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BLIND MARVEL COLLEGE SHARK

Nineteen-Year Bronx Youth Is Striving for Degree at Fordham University.

MASTERS GREEK, A POET

Typewrites and Plays Piano And Violin to Relax From Study Grind.

By WILL JOHNSON.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—Blind, but pushing through darkness for a degree of bachelor of arts and then on to a degree of master of arts!

Sightless from birth, Alfred Losinskey, 15, has entered Fordham University undertaking the well known impossible, but with a quiet determination to go through with his heavy task.

This intellectual blind youth was found hard at work on his studies high up in the Bronx this afternoon. At the moment he was engaged in writing a bit of verse—the idea of the poem had struck him while planning his English lessons.

Alfred receives one with a smile, a rare trait of a person blind for life. His features do not bear the hard set lines usually associated with the blind and he carries himself well as a host. His sense of direction is almost perfect.

"How do you manage to do your written college work?" he was asked and the sightless college boy instantly hurried to his desk and brought forth his kit of tools.

The complex Braille board is his open sesame to the knowledge within the covers of printed books. A chapter or a lesson is read to him and with an instrument resembling a thick needle he punches a series of holes through spaces in the Braille board, and then with deft fingers touches needle perforations and recites what has been read.

It isn't necessary for one to slough up while reading to the blind youth; he has invented a shorthand system of his own which enables him to keep up with the forty-eight others in his class at Fordham.

"Greek is the hardest for me and I brought forth a cylinder closely resembling the printing apparatus of a folding typewriter. Greek characters were chiseled on this fiber roll, and the blind boy by revolving it in his fingers would pick out the characters and form Greek phrases and sentences.

Among other subjects, Alfred is studying English, French, Latin and Greek. The latter very nearly prevents him from entering Fordham, which, being a Jesuit institution, requires three years' Greek for entrance. Losinskey applied to Fordham for admittance three months ago and in less than that time, by the most intense concentration and with the aid of a devoted sister, he grasped the necessary requirement—three years of Greek in less than three months! And by a blind boy!

Hard work, for Alfred. "It does take me more time than the rest of my fellow-students to do my home work," he confessed, "but I am working out ahead rapidly. The Greek was a problem, indeed, and now I am around that the others will follow with time."

Still, with all, Losinskey goes in for diversions. He has a piano of his own, and plays well. Here again he is handicapped, for he has to learn all compositions by ear. And, again, he plays a bit on the violin.

Losinskey's sense of touch is a marvelous acquirement. His Braille board, resting on his knees as he talked of his work and his plans, he kept tapping to the floor and an effort was made to retrieve them before they had fallen. But the blind boy was too fast, he had gathered in the instrument a fraction of a second before those who attempted to assist him.

This sense of touch serves him well also with his school work. He operates as typewriter by the system of automatic key placement and it costs him hardly an effort to write line after line with scarcely a mistake.

The blind boy confessed that his greatest weakness in school work was an effort at poetry and, modest over his creations, he insisted he had none at hand. His devoted sister, however, more proud of Alfred's rhyme than himself handed the interviewer, as he was departing, the following: IN NOVEMBER.

The world in all its full array, Fresh from summer's sweet command, Is now enveloped with decay Wrought by Nature's still hand.

Senator and Mrs. Owen to Entertain British Ambassador

Brilliant Audience Greet Opening Here of "Heigh-Ho"

By EVELYN C. HUNT.

President Wilson yesterday received the British Ambassador, the Minister of Costa Rica, the Minister of Guatemala, and the Minister of the Dominican Republic—who are now duly accredited members of the Diplomatic Corps.

Since Costa Rica had not been represented at Washington in several years, the arrival of the new minister, Dr. Oscar Beche, was an event of no little interest. He and Mrs. Beche, with their several children, have an apartment at the St. Nicholas. Guatemala's new representative is Dr. Julio Bianchi, who is accompanied by Mrs. Bianchi and their seven charming children. They have taken the residence 3300 Ontario road.

Emilio Joubert, the Minister of the Dominican Republic, served as minister here several years ago. He has an unusually handsome and attractive wife, and Mrs. Joubert was a great favorite in society during their previous residence here.

The British Ambassador and Lady Geddes will be the honor guests at a dinner which Senator and Mrs. Robert L. Owen will give on December 2.

Mrs. Bainbridge Colby will be at home tomorrow afternoon for the first time this season.

Mrs. Edwin T. Meredith, wife of the Secretary of Agriculture, and her daughter, Mrs. Frederic Bohlen, will go to New York today to spend the remainder of the week, so Mrs. Meredith will not receive tomorrow.

The Ambassador of Belgium and Baroness de Cartier de Marchienne, who have been in Europe since the early summer, will sail for France tomorrow en route to this city.

Mme. Boris Bakmeteff will be the guest of honor at luncheon tomorrow afternoon of Mrs. Henry Wilder Keyes. Mrs. Keyes will not be at home on Monday again until after the Christmas holidays.

The Polish Minister and Princess Lubomirska will be hosts at dinner on December 7.

Mrs. Slocum, wife of Col. Stephen L. Slocum, will entertain at a tea on December 7.

Dr. and Mrs. Loren Johnson will be hosts at a dinner tomorrow evening.

Col. and Mrs. Charles H. Patterson entertained a large party of young people at the National Theater last evening, among their guests being Miss Louise Delano, Miss Mildred Brownell, Miss Carolyn Nash, Miss Ruth Hitchcock, Arthur Yencken, Capt. J. F. Harker, Maj. Harold M. Raynor and a number of others.

Senator and Mrs. Willard Saulsbury, who have taken the Sheridan house for the winter, will entertain Washington a few days before Christmas.

CZECHOSLOVAK MINISTER LEAVES FOR NEW YORK. Dr. Bedrich Stepanek, newly appointed minister of Czechoslovakia, who arrived in Washington on Sunday, returned yesterday to New York to be gone several days.

The Italian delegation to the international communications conference entertained at dinner at Raucher's last evening in honor of the American, British, French and Japanese delegations. Guests were laid for fifty. The Italian delegation included Giuseppe Brambilla, charge d'affaires of the Italian Embassy; Comdr. Mirabelli, of the ministry of war; Comdr. Kainer, of the ministry of the navy; and Geisser Celesta, of the Italian Embassy. The guests included the Secretary of the Navy; the Postmaster General; the Hon. Norman H. Davis, acting Secretary of the Japanese Embassy; Baron Shidehara; M. Lane, president of the French delegation; Mr. Brown, head of the British delegation; Admiral Benbow, Assistant Postmaster General; Mr. Walter Rogers; Maj. Van S. Merle-Smith, Assistant Secretary of State; Maj. Gen. Sui-Brig. Gen. John Nolan, Admiral Bulard, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Vallance, Dr. McClaren, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Boal, Mr. Andrews, Capt. Bicknell, and Comdr. Craven, of the American delegation. The members of the British delegation are: Mr. C. Spragg, of the foreign office; Col. J. F. Robison and Capt. Echevarri, of the British admiralty; Mr. Madge, Mr. Phillips and Count de Lignieres, of the French delegation; and M. Erol, Gen. Ferris and M. Poulaine. The members of the orchestra numbered among its members the following instrumentalists:

Violins—Frieda Hauf Irwin, Estella Thomas, Salvatore Amato, Richard Bailey, Regina Vandever, Durwood Bowersox, Catherine Bowersox, Alden Call, Kenneth Douse, Norman Goldman, Rena Greenberg, C. B. Gray, Herman Wehe, Thilje Kravitz, Annie Marjey, M. W. Wooster, Marie Menzel, David Kushner, Madeline Norris, Lloyd Young, Jerome Krick, Fred V. Rand, Samuel Dasso, Grace Baiser, Donald Chaney, Ethel Cohn, Mary DeLane, William Fanger, George Geanaros, Emily Jung, Harry Mantzura, Kathryn McGwire, Benjamin Moss, Joseph Muir, Bernice Shepard, Dolores Spence, Florence Zimmerman, Ethel Waugh and Hyman Zimmerman.



MISS HELEN PARSONS. The pretty young daughter of Mrs. James L. Parsons, of Chevy Chase, who will be presented to society this season.

Social Calendar.

Today Mrs. Frank Harman, bridge and tea. Mrs. H. W. Keyes, luncheon. Col. and Mrs. Robert M. Thompson, theater party.

Tomorrow Mrs. Bainbridge Colby, at home. Yuletide Fete at the New Willard Hotel. Dr. and Mrs. Howard Hume, dinner at the Chevy Chase Club. Mrs. Donald McKewen, luncheon.

Cabinet day at homes. Dixie Chapter, U. D. C., bridge party at Wardman Park Hotel. Capt. and Mrs. G. E. Geim, reception to present their daughter, Miss Marjorie Geim. Christmas bazaar at St. Paul's Parish Church. Dr. and Mrs. Seren Johnson, dinner.

Thursday, December 2. Second day of Yuletide Fete. Comdr. C. T. Jewell, dinner at the Maison Dupont. Bazaar at chapel hall of the Church of the Transfiguration. Senator and Mrs. Robert L. Owen, dinner.

The Japanese delegation are Mr. Kagiyama, Gen. Inouye, Capt. Kiyokami, Mr. Saburi and Capt. Uyeda, and the members of the Italian Embassy are Col. di Berneseo, Capt. Ci-

STUDENTS PLAY CLASSIC MUSIC

Schubert and Haydn on Program of Washington College Concert.

The twenty-second students' concert at the Washington College of Music was given last night in the auditorium of Central High School before a large audience. An orchestra of sixty-five pieces played Schubert's Overture, "Rosamunde" and Haydn's "Symphonie Militaire" under the direction of C. E. Christiani.

Among the students participating in the program were: Miss Gladys Price, Herman Wehe, Benjamin Ratner, Mrs. W. Wright Deal, Durwood Bowersox, Miss Gertrude Locher, Mrs. Sue Childs Paul, Miss Rena Greenberg and Miss Gorsuch. The accompanying soloists were Miss Marjorie Davis and Miss Emma Louise Thompson.

The orchestra numbered among its members the following instrumentalists: Violins—Frieda Hauf Irwin, Estella Thomas, Salvatore Amato, Richard Bailey, Regina Vandever, Durwood Bowersox, Catherine Bowersox, Alden Call, Kenneth Douse, Norman Goldman, Rena Greenberg, C. B. Gray, Herman Wehe, Thilje Kravitz, Annie Marjey, M. W. Wooster, Marie Menzel, David Kushner, Madeline Norris, Lloyd Young, Jerome Krick, Fred V. Rand, Samuel Dasso, Grace Baiser, Donald Chaney, Ethel Cohn, Mary DeLane, William Fanger, George Geanaros, Emily Jung, Harry Mantzura, Kathryn McGwire, Benjamin Moss, Joseph Muir, Bernice Shepard, Dolores Spence, Florence Zimmerman, Ethel Waugh and Hyman Zimmerman.

Violins: Robert Stearns and Charles B. Sornberger; cellos: Mitchell Bliss, Mary H. Hinshaw, Jean Small, Ralph Jense and Spencer Prentiss; double bass: W. F. Doyle and Ludwig Naacker; timpani: Elphonso Youngs; futes: W. H. Jeanprecht, Carl Shepard and Henry Tilton; clarinet: Leonard Wilson; cornets: A. C. Costas and Gilbert Monck; trombone: Frank Schissel; saxophone: W. H. Tonne and piano, Miss Marjorie Davis and Miss Frances Paxton.

A collection was taken for the Junior Red Croquet to be applied to the Central High School quota. How to Make Fig Pudding. One cup chopped figs, 1 cup milk, 1 cup molasses, 1 1/2 cups graham flour, 1/4 teaspoon soda moistened with hot water. Steam three hours.

Vanderbilt Heirs to Dispose Of Magnificent House In New York.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—The decision of the W. K. Vanderbilt heirs to dispose of the magnificent house at Fifty-second street and Fifth avenue started anew the rumor that the dowager, Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, was on the point of giving up her equally well-known residence at 1 West Fifty-seventh street. But such a calamity—it would be no less—is averted happily for the time being, as she has just opened her establishment for the winter.

The Granards—Ogden Mills' titled daughter and son-in-law—are planning a visit to the Pacific Coast before returning to England next spring. Since their arrival in this country last week they have been at the Mills country place in Staatsburgh and will be at 2 East Sixty-ninth street for Christmas.

After having successfully eluded the social spotlight, due to wretched health, Lady Camoys—Mrs. William Watts Sherman's daughter—is being treated to take notice, and quite recently has accepted Saturday afternoon invitations, a thing she has not done since coming to these shores late in the summer.

Mrs. Richard Stevens, who has been at White Sulphur Springs, is to give a dinner at the St. Regis two weeks from next Friday night, afterward taking her guests to Mrs. Belmont Tiffany's dance. Mrs. Tiffany's dance is in honor of her niece, Miss Mary Cameron, Duncan Cameron's daughter.

Now that Mrs. Whitney Warren and her nephew, Robert Walton Golet, are back from Paris perhaps an authoritative statement will be made as to the reported engagement of young Golet to a daughter of France and maybe something definite about the forthcoming wedding of Whitney Warren, Jr., and Geraldine Miller Graham.

It is rumored that young Golet's wedding to Miss Guelier will be solemnized in Paris early next month. Mrs. Vincent Astor, Mrs. Henry Potter Russell, Mrs. J. Theus Munds, Mrs. Winthrop Cowdin, Mrs. Herbert Kennedy, next Saturday afternoon prominent women are among the list of patronesses for the Marshall Stillman evening, to be held in the grand ballroom of the Commodore Hotel on the evening of December 14.

Next Thursday evening the Greenwich House will hold its annual benefit dance at the Pendryville Hotel. Mrs. Henry H. DeLion, Mrs. George Gordon Battle, Mrs. Oliver Harriman, Mrs. Herbert Parsons, Mrs. Charles Hughes, Mrs. Willard Straight, and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney are among the patronesses.

Mrs. Stuart Hanna and Miss Natalie Hanna will hold a reception at their home, 230 West Avenue Saturday afternoon, December 11. The wedding of Miss Marie R. Glover, daughter of Mrs. Walter E. Glover, of 315 Park avenue, to the Rev. Dr. J. Jennings, Lynnham, will be solemnized on Thursday at noon, in the Lady Chapel of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

John Gordon, who is a daughter of Mrs. J. Gordon, of 65 West Ninth street, is one of those artistic personages who add no end of tone to the smart set, and her betrothal to one Blake Orles will come as a complete surprise. Her wedding will take place next month.

Julian Tomlinson Bishop, who will marry Miss Emille Posey Kennedy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albin M. Bishop, of 65 West Ninth street, will be celebrated on Saturday afternoon in St. James' Church, Philadelphia, gave his farewell bachelor dinner Saturday night at the Yale Club. His guests included J. K. Turner, F. E. Jennings, Lynnham Schaff and J. A. Richards, of this city; F. G. Cunningham and J. H. Desbours, of Washington, D. C., and R. E. Hanson, of Baltimore, Md.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Dorothy Wintner Kirk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Kirk, of Beverly, N. J., to Comdr. Edward C. Hamner, Construction Corps, U. S. Navy.

Mrs. T. DeWitt Talmadge has come from Washington, D. C., and is at the Baltimore for a few days. Mrs. Richard Stevens will give a dinner at the St. Regis on the night of December 17, and afterward taking her guests to Mrs. Belmont Tiffany's dance at the Ritz-Carlton for her niece, Miss Mary Cameron.

Whitney Warren, Jr., who has been in France since the late summer, will return to New York next month. Miss Anne Morgan has returned to 219 Madison avenue from Providence, R. I., where she was the guest of the Misses Chase.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleming Tuckerman, who have been spending a month at the LaFayette Cottage, Newport, will return here today. Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. MacFarland, of 900 St. Marks avenue, Brooklyn, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Marion G. MacFarland, to William Siegrist, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Siegrist, of Brooklyn and Sound Beach, Conn.

Announcement has been made by Mrs. Charles Anthony Zinderstein, of Brookline, Mass., of the engagement of her daughter, Miss Marion Gall Zinderstein, to John Butler Jessup, of Wilmington, Del., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wyans Jessup, of 901 Lexington avenue.

What's Going On in Civic Centers

General Civic Center, Central High School, Eleventh and Clifton streets northwest—The Boy Scouts of America Band, troops No. 43 and 45 of the East Washington Community Center, Eastern High School will be the special attraction tonight. The program will be a concert under the personal direction of James Leonard Kidwell, scoutmaster and leader of the Boy Scout band of Washington was organized September 16, 1916, in an old stable on B street, between Sixth and Seventh streets southeast and was then known as troop 42, and is the outgrowth of a drum and bugle corps, organized March 17, 1913, by the present leader, James Leonard Kidwell, the meetings of the drum and bugle corps being held in a barn on Congress Heights. From that time its services have been frequently sought for civic and charitable functions. There will be no admission charge, but a silver collection will be taken. The collection will be used as a solution to its financial aid in purchasing new instruments. The concert is to be given in the auditorium and the public is cordially invited.

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