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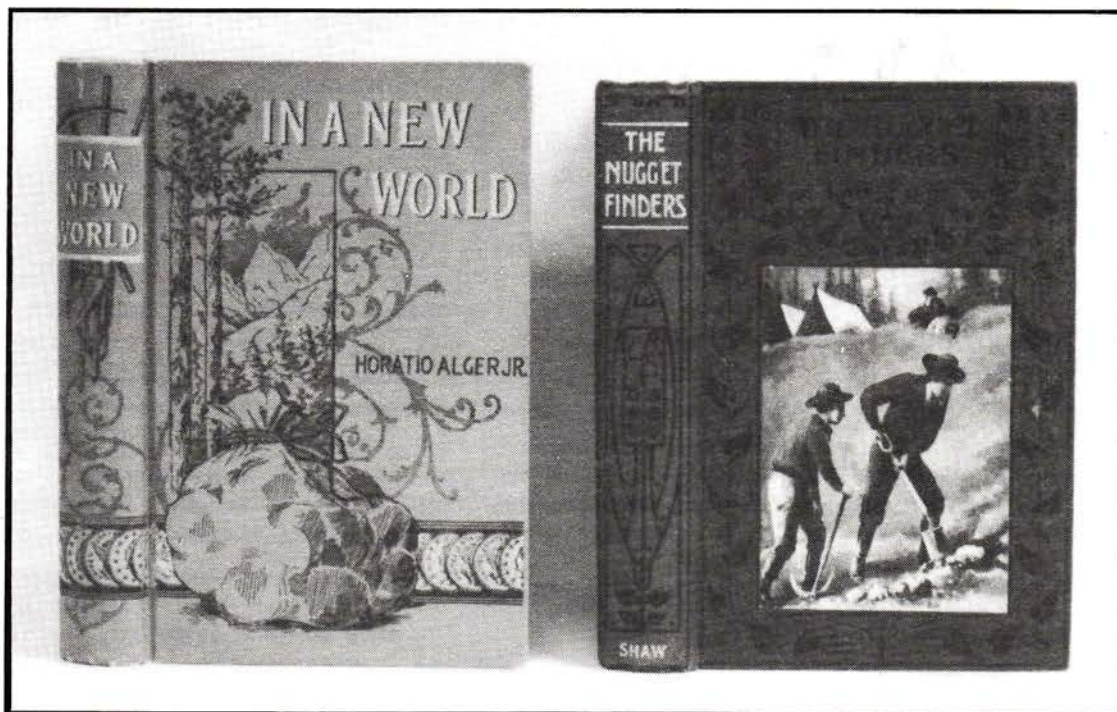
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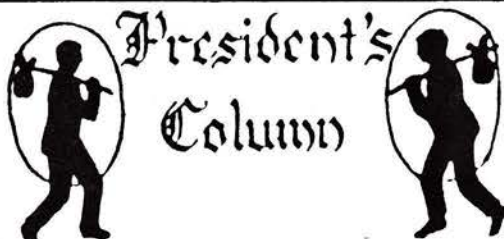
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President's Column

Just think! The Horatio Alger Society is made up of more than 300 people, most of whom have never met each other, except for an occasional traveler or at one of the Society's annual conventions -- or maybe buying, trading or selling a book or two.

We all have one, or maybe two, things in common. That is the love and interest in the writings of Horatio Alger, Jr. The proliferation of publishers has made it possible to find many of Alger's stories for as little as a dollar, while those who have the same desire can get the same story as a first edition by paying considerably more.

Contemporary authors are also fun to collect and read. Many of the HAS members are affiliated with other book collectors' societies such as Henty, Zane Grey, Sherlock Holmes, Oz, etc. and the girls series, as represented by the Phantom Friends who collect Nancy Drew, Dana Girls, Penny Parker, Judy Bolton, etc., and also meet together each year.

The next Horatio Alger Society convention will be in Waco, Texas, April 23-25, 1992. Several members have asked me why this is one week earlier than the traditional first weekend of May. According to '92 convention hosts and organizers Bob Collmer and John Cadick, Baylor University, which will be the site of many of the convention activities, is holding graduation that weekend, which necessitated the slight change in dates. An agenda for the convention, along with registration form, is included as an insert in this issue of Newsboy. We hope as many of you can attend as possible; A Great program is planned. Those of you not planning to attend should send your donations of books, home-made crafts, memorabilia, antiques, etc., for the annual HAS auction as soon as possible to: Robert Collmer, 2801 Wooded Acres, Waco, Texas 76710. Prompt submission of these articles will allow Bob to have them listed in the latest issue of Newsboy prior to the convention so that those who cannot attend will have an opportunity to bid by mail on anything that might be of interest.

My two-year term as President will be completed at the convention. Time has gone by too fast. Anyone interested in holding one of the Society's offices or becoming a director should let us know prior to or during the annual business meeting in Waco. All offices are voluntary; no compensation is paid. However, it provides you with an opportunity to help promote our hobby and assist others who have the same interests.

We need volunteers to host future conventions. We have a host tentatively set for 1993, but a 1994 location is definitely needed. I guess what I'm saying is, "Come on, fellow members, help where you

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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BOOKS RECOMMENDED BY THE H.A.S.

Bob Bennett's Horatio Alger, Jr.: A Comprehensive Bibliography.

PUBLICATION FORMATS OF THE FIFTY-NINE STORIES BY HORATIO ALGER JR. as reprinted by the John C. Winston Co. COMPILED BY Bob Sawyer, PF-455 and Jim Thorp. PF-574.

HORATIO ALGER BOOKS. Published by A.L. BURT by Bradford S. Chase.

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THE LOST LIFE OF HORATIO ALGER, Jr. by Gary Scharnhorst with Jack Bales.

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can and be active."

The more you are involved, the more you will receive in pleasure, friends, acquisitions of books and good feelings.

Your partic'lar friend,

Will Wright PF-639

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Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Carl,

Please send me "Mabel Parker; or, The Hidden Treasure" for which check for \$16.50 is enclosed.

I started to jot this down as "Mabel Barker", before realizing that I have had this hidden treasure for 58 years!

Many thanks for your good work with Newsboy.

Best regards,
Jack Barker

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Editor's Note:

The following letter was received by '91 convention hosts Bernie and Marcy Biberdorf following their visit last summer to the South Dakote home of H.A.S member Lucille Mone, PF-431.

November 12, 1991

Dear Mr & Mrs Biberdorf:

I still remember with much pleasure your visit with me at our Library in Spencer last summer. It came as a real surprise. Then when I saw your article with the picture taken out-side the Library in Newsboy I was again surprised.

Our librarian insisted that a copy be sent to our county newspaper. The reporter called her and asked how to get in touch with me. She called me and the result was the article which she put in the paper, a copy of which I an enclosing for you. It has made many people aware of the Horatio Alger Society for which I am thankful.

I want to send a donation to the Society. I would appreciate it very much if you will tell me where to send it to and to whom I should make out the check. During the many years I have have belonged I was never financially able to send one. When we returned to the States from the Islands we were not allowed to bring any money out of there with us. We arrived here with 2 very young children and two trunks. We had to start from scratch just like Horatio Alger's hero's but we succeeded and by both of us working our son and daughter became college graduates and have been highly successful. Our daughter passed away December, 1990 from malignant melanoma cancer. Before her death she learned that she had been listed in the 1st Edition of Who's Who In American Teaching. She was 45 years old.

I must close and get this in the mail. Hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Sincerely yours,

Lucille Mone, PF-431
Spencer, South Dakota

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Former HAS president Jack Row (PF-101), left, gets together with Jerry Friedland and Bill Leitner at one of the society's annual conventions.

Former president Jack Row dies

Dear Carl:

Jack Weston Row [PF-101], a charter member, former President and longtime Horatio Alger collector, died at his Vieux Carre home in Tampa on November 13, 1991 of cancer of the pancreas. At one time Jack had one of the Larger Horatio Alger collections. Jack hosted the convention in Des Moines in 1967 while he was president. In 1975 Jack retired from the United States Treasury where he was an area manager in the Bonds Division. He moved to Florida in 1982 and has not been a collector for a number of number of years, although he maintained his interest in the Society and his friendships within the group.

Thanks for whatever help you can give me.

Sincerely,
Beth Row

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APRIL 23-25, 1992
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In search of 'The Nugget Finders' — Part II

by ROBERT E. KASPER (PF-327)

The first part of this article, which appeared in the July-August 1991 Newsboy, was a general introduction to "The Nugget Finders" and was mainly concerned with the collation of various known editions. Part II is a more detailed look at binding formats and some speculation about possible candidates for the first printing.

I originally reported that I had examined 18 different binding formats and that number can now be increased to 21. I will not attempt to describe all 21 formats, but they can be classified into three basic categories, as follows:

1. Generic format — containing fancy filigree designs with an abundance of flowers, vines, hearts, arrows, arches, circles and other geometric shapes. Most of the covers examined were blindstamped, but a few were printed in black ink. Red and green have also been noted. Although this format could be used for almost any story, I fail to see how it would be attractive to a young boy. I suspect that the artist for this group may have moonlighted as a geometry teacher.

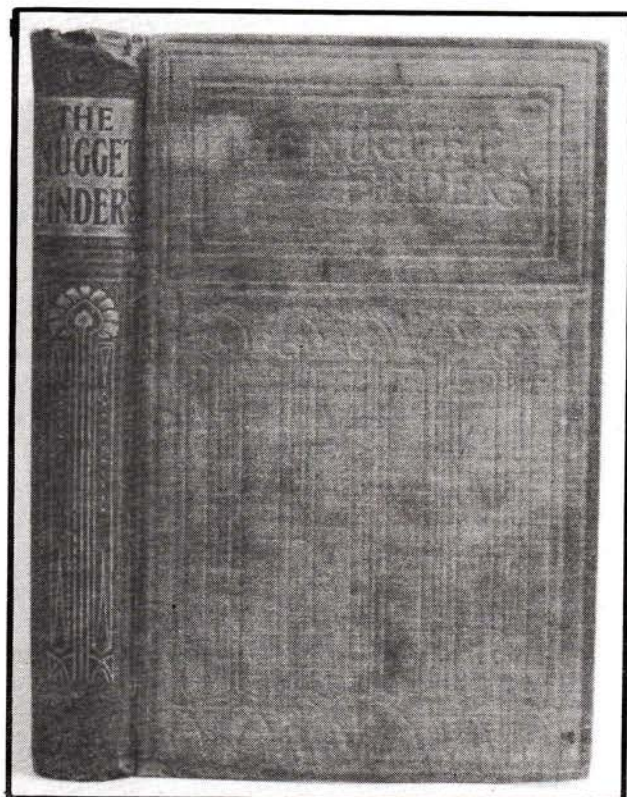
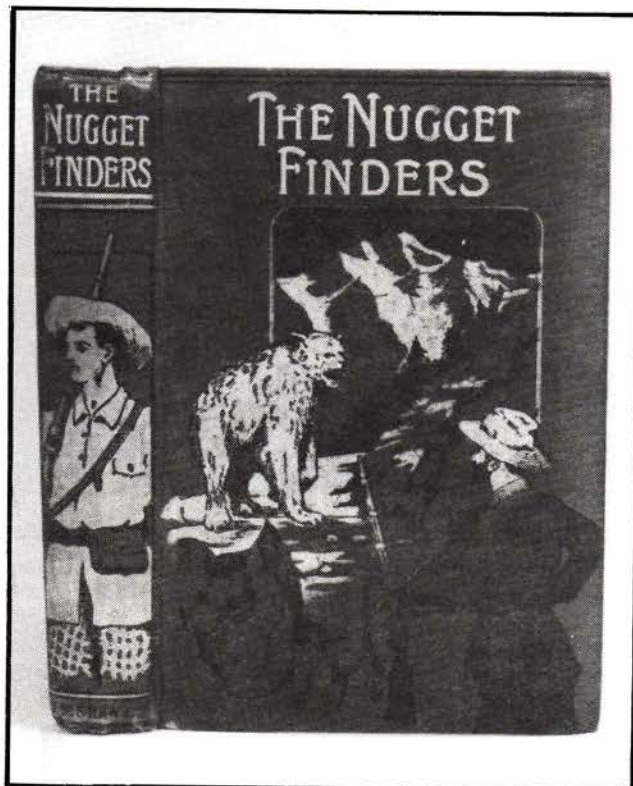
2. Action format — depicting an action scene that has absolutely nothing to do with searching for gold in Australia or anywhere else. Most picture a hunting scene with a man or boy holding a rifle. I have seen one sports-related cover that I would also place in this category.

3. Figure format — a plain binding with a solitary figure pictured to the right. Reported figures have included a musketeer and a turbaned Indian.

I have seen only one copy (see the front of this issue of Newsboy) where the front cover depicts a gold-digging scene. This is an applique cover where the colored frontispiece was trimmed down and pasted on the front in a rectangular box. However, I would classify this binding as generic since any internal illustration could be affixed in this manner depending, of course, on which story was being used. I believe that a copy of "The Nugget Finders" with a gold-digging scene actually embossed onto the front cover — if one were to exist — would be a real find and could possibly be the first printing.

A curious variant edition has come to my attention since the first part of this article was published. Three copies have been noted with 224 pages of text instead of 192 pages seen in all other copies. Both editions contain 21 chapters and identical chapter headings. An examination of the type indicates no difference in font size or the number of words per line between the two editions. However, the 224-page edition has either 29 or 30 lines of text per full page as opposed to 34 or 35 lines in the 192-page edition. Apparently, Shaw had inserted five more lines of text onto each

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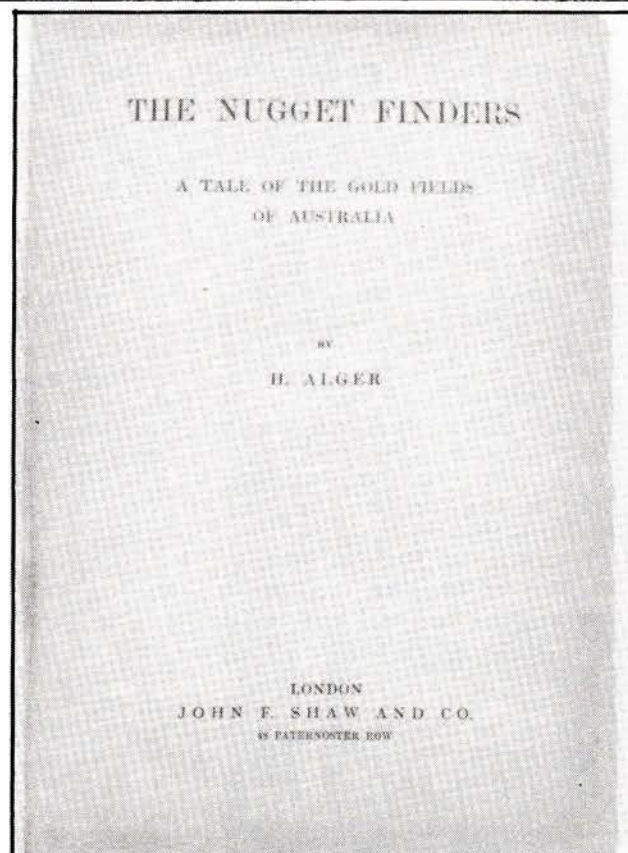


page in order to reduce the number of pages. I assume that Shaw initiated this change in an effort to save paper and money.

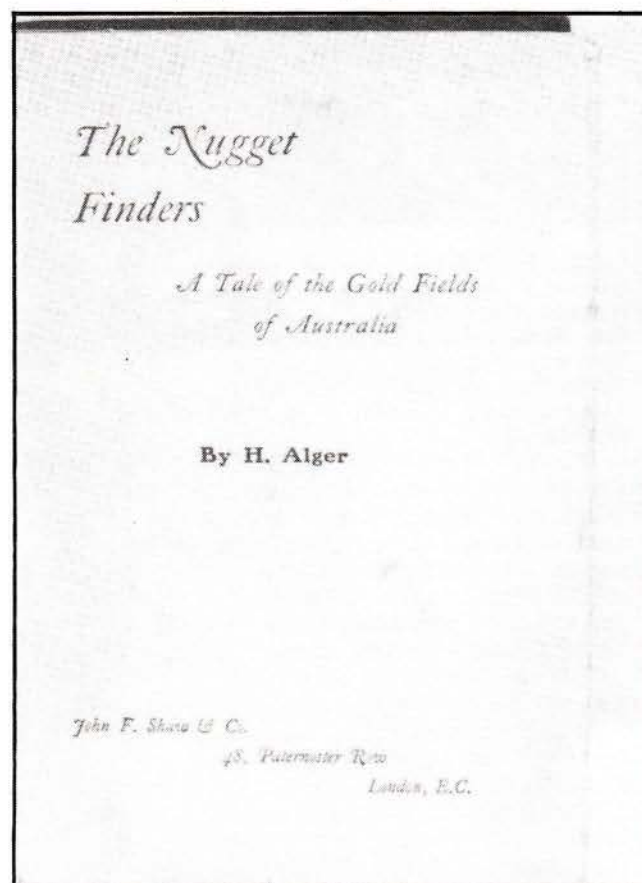
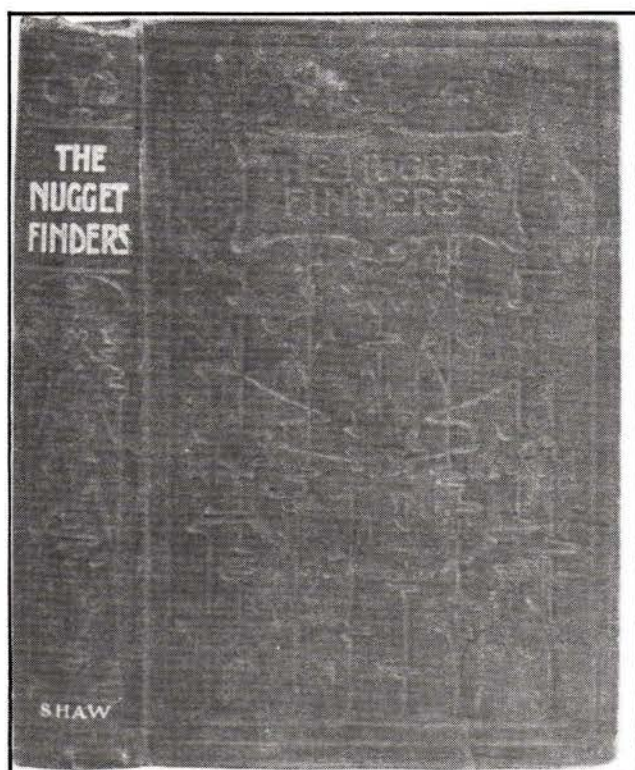
Based upon information in my possession at this time, I can offer the following probable publication sequence for "The Nugget Finders":

Sequence	Pages	Address on title page	Comments
1.	224	48 Paternoster	B/W frontispiece — Man, boy digging. Floral endpapers.
2.	224	48 Paternoster	Same as No. 1 but with plain endpapers.
3.	192	48 Paternoster	"death" misspelled, page 64.
4.	192	48 Paternoster	"death" spelled correctly.
5.	192	3 Pilgrim Street	

Based on the number of known formats and the presentation dates contained therein, I believe that as many as 40 separate editions could have been published during the period 1902-1912.



Title page for 224-page edition.



Title page for 192-page edition.

Only state HAS member receives nat'l recognition

When Lucille Mone of Spencer turned to page 11 of her latest copy of *Newsboy*, the official publication of The Horatio Alger Society, she was surprised to see an article about a stop made in Spencer by one of the directors of the Society.

Bernie Biberdorf and his wife Marcy stopped in Spencer to visit Lucille, the only South Dakota Alger Society member. Her HAS number is PF-431.

Biberdorf said, "After driving into the small Dakota town, we spotted



LUCILLE MONE visits with Bernie Biberdorf, director of the Horatio Alger Society, in front of the Hanson-McCook Library in Spencer. Lucille has the distinction of being the only Alger Society member in South Dakota.

the library on Main Street. We asked the librarian if she knew Lucille. She did and said Lucille is one of their best customers."

The librarian made a telephone call to Lucille who was attending a Senior Citizen's meeting nearby.

"Lucille came to the library and we had a mini-Alger convention right there in Spencer. She had read her Alger titles many times over," Biberdorf said.

The article in the newsletter, which is sent to Society members in the United States and Canada, encourages other Alger Society members to contact Lucille.

Horatio Alger was an American author who lived from 1832-1899. He wrote a series of successful novels for boys on the "rags to riches" theme.

Alger was the son of a Unitarian minister who became associated with *Newsboy's* Lodging House. The homeless waifs who lived there became characters in his stories. Alger wrote about 135 books, including the "Ragged Dick," "Luck and Pluck," and "Tattered Tom" series.

Like Benjamin Franklin, Alger wrote on the theme that any poor boy could become a success and millionaire if he was intelligent, hard-working and honest.

Lucille said she became interested in Alger's works as a child. "I would visit my Grandmother Masters. She had a bookcase full of the books for my uncles. I loved them but don't know what happened to them."

Lucille, who is 83 years old, joined the Horatio Alger Society in Omaha, where she lived for 24 years. She served as a missionary in the Canary Islands for 15 years and met and married her husband there.

He is originally from New York but likes Spencer's small-town atmosphere.

Their son works for the Associated Press and lives at Bloomington, MN. Lucille said, "You know that picture in the Mitchell paper of the surrogate mother and the twins, that was his picture. You never know where he'll be."

Their daughter was married to an attorney in St. Paul. Lucille said their daughter died of cancer the day after Christmas.

"When I was young I would rather read than go to a party," Lucille commented. She will read her books over and over and has over 1,000, including 64 of Alger's titles, in her house.

"Sometimes I read the first paragraph and I know what will be there," she laughed.

Grace Livingston Hill is another of Lucille's favorite authors.

Lucille, who is a native of Spencer, wasn't sure exactly how many members the Alger Society has, but she has the distinction of being the only South Dakota member.

Dear Bill:

Enclosed is an obituary for Ted Dikty, Publisher of the old Boys Book Collector. I thought you might want to run it in the *Newsboy*. The obituary appeared in the October 15, 1991 Seattle Times newspaper.

Sincerely,

Joe Slavin

Thaddeus E. DIKTY, Publisher

Born June 16, 1920 in Port Clinton, Ohio. Died suddenly October 11, 1991 in Mercer Island. A pioneer publisher of science fiction and fantasy books, he was the co-founder of Shasta Publishers, Chicago, and the founder of Starmont House, Inc., Mercer Island. He was also the editor of numerous science fiction anthologies and a keen bibliophile and book collector. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Julian May; his sons, David and Alan, and his daughter, Barbara, the president of Starmont House, Inc. Private Catholic service. Interment, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Arrangements,

GREEN'S
BELLEVUE FUNERAL HOME.

BOOK MART

Chris DeHaan (PF-773)
3870 9th St.
Wayland, MI 49348

The following Alger books are for sale. Postage is \$1.35 for the first book and 30 cents for each additional book.

Title	Publisher	Condition	Price
1. A Debt of Honor	Hurst	G (cover picture torn a little)	\$2.00
2. The \$500 Check	Caldwell	G (spine torn a little on top)	\$5.00
3. The \$500 Check	International (Amer. Publishers) (St. Nicholas Series)		\$15.00
4. Joe's Luck	A.L. Burt (fez - Alger Series)	G (missing front pages up to title page)	\$4.00
5. Mark the Match Boy	Loring	G	\$15.00
6. Paul the Peddler	Henry T. Coates (Tattered Tom Series)	G	\$7.00
7. Paul the Peddler	Porter & Coates	G (spine torn a little on top)	\$4.00
8. Strive and Succeed	Loring	Fair (complete)	\$4.00
9. Struggling Upward	Henry T. Coates	G	\$4.00
10. Struggling Upward	Winston (binding similar to H.T. Coates)	VG	\$10.00
11. Telegraph Boy	A.L. Burt (capped head - walker)	G	\$3.00
12. The Young Miner	Henry T. Coates	VG	\$7.00

SPECIAL NOTE

It has been the long standing policy of the Horatio Alger Society to promote the exchange of Horatio Alger Jr. books and related Alger material by providing **free** of charge to our members, space limited to one column, in the Newsboy for the **sale** of such material. All material for this column should be sent to our editor

If you have books other than Alger's or you have Alger's or other books you would like to **buy**, advertise in the supplement to the Newsboy. For this there is a charge as follows: Full Page \$32.00, Half Page \$17.00, Quarter Page \$9.00, Per Column Inch \$2.00.

REMEMBER - Sell Alger
material in Newsboy - Free, Free, Free.

Buy Alger material or any other items there is a charge!!

Partic'lar Friends of Letters

A listing of Horatio Alger Society
authors and publishers

Compiled By
Judy Roobian-Mohr PF-849

Forward

When this year's convention host, Bernie Biberdorf, asked me to put together a list of "Partic'lar Friends of Letters" for the Indianapolis meeting, I had no inkling what I would find. Would there be many? Would there be but a few? Who would they be? What had they done?

It was hard going at first -- responses trickling in at a painfully slow pace. But even with the first few I began to realize the richness and diversity of our group.

Some information came from but a stone's throw away. Bob Sawyer [PF-455] lives just down the road a piece here in Columbus, Ohio. Other members responded from far and wide -- Paul J. Rich [PF-837] gets the distance prize for posting his from Western Australia!

By the time the job was done, we had documented the creative efforts of forty-two HAS past and present members. And what interesting projects you've taken on over the years. Topics ranged from genealogy to accounting. And formats ran the gamut from plays to books . . . from crossword puzzles and cartoons to WPA booklets!

Thanks to all of you who sent in information. A special thank you to Bob Sawyer for letting me borrow freely from his 1983 publication, Collected in Columbus. Bernie Biberdorf and Carl Hartmann were also very helpful when I needed to fill in gaps.

Sadly, I'm sure some of you have been missed. Please forgive the oversight and know that it was not intentional.

Your Partic'lar Friend,

Judy Roobian-Mohr
Editor

HARRIET STRATEMEYER ADAMS
PF-500

Special: The daughter of Edward Stratemeyer, Ms Adams is remembered for her long stewardship of the Stratemeyer Syndicate. She died in 1982.

RALPH W. ANDERSON
PF-144

Editor: Mr Anderson edited Antique Trader. He was also a charter member of the Horatio Alger Society.

NANCY AXELRAD
PF-501

Books: A life member of HAS, Ms Axelrad was a working member of The Stratemeyer Syndicate. She took over the writing of the Bobsey Twin stories.

JACK BALES
PF-258

Books; Horatio Alger, Jr.: An Annotated Bibliography of Comment and Criticism. Written with Gary Scharnhorst. Metuchen, NJ & London: Scarecrow Press, 1981.

The Lost Life of Horatio Alger, Jr. Authored with Gary Scharnhorst. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1985.

Alger: A Biography Without a Hero. Written by Herbert R. Mayes, with an Afterword by Jack Bales. Des Plaines, IL: Gilbert K. Westgard II, 1978.

Kenneth Roberts: The Man and His Works. Metuchen, NJ & London: Scarecrow Press, 1989.

Articles: "At the nadir of my discouragement". Dartmouth College Library Bulletin, 30 [1990].

"Herbert R. Mayes and Horatio Alger, Jr." Journal of Popular Culture, 8 [Fall 1974].

"Horatio Alger, Jr., 1832-1899," in Book of Days 1987: An Encyclopedia of Information Sources on Historical Figures and Events Keyed to Calendar Dates. Ann Arbor: Pierian Press, 1986.

"Kenneth Roberts," Down East, published in a summer 1991 issue.

Editor: Mr Bales was editor of the HAS publication Newsboy, from 1971 to 1983. He also served as Guest Editor in 1972 and again in 1974.

LYLE R. BEAIRD
PF-848

Articles: "Bill Towers' Romance," a work in progress - 1990.

Mr Beaird has also written a number of other fiction stories and has had several accepted for publication.

Songs: "Imitation Flowers" and "Marquerite." Both

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LEO [B08] BENNETT
PF-265

Books: Horatio Alger, Jr.: A Comprehensive Bibliography. Flying Eagle Publishing, 1980.

Horatio Alger, Jr.: A Collector's Guide to Values, 1982.

LOUIS BODNAR, Jr.
PF-490

Cartoons: Mr Bodnar's cartoons were a much looked-forward to feature of Newsboy for many years.

KENNETH B. BUTLER
PF-006

Publisher: Mr Butler's firm, The Wayside Press, did the printing for Westgard's Alger Street. Publisher of Gardner's Horatio Alger, or The American Hero Era in 1964, and the paperback reprint, The Road to Success [1971].

FORREST CAMPBELL
PF-000

Editor: A charter member of HAS and the first editor of Newsboy, [1962-1969].

Stories: "The Young Postmaster" is an Alger-style story written by Mr Campbell and serialized in the HAS publication Newsboy, in 1965.

Books: The Young Postmaster, issued in hard cover in 1979.

The Young American, 1974.

The Young Stableboy, 1977.

The Young Philanthropist, 1977.

The Young Economist, 1978.

The Young Boston Boy, 1979.

The Young Milkman, 1981.

Plays: "The Boy From The Bowery," a 3-act play produced in Mansfield, Ohio, by the Mansfield Children's Theater. The production was directed by Hal McCuen [PF-096]. This play was reissued in hard cover in 1980, along with a story, "Gran'father Baldwin's Clock."

BRADFORD S. CHASE
PF-412

Books: Horatio Alger Books Published by A.L.Burt, 1983. Mr Chase also assisted in the successful effort spearheaded by Robert E. Williman [PF-569] to have a commemorative postage stamp issued in honor of Horatio Alger, Jr. in 1982.

ROBERT G. COLLMER
PF-866]

Article: "Horatio Alger Speaks to Americans." Published in the January 24, 1991 edition of the Waco Tribune-Herald.

GLEN CORCORAN
PF-339

Books: As a 5th. grade student in Sioux City, Iowa, Mr Corcoran and his classmates were given the task of creating their own books. The teacher read the first chapters of Pinocchio and Bobby Cottontail and then had the students write their own endings, illustrate their stories, and bind their books!

JOHN T. OIZER, Jr.
PF-511

Book: Tom Swift and Company. McFarland, 1982

MILTON F. EHLERT
PF-702

Books: The Story of Grand Rapids. Z.Z. Lyens, editor. Kregel Publications, Grand Rapids, MI, 1966. Mr Ehlert authored 2 chapters ["Public Parks - For Rest and Play" and "Burial grounds - Rest in Peace"] in this definitive history of Grand Rapids, MI.

The Romance of Merchandising 1928 to 1976: 48 Years of Good Merchandising. Author: Don Farrant. Privately published in Grand Rapids, MI, 1978. Mr Ehlert assisted the author of this history of the Earl Robson Department Store in Wyoming, MI, and is cited as "Historian" on the book's title page.

RALPH GARDNER
PF-053

Books: Horatio Alger: of The American Hero Era. Wayside Press, 1964. Reissued in 1978 by Arco Publishing and in 1990 by Amereon House.

Road to Success: The Bibliography of the Works of Horatio Alger. Wayside Press, 1971

Writers Talk to Ralph D. Gardner. Scarecrow Press, 1989.

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RALPH GARDNER

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Mr Gardner also arranged the publication of and/or wrote introductions to the following Alger books and stories:

"A Fancy of Hers" and "The Disagreeable Woman," under one cover, Van Nostrand-Reinhold, 1981.

Silas Snobden's Office Boy. Doubleday, 1973
Cast Upon the Breakers. Doubleday, 1974.

Struggling Upward. Doubleday, 1974.

Brave and Bold, Wren Winter's Triumph, Dean Dunham, Young Captain Jack, The Train Boy, Mark Manning's Mission, Ralph Raymond's Heir, Erie Train Boy, A Rolling Stone. Aeonian Press between 1975 and 1983.

Book

Chapters: "History of Stret & Smith," in Publishers for Mass Entertainment in 19th Century America, G.K.Hall Publishing, 1980.

Journalist: From 1942 through 1955, Mr Gardner was employed by The New York Times in a variety of positions, from copy boy to foreign correspondent. A frequent contributor over the years to publications such as The Saturday Evening Post, New York Times Book Review, etc. Mr Gardner currently writes a syndicated column on books and authors which is carried by 200 newspapers.

FRED A. GOULDEN

PF-730

Books: Memos, Coon and s'More Coon. Published June 1990 by the Palmyra Historical Society, Inc.

WILLIAM R. GOWEN

PF-706

Articles: "The Publications of Tom Swift," Dime Novel Round-Up, Vol. 48, No.2 [April 1979]
The 1st detailed research on publication formats of this series.

"Tom Swift Jr., Dime Novel Round-Up, Vol. 48, No.4 [August 1979].

"The Publication History of the Rover Boys," Dime Novel Round-Up, Vol. 51, No. 5 [October 1982].

Papers: "Stratemwyer's Garden City Publishing Venture and How It Grew." Presented at the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association's 1990 meeting.

Editor: Current editor of Newsboy.

EVELYN M. GREBEL

PF-318

Booklets: Archery - Making of Equipment. Published by the WPA around 1938.

Indian Dyes Using Native Plants. Published by the WPA around 1938.

Quilt Patterns. Printed and distributed by the Grand Rapids Public Museum around 1943
Offered in the 1940s for .10, this pamphlet sold over 2,000 copies.

Book

Chapter: "A Nature Hike," included in a 3rd grade text used by Grand Rapids elementary school students.

AURAND HARRIS

PF-204

Musical: Author and director of a musical, "From Rags to Riches," based on the Alger stories, "Ragged Dick" and "Mark, the Match Boy."

CARL T. HARTMANN

PF-102

Editor: Mr Hartmann has served as the editor of the Society's publication, Newsboy, off and on since 1969.

DIEDRE ANN JOHNSON

PF-341

Book: Stratemeyer Pseudonyms and Series Books. Greenwood Press, 1982.

EDWARD T. LE BLANC

PF-015

Books: The Alger Short Stories. Authored with Victor Birch. Published 1990.

Publisher: Mr LeBlanc is the publisher of Dime Novel Round-Up, a magazine devoted to the collection, preservation, and literature of the old time dime and nickel novels. Over the years, this publication has carried many articles about Alger and his writings.

IRVING LEIF

PF-395

Books: Larry Eigner: A Bibliography of His Works. Metuchen, NJ: The Scarecrow Press, 1989.

An International Sourcebook of Paper History. Camden, CT and Folkstone, England
Archon Books and Wm. Dawson & Sons, 1978.

Children's Literature: A Historical and Contemporary Bibliography. Troy, N.Y: The Whitston Publishing Co., 1977.

Partic'lar Friends of Letters

IRVING LEIF

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Community Power and Decision-Making: An International Handbook. Metuchen, NJ: The Scarecrow Press, 1974.

Community Power and Decision-Making, Current Sociology Series. The Hague: Mouton for the International Sociological Association, 1972 [with T.Clark].

GEORGE W. MAY

PF-121

Books: History Papers on Massac County, Illinois. Privately published, 1990. A collection of 20 essays on Massac County history covering topics ranging from the politics of the 1860's and a World War I Massac dough-boy to the election of 1932 and the Prohibition era.

History of Massac County. Privately published, 1955.

Massac County 1955-1982. Privately published, 1982. A history of Massac County, Illinois, from revolutionary times to present controversies surrounding industrialization and the location of an atomic plant in the area.

Down Illinois Rivers. privately published, 1981. A personal narrative of float-paddle trips down 18 little Illinois rivers, this book is full of local history, nature and river lore, and entertaining adventures in the Thoreau and Tom Sawyer-Huck Finn traditions.

Charles E.Duryea - Automaker. Privately published, 1973. The story of a farm boy who went on to build "motor wagons" in 5 American cities -- including, in 1893, the first practical, American-made [Springfield Massachusetts], gasoline powered vehicle.

Students' History of Peoria. Privately published, 1968.

Massac Pilgrimage. Privately published, 1964.

Walter West's Probation -- a novel in progress.

Articles: Numerous contributions since 1982, chiefly on historical topics. Most recently "Oscar Micheau, Black Film Pioneer," in Springhouse, December 1990.

Assists: Hobnail Boots and Khaki Suits by Kay Kiefer and Paul Fellows. Published in 1983 this book tells the story of the Civilian Conservation Corps [CCC] of the 1930's.

HERBERT R. MAYES

PF-469

Books: Alger, A Biography Without A Hero. Macy-Masius, 1928. Later admitted to be a hoax, this biography was reprinted [with a new come-clean introduction] by Westgard in 1978.

HAROLD McCUEN

PF-096

Director: Mr McCuen brought Forrest Campbell's play, "The Boy From The Bowery," to life as a production of the Mansfield [Ohio] Children's Theater.

GIL O'GARA

PF-627

Articles: A free-lance writer since 1977, Mr O'Gara has published many articles over the years. His writing focuses primarily on non-fiction for a variety of antique and hobby publications, film journals, and even a periodical devoted to professional fire-fighting!

Newspaper

Editor: In years past, Mr O'Gara donned the hat of Jack-of-all-trades for several small town newspapers and assumed the duties, at various times, of editor, reporter, and photographer.

Magazine

Founder: In January 1981, the Yellowback Library, a Monthly magazine for series book collectors, was established by Mr O'Gara.

Column

Author: Gil O'Gara also authors a column on book collecting which appears monthly in Paper Collector's Marketplace.

STANLEY A. PACHON

PF-087

Articles: Mr Pachon was a frequent contributor to Dime Novel Round-Up. He was acknowledged to be one of the best informed member of HAS, especially on early and rare publishings of Alger's work.

FOREST P. PORTER

PF-834

Books: Condominium Management and Accounting, 1979.

Credit and Collection, 1982.

Hotel Accounting, 1978.

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STEVE PRESS
PF-164

Plays: "Tom Cooper Captain of Industry" -- a play based on an Alger theme.

"The Spider and The Bee" -- based on a Jonathan Swift novel.

"The Last Carnival."

PAUL J. RICH
PF-837

Books: Rituals of Empire. London: Regency Press, forthcoming.

Chains of Empire. London: Regency Press, 1991.

The Invasions of The Gulf. Cambridge: Allborough Press, 1991.

Elixir of Empire. London: Regency Press, 1989.

Articles: "The Bahrain Public School Scheme 1941." Education Research and Perspectives, December 1987.

"Percy Cox's Flagpoles: Flags and Their Political Consequences in the Arabian Gulf," The Flag Bulletin, 1991.

"The British Raj in Arabia." Indo-British Review, May 1991.

HERBERT L. RISTEEN
PF-104

Puzzles: This charter member of HAS created many Alger-oriented crossword puzzles which ran in Newsboy.

Books: Mr Risteen also penned six juveniles.

JAMES RYBERG
PF-533

Editor: Mr Ryberg served as editor of Newsboy in the 1980's.

E. M. SANCHEZ-SAAVEDRA
PF-388

Books: A Guide of Virginia Military Organizations in the American Revolution, 1774-1787. Richmond, Virginia State Library, 1978.

A Description of The Country: Virginia Cartographers and Their Maps. Richmond, Virginia State Library, 1975.

Articles: "A Man and a Brother: Virginia's Black Soldiers of the Revolution." Perspective, 1976.

"The Trooper Was A Lady." The Richmond Literature and History Quarterly, Vol I, No.1 [Summer 1978].

In Dime Novel Round-Up:

"Recycling and Respectability." 58, No.2 [April 1989].

"Frank Merriwell Off Broadway." 59, No.1 [February 1990].

"Three Letters From Gilbert Patten." 59, No.4 [August 1990].

"A Merriwell Genealogy." 59, No.4 [August 1990].

"Three Novelists Who Didn't Bite the Dust." 60, No.2 [April 1991].

In Virginia Cavalcade:

"Surveyed and Exactly Drawne: Virginia's Cartographers and Their Maps." XXV, No.3 [Winter 1976].

"All Fine Fellows and Well-Armed." XXIV, No.1 [Summer 1974].

"Fit to Place in the Hands of the Militia." XXII, No.2 [Autumn 1972].

"We have Only to Lament Being Concerned in This Business." XX, No.3 [Winter 1971].

"Richmond's Old Bell House." XIX, No.2 [Autumn 1969].

"An Undisciplined Set of Vagabonds." XVIII, No.4 [Spring 1969].

In Military Collector and Historian:

"Point of Fork Revisited." Vol XXI, No.4 [Winter 1969].

"The French Brass Guns at the Virginia Military Institute: A Footnote." Vol XXII, No.4 [Winter 1970].

"Virginians Celebrate the Saratoga Victory 1777-1779." Vol XXVI, No.3 [Fall 1974].

In Quarterly Bulletin of the Archeological Society of Virginia:

"A Preliminary Checklist of Virginia Tobacco Inspections, 1680-1820." Vol XXIV, Nos. 1-2 [Sept-Dec 1969].

"From England to Holland: James I & the Gouda Pipemakers." Vol XXIV, No.3 [March 1970].

Software: Numerous COBOL mainframe programs.

In

Progress: Bibliography of English and American Editions of the "Jack Harkaway books" and a bibliography of the authorized Scribner editions of G.A. Henty, the latter for the U.K. Henty Society.

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WILLIAM A. SAUSAMAN PF-217

Books: The Sausaman-Sassaman Family in America. 1964.

Descendants of German Immigrant Johann Lorentz Haensel [Hentzel]. 1968.

Nathan Alldredge [1739-1826] of North Carolina and Tennessee and His Descendants. 1971.

Descendants of Irish Immigrant John Wilkinson [1726-1806]. 1971.

Abraham Noe [1750-1801] of New Jersey and His Descendants. 1973.

Jacob Byers [1750-1801] of Pennsylvania and His Descendants. 1974.

Ten Generations of Hixsons in America [1686-1976]. 1977.

ROBERT E. SAWYER PF-455

Books: The Sun Series. Mr Sawyer gathered together nine Alger stories which had originally been issued in serialized form [mostly in the New York Sun] and had them issued as 1st. Editions in 1981. Binding was done by HAS member Frank Schott PF-684. The nine stories were:

"Madeline The Temptress," "The Secret Drawer," "The Cooper's Ward," "Herbert Seldon," "Manson the Miser," "The Gipsy Nurse," "The Discarded Son," "The Mad Heiress," and "Marie Bertrand."

Pamphlet: "Publication Formats of the 59 stories by Horatio Alger, Jr. as reprinted by the John Winston Co." 1984. Co-Authored with Jim Thorp, PF-574.

"Collected In Columbus," a souvenir pamphlet for the 1983 Horatio Alger Society Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

GARY F. SCHARNHORST PF-368

Books: Horatio Alger, Jr., Twayne, 1980.

Horatio Alger, Jr.: An Annotated Bibliography of Comment and Criticism in collaboration with Jack Bales. Scarecrow Press, 1980.

FLORENCE OGILVIE SCHNELL PF-344

Ms Schnell is the granddaughter of John Stuart Ogilvie, publisher of 14 Alger titles, among them 7 first editions.

JIM THORP PF-574

Pamphlets: "Publication Formats of the 59 stories by Horatio Alger, Jr. as reprinted by The John Winston Co." 1984. Co-Authored with Bob Sawyer PF-455.

ROHIMA WALTER PF-160

Song: "downtown" Words and Music. Played on WASK Radio in Anderson, Indiana.

PETER C. WALTHER PF-548

Books: Ongoing bibliographies of William T. Adams ["Oliver Optic"].

Articles: Recent articles published in Dime Novel Round-Up and Yellowback Library.

GILBERT K. WESTGARD II PF-24

Publisher: Alger Street. Canner, 1964. Collection of Alger poems. Recognized as an authentic Alger 1st. edition.

Hugo, the Deformed. An Alger 1st. Edition, 1978.

Bootblack: The Horatio Alger Magazine.

A Large Alger engraving, a full-color enlargement of the Alger Stamp, and the following Alger reprints:

The Disagreeable Woman, Grand'ther Baldwin's Thanksgiving, Making His Mark, The New Schoolma'am, Nothing To Do, Number 91, Timothy Crump's Ward, Tom Tracy, Wait and Win, Bertha's Christmas Vision, The Life of Edwin Forest.

Editor: Newsboy, 1986-1988.

NELL WRIGHT PF-876

Book: Clifton Genealogy. This books on the Clifton family has sold over 400 copies.

Letters to the editor

December 7, 1991

Dear PFs of HAS,

My daughters and I wish to thank the members for their expressions of sympathy to us and for the September-October Issue of Newsboy which was very touching.

Next to his family and work, the Society was his special interest. The family members he knew and wrote to were his Particular Friends.

His latest project, "A Book of Titles" that he called, "Horatio Alger Books for Boys and Girls", was a task he was enjoying very much and it renewed his interest in collecting Alger.

Sincerely,
Mrs Dale Thomas

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Dear Editor,

The final copy of the brochure I promised is finally available for delivery.

It is not necessary for the members who paid for them to return their copy, Just give your name and we will mail the corrected copy immediately.

I personally am interested in those who donated money to the Society and received a copy of this brochure. Kindly notify Carl Hartmann or myself at the address below if you received a copy.

Please let me remind you they are available in black and white for \$10.00 and in color for \$17.50. And you even get a copy of the book cover for Skopusseren Tom. It may be the closest you'll ever come to the book.

It has been a task I have enjoyed very much and has renewed my interest in collecting Alger and I will be submitting a want list very shortly.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Bob Bennett for giving me permission to use his book for reference. I doubt most people realize the work that went into Bob's book.

Dale E. Thomas, PF-315

Editor's Note:

Mrs Thomas will be making Dale's brochure available to members via Executive Secretary Carl Hartmann. Those who have ordered copies or wish to do so can write to Carl at 4907 Allison Drive., Lansing, MI 48910.

MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS

Robert R. Routhier, Sr. PF-889
1321 Williamsburg Nov
Flint, MI 48507
Jeanette T-57 [313] 767-9755

Robert is a Sr. Manufacturing Engineer who learned about HAS from Milton Ehlert. Robert lists Bowling, Hunting and Fishing as his other hobbies.

Nicholas A. Zades PF-890
391 Front Street
Chicopee, MA 01013
Jeannette B. [413] 594-9619

Nicholas tells us he donated his 90 piece collection of Newsboy Figurines to the City of Chicopee, MA, Public Library [Declaration of Trust] many of the pieces are over 100 years old. Nicholas also is writing a book titled Newsboys.

Nicholas is a retired Superintendent of Comp.-Engraving for the Springfield Newspapers, who as a newsboy of 10 read many of Alger's books, that gave him high inspirations to work hard.

Nicholas learned about HAS from Barrie J. Hughes, PF-617.

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Glenn Corcoran PF-339
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(Described in Ralph D. Gardner's 1964 bibliography as rare as hen's teeth.)			
7. Frank Fowler, the Cash Boy	A.L. Burt, 1887	Front cover slightly loose	\$35.00
8. Tom Temple's Career	A.L. Burt, 1888	Spine frd.	\$35.00

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ALGER, A BIOGRAPHY WITHOUT A HERO, by Herbert R. Mayes, originally published by Macy-Masius in 1928. This golden anniversary edition has an introduction by Mr. Mayes that tells how this hoax quite unexpectedly became accepted as a true account of Alger's life. Jack Bales has added an afterword that assesses this book's importance. This volume has been autographed by both the late Mr. Mayes and Mr. Bales. \$33

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