge	Baach	3.00
106.	Mark Mason's Victory	Royar	4.00
107.	Adrift in New York	Schnell	5.00
108.	Risen From the Ranks	Baach	5.00
109.	Chester Rand	Royar	6.00
110.	Paul the Peddler	Chase	6.00
111.	Harry Vane	Levin	3.00

PUBLISHER HURST

NO.	TITLE	BUYER	PRICE
112.	Bertha's Christmas Vision	Mohr	20.00
113.	Making His Way	Chase	18.00
114.	Sam's Chance	Chase	35.00
115.	Strive and Succeed	Gravbelle	15.00
116.	Grit	Thorton	10.00
117.	Joe's Luck	Royar	4.00
118.	Only an Irish Boy	Schnell	3.00
119.	Sam's Chance	Royar	5.00
120.	The Store	McCord	2.00

PUBLISHER HURST

NO.	TITLE	BUYER	PRICE
121.	Strive and Succeed	Royar	3.00
122.	The Tin Box	Royar	4.00
123.	Tom the Bootblack	Schnell	3.00
124.	Tony the Tramp	Baach	5.00
125.	Try and Trust	Royar	5.00
126.	The Young Acrobat	Gravbelle	5.00
127.	The Young Explorer	Gravbelle	4.00
128.	The Young Outlaw	Gravbelle	5.00
129.	Bob Burton	Juvinall	2.00
130.	Charlie Codman's Cruise	Schnell	2.00
131.	Herbert Carter's Legacy	Thorp	5.00
132.	Ralph Raymond's Heir	Schnell	2.00
133.	Strong and Steady	Royar	3.00
134.	The Telegraph Boy	Juvinall	4.00
135.	Tom the Bootblack	Royar	3.00
136.	The Young Musician	Wright	1.00
137.	The Young Outlaw	Royar	3.00
138.	Andy Gordon	Royar	4.00
139.	A Cousin's Conspiracy	Bartlett	6.00
140.	Try and Trust	Royar	2.00
141.	The Young Salesman	Royar	4.00
142.	Julius the Street Boy	Wright	1.00
143.	Shifting For Himself	Royar	2.00
144.	Herbert Carter's Legacy	Royar	4.00
145.	Charles Codman's Cruise	Royar	4.00
146.	Ben the Luggage Boy	Porter	5.00
147.	Bound to Rise	Thorton	70.00
148.	Grand'ther Bs.Thanksgiving	Mattson	125.00
149.	Luck and Pluck	DeHaan	10.00
150.	Rough and Ready	Thorton	30.00
151.	Strive and Succeed	DeHaan	2.00
152.	The Young Book Agent	Thorton	105.00
153.	Out For Business	Huber	16.00
154.	Lost At Sea	Levin	15.00
155.	Jack's Ward	Mohr	9.00
156.	Joe the Hotel Boy	Thorton	25.00
157.	Ben Logan's Triumph	Brady	41.00
158.	Sam's Chance	Schnell	3.00
159.	The Young Outlaw	Schnell	3.00
160.	The Backwoods Boy	Langsdorf	40.00
161.	From Canal Boy To President	Thorton	10.00
162.	From Farm Boy To Senator	Thorp	8.00
163.	Number 91 [A.L.Putnam]	Mattson	250.00
164.	Mabel Parker	Thorton	2.00
165.	Making His Mark	Sharrard	55.00
166.	The World Before Him	Gravebell	35.00
167.	Falling In With Fortune	Gowen	22.00
168.	Only An Irish Boy	LeBlanc	20.00
169.	Erie Train Boy [Min.]	Gravebell	12.00
170.	Phil the Fiddler	Wright	3.00
171.	A Rolling Stone	Mattson	35.00
172.	The Western Boy	Levin	6.00
173.	The Cash Boy	Mohr	3.00
174.	Tom the Bootblack	Wright	4.00
175.	The Backwoods Boy	Miller	18.00
176.	Frank Hunters Peril	Bartlett	55.00
177.	Fame & Fortune	Baach	17.00
178.	Mark the Match Boy	Novak	13.00
179.	Helping Himself	Scharrard	14.00
180.	From Farm to Fortune	Pope	27.00
181.	Jerry the Backwoods Boy	Pope	16.00
182.	Nelson the Newsboy	Pope	14.00
183.	Randy of the River	Pope	14.00

**AUCTION RESULTS
KEN BUTLER COLLECTION
PUBLISHER HURST**

NO.	TITLE	BUYER	PRICE
184.	Young Captain Jack	Levin	5.00
185.	Both Sides of the Cont.	Mattson	10.00
186.	Ned Newton	Langsdorf	40.00
187.	A New York Boy	Langsdorf	30.00
188.	Walter Griffith	Langsdorf	50.00
189.	Alger Street [Poems]	Gravbelle	10.00
190.	Disagreeable Woman	Mohr	15.00
191.	The New School Ma'am	Mohr	15.00
192.	Number 91	Mohr	14.00
193.	Timothy Crumps Ward	Hartmann	12.00
194.	Adventures of A Teleg. Boy Bartlett		13.00
195.	Five Hundred Dollar Check	Mohr	2.00
196.	Mark Stanton	Pope	10.00
197.	Tom Brace	Pope	39.00
198.	Tom Tracy	Langsdorf	30.00
199.	Mark Masons Triumph	Novak	2.00
200.	Sam's Chance	Wright	1.00
201.	Telegraph Boy	Juvinall	1.00
202.	Tony the Tramp	Novak	1.00
203.	Wait and Hope	Schnell	1.00
204.	Chester Rand	Walter	2.00
205.	The Young Salesman	Schnell	2.00
206.	Luke Walton	Wright	1.00
207.	Adrift in New York	Miller	1.00
208.	Ragged Dick	Freidland	1.00
Total of Alger Books			\$2085.00

BUTLER COLLECTION-ALGER RELATED BOOKS

NO.	TITLE	BUYER	PRICE
	Horatio Alger or The Amer. Hero Era Gillette		35.00
	Horatio Alger [Gardner]	Biberdorf	4.00
	Horatio Alger [Bennett]	Mohr	12.00
	From Rags to Riches	Chase	11.00
	Horatio's Boys	Wright	1.00
	Lost Life of Horatio Alger	Mohr	7.00
	Opportunity Still Knocks	Levin	10.00
Total Related Books			\$ 80.00

BUTLER COLLECTION ITEMS OTHER THAN BOOKS

Framed signed letter from Horatio Alger	Mattson	125.00
2 Shoe Shine Boys, Souvenirs from 1st Alger Convention	Thorp-Thomas	10.00-25.00
Alger Plate, Souvenir of Rosemont Convention 1976	Thorp	10.00
Newsboy souvenir of Connecticut Convention	Wright	6.00
Framed certificate re: American Flag flown over U.S. Capitol	Hartmann	2.00
Total other than books		\$178.00

BUTLER COLLECTION GRAND TOTAL: \$ 2,343.00

Alger Society gathers at Catskill convention

From the Middletown, N.Y. Sunday Record for May 6, 1990.

Catskill [AP] - Among general readers, author Horatio Alger's popularity has faded since its World War I-era peak. But within the 200-member society that bears his name, Alger remains a best seller.

"He has influenced many young Americans," said Ralph Gardner, author, former foreign correspondent for The New York Times and Horatio Alger enthusiast.

"Hundreds of millions of people read his books during the Civil War all the way to the Great Depression," said Gardner who has written 12 books on the author.

The Horatio Alger Society is holding its annual convention through today in the Green County Town of Catskill.

Formed in 1964 the Society has just one requirement for membership: love for stories about childhood.

Part of the Alger intrigue may lie in rumors widely circulated after the author's death in 1899, said Gardner. Some believe Horatio Alger was a pen name for Charles Dickens, he said.

"What we do know for a fact though, is that Horatio was born in Chelsea, Mass., in 1832," Gardner said. "In 1852 he graduated from Harvard. From the mid-1850s until his death in Natick, Mass., he wrote about 120 books."

Nearly 250 million Alger books have been printed. The author's popularity increased during World War I but declined in the 1920s.

"During his years of popularity, Horatio's books were even recommended from the pulpit by ministers," Gardner said. "But his popularity ceased because the world was changing."

The Horatio Alger Society was formed to keep Alger books circulating among members-who include bankers, insurance salesmen, publishers and writers.

During the convention, members will buy, sell and trade books and other Alger collectibles.

Conventioneer William Wright said he has been collecting Alger books since 1926. His "Alger Library," a storage building next to his home in Ohio, has about 4,000 books.

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H.A.S. BOOK SALE, CATSKILL, N.Y., 1990

Reported by Will Wright

The annual book sale was Saturday morning, May 5 from 9 to 11 am. Pope, Mattson, and Wright set up late Friday evening. Others set up beginning at 8 Saturday morning. By 9 the room was full with late comers sharing tables and several setting up their books on chairs around the room.

Dick Pope had a large variety of Boy's series books Ed Mattson had several hundred of Alger books with a good selection of titles and priced reasonable. Will Wright had a lot of boy's series books and some girl's series books. Margo Byron, a Catskill book store owner, bought a lot of boy's series books that had not been previously offered for sale in her store.

Paul Miller had several paper publications. Others offered from ten to a hundred books of various topics in addition to Algers. Carl Hartmann had some of the H.A.S. supplies for sale. Ralph Gardner autographed some of his books.

There was a lot of visiting and a lot of fun in talking about our personal collections. Binding of paper periodicals was discussed and compared. Book lists were checked for titles and condition for needed books.

Sales were good. Most everyone seemed satisfied in what they sold, traded or bought. Several sold all that they brought. By 11 o'clock the book dealing was over and every one packed up to clear the room for the afternoon annual auction.

BOOK MART

I have the following Horatio Alger books for sale:

Facing the World, Porter & Coates, Phil. 1893, 1st.
Brown cover with Mountains and Gold Bag. VG \$65.00
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Digging for Gold, Porter & Coates, Phil. 1892, 1st
Brown cover with Mountains and Gold Bag. VG \$65.00
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The Young Bank Messenger. Henry T. Coates. Phil. 1898. Green Cover with Flowers VG \$65.00.

Floyd M. Hunt PF-785
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Left to right - Bill Gowen, Jerry Friedland, Jim Thorp and Bill McCord in rap attention as Bill & Jerry discuss Alger.



John Walter, Wynone & Eugene Hafner outside Bill McCord's home.