

NEW YORK.

- 203. Henry Clark Shearman, Maple Springs, N. Y.
641. Harry Stanley Martin, Dunkirk, N. Y.
1669. Lansing Pruyn Wood, Albany, N. Y.
1963. Joseph Edward Almon, New York, N. Y.
1969. Charles Cleveland Rodarmor, New York, N. Y.
1988. James Franklin Welch, New York City.
2888. Charles Frederick Byers, New York, N. Y.
4667. John Henry Brown, New York, N. Y.

NORTH DAKOTA.

- 4392. Orlin Collin Saries, Hillsboro, N. D.

OKLAHOMA TERRITORY.

- 4122. William Byron Adamson, Jefferson, O. T.

OHIO.

- 246. James Alexander Porter, Middletown, O.
328. Lewis Philip Lewin, Cincinnati, O.
646. Frank Henry McFarlan, Cincinnati, O.
1086. John Robert Goboy, Columbus, O.
1119. Frank Arthur Weaver, Canton, O.
2032. Ulysses Grant Frederick, Akron, O.
2036. Eugene Merrick Carleton, Cleveland, O.
2712. Walter Gallagher Fisher, Wilmington, O.
2766. Charles Seley Green, Fostoria, O.
3123. John Babington McCauley Stevens, Lima, O.
3764. Horatio Carey Creith, Columbus, O.
3833. John Howard Davies, Dayton, O.
4132. Silas Rynolds McConnell, Huron, O.
4473. William Otto Paxton, Cincinnati, O.
4667. Carl Carlos Burnett, Cleveland, O.
4842. Richard Graham Gebhart, Dayton, O.
4842. Frederick John Kraitsfeld, Toledo, O.
4982. Lynn DeVere Haled, Winton Place, O.

OREGON.

- 1048. Thomas Apperson Coleman, Hobsonville, Ore.
3222. Charles Albert Conro, Portland, Ore.

PENNSYLVANIA.

- 2086. Fred. William Aldrich, Pittsburg, Pa.
2576. Robert Gillespie Kay, Philadelphia, Pa.
3311. William Leo Enos, Allegheny, Pa.
3993. Hamilton Iron Age Sheppard, Pittsburg, Pa.
4770. William Paul Nolan, Philadelphia, Pa.
4840. Walter Little Ewa Adams, Pittsburg, Pa.

TENNESSEE.

- 567. Winfield Scott Hoskins, Chattanooga, Tenn.
944. George Erasmus Scott, Dyersburg, Tenn.
2351. Earle Nashville Bartholomew, Nashville, Tenn.
2354. Chauncey Be Benedict, Nashville, Tenn.
2880. William Adam Dolph, Memphis, Tenn.
2883. Henry Southern Clark, South Fork, Tenn.
3048. Thomas James McGeoy, Memphis, Tenn.
3637. John Christopher Buroh, Nashville, Tenn.
3654. Frank Darby Chollar, Sherwood, Tenn.
3715. John Frank Dale, Nashville, Tenn.
3716. John Bleyde Moore, Nashville, Tenn.
3717. James Edwin Allison, Nashville, Tenn.
3821. Wellington Olean Harter, Chattanooga, Tenn.
3822. Herbert Orison Crawford, Chattanooga, Tenn.
4039. John Owen Kirkpatrick, Jr., Nashville, Tenn.
4262. Robert Lawrence Washington, Chattanooga, Tenn.
4541. John Wallace James, Memphis, Tenn.
4638. Rush Overton Bean, Nashville, Tenn.
4726. Pombroke Summers Cox, Oliver Springs, Tenn.
4962. James Henry Kirkland, Memphis, Tenn.
4966. Frank Benjamin Teachout, Nashville, Tenn.

TEXAS.

- 64. Guy Henry Mallam, Beaumont, Tex.
131. David Keller Newsam, Beaumont, Tex.
480. James Noah Howell Johnston, Houston, Tex.

- 522. William Cyrus Campbell, Belton, Tex.
536. Benjamin Rush Norvell, Beaumont, Tex.
546. Arthur Jarvis Schreman, Houston, Tex.
547. Arthur Freeman Sharp, Houston, Tex.
1064. William Isaac Woodruff, San Antonio, Tex.
1411. Thomas Eastin Spotswood, Beaumont, Tex.
1650. William Eli Hiale, Houston, Tex.
1672. James Mud Hole, Meridian, Tex.
2658. Oscar Charles Gussas, San Antonio, Tex.
2694. James Punch Simpson, San Antonio, Tex.
2696. Hans Louis Degener, San Antonio, Tex.
3125. Robert Donnell Field, Temple, Tex.
3126. Edward Examiner Scholibo, Houston, Tex.
3147. Cap Case Hill, Dallas, Tex.
4160. Charles Anderson Reas, Waco, Tex.
4164. Morgan Speechless Perkins, Dallas, Tex.
4167. Frederick Augustine Wakefield, San Antonio, Tex.
4266. Thomas William Hill, Sweet Home, Tex.
4267. Almon Benton Axtell, Dallas, Tex.
4524. Harry Yelverton Newsam, Beaumont, Tex.
4926. James Hays Quarles, Waco, Tex.
5430. William Webster Willson, Beaumont, Tex.

UNKNOWN.

- 1971. James Addison McKenney, unknown.
2159. William Avoirdupois Inglis, unknown.
2266. George Michael Schank, unknown.
2936. Newton Smith Thomas, unknown.
3930. Louis Bernard Wilhelm, unknown.
4260. Frank Hawthorne McLane, unknown.
4312. C. W. Green.

WASHINGTON.

- 468. Howard Elliott Henderson, New Whatcom, Wash.
2068. James Hardhead Perkins, Seattle, Wash.
2011. Cornelius Hummingbird Crane, Seattle, Wash.
2021. Cyrus Abel Mentzer, Tacoma, Wash.
2420. George E. Hallock, Seattle, Wash.
2421. George Washington Reed, Burlington, Wash.
3029. James Peace Cathness, Everett, Wash.
3499. Eugene Waldo Drury, Seattle, Wash.
3663. John Fensley Soule, Hoquiam, Wash.
3627. Joseph Mark Donoghue, Ballard, Wash.
4416. Herbert Overweight Agassiz, Seattle, Wash.

WISCONSIN.

- 503. Julius Elias Hansen, DeForest, Wis.
536. Elias Edwin Christie, Milwaukee, Wis.
703. James William Cameron, Milwaukee, Wis.
706. Corlies Engine Cleveland, Eau Claire, Wis.
710. Frederick Lewis Hudson, Wausau, Wis.
726. Frank Lockhart Tibbits, Milwaukee, Wis.
784. Frank Hunter Pardo, Wausau, Wis.
846. William Andrew Fair, Oshkosh, Wis.
863. Robert Uppers Fair, Oshkosh, Wis.
860. Frank Allison Fuller, Oshkosh, Wis.
862. Frank Spalter Challenor, Oshkosh, Wis.
863. William Calvin Ruckman, Oshkosh, Wis.
890. Webster Everett Brown, Rhinelander, Wis.
897. Eugene Leroy Lemma, Stevens Point, Wis.
1191. James Van Rensselaer LeClair, West Superior, Wis.
1206. William Dahلمان Hogan, Ashland, Wis.
1212. Eugene Arthur Shores, Jr., Ashland, Wis.
1299. Louis Augustus Rousseau, Madison, Wis.
1322. George Edward Foster, Merrill, Wis.
1326. Hugh Maude Rodgers, Tomahawk, Wis.
1330. Christian Nelson Johnson, Merrill, Wis.
1366. Ellihu Pennyroyal Blaisdell, Hazelhurst, Wis.
1384. George Sullivan Brink, Janesville, Wis.
1497. Oscar Martin Smith, Tomahawk, Wis.

- 1514. Fred. Eugene McWithey, Tomahawk, Wis.
1517. Thomas Isaac Laughlin, Menocqua, Wis.
1566. John Henry Young, Eau Claire, Wis.
1568. Charles Jason Samuels, Eau Claire, Wis.
1568. James Howard Brooks, Eau Claire, Wis.
1569. Henry Cleveland Putnam, Eau Claire, Wis.
1584. Vincent Walter James, Eau Claire, Wis.
1601. Kirby Cat Thomas, West Superior, Wis.
1617. Albert Benjamin Carson, Milwaukee, Wis.
1630. Theodore Henry Earle, Darlington, Wis.
1634. George Hastings Clough, Mazo Manie, Wis.
1723. Jno. Jasper McGeehan, High Bridge, Wis.
1724. Charles Wesley Tyler, Mellen, Wis.
1733. Joseph Edwin Cochran, Ashland, Wis.
1744. Burton Henry Thrall, Tomahawk, Wis.
1767. Frank Henry Sweet, Fond-du-Lac, Wis.
1779. Waldo Wagon Tongue Sweet, Fond-du-Lac, Wis.
1810. Lewis Miller Alexander, Milwaukee, Wis.
1823. Jacob Ladder Klumb, Rhinelander, Wis.
1833. Charles Lucius Potter, Viroqua, Wis.
2326. Arthur Frederick Winter, Sheboygan, Wis.
2422. Alfred Smokestack Ruslie, Lena, Wis.
2471. John Shag Bark Daley, Grand Rapids, Wis.
2474. William Bran Mash Scott, Jr., Grand Rapids, Wis.
2476. Henry Ahira Sampson, Grand Rapids, Wis.
2478. John G. Devill O'Day, Merrill, Wis.
2479. Andrew Windpipe Christensen, Necedah, Wis.
2486. Irwin Edward Ingie, Sherry, Wis.
2545. George Edward McDill, Stevens Point, Wis.
2560. Frank William Canfield, Merrill, Wis.
2563. Forrest Whitney Kingsbury, Stevens Point, Wis.
2746. Bernard Arthur Brennan, Milwaukee, Wis.
2784. Leslie Henry Willett, Merrill, Wis.
3071. Peter John Belknap, Ashland, Wis.
3073. Emil Cold Shot Garnich, Ashland, Wis.
3084. Willie Edward Cooper, Merrimack, Wis.
3086. Heber Lockhart Tibbits, Milwaukee, Wis.
3107. Arthur Sigmaki Babbitt, Madison, Wis.
3204. Harry Noble Butler, Rhinelander, Wis.
3436. Louis Horsey Friod, Merrill, Wis.
3438. George August Schroeder, Merrill, Wis.
3442. James Edward Mullen, Merrill, Wis.
3445. Peter William Walsh, Merrill, Wis.
3448. Oliver Joseph Cotey, Merrill, Wis.
3466. Franklin Basawood Cumings, Marshfield, Wis.
3476. Henry Simon Wunderlich, Mayking, Wis.
3486. Benjamin Bonds Heineinan, Wausau, Wis.
3632. George Thomas Thompson, Eau Claire, Wis.
3638. Frederick Charles Leonard, Eau Claire, Wis.
3641. Charles William Lockwood, Eau Claire, Wis.
3682. Henry Denton Davis, Eau Claire, Wis.
3696. Ernest Lisle Helmbaugh, West Superior, Wis.
3601. Edmund Osborne Hawksett, Eau Claire, Wis.
3694. George Ritchie Lindsay, Manawa, Wis.
3764. Lawrence Greasy Cook Ward, Milwaukee, Wis.
3770. Charles Ebenezer Babcock, Necedah, Wis.
3861. William Fredrick Daubenberger, Prairie-du-Chien, Wis.
4106. John Franklin Jardine, Waupaca, Wis.
4171. Caleb Joseph Shearer, Waupaca, Wis.

MISCELLANEOUS.

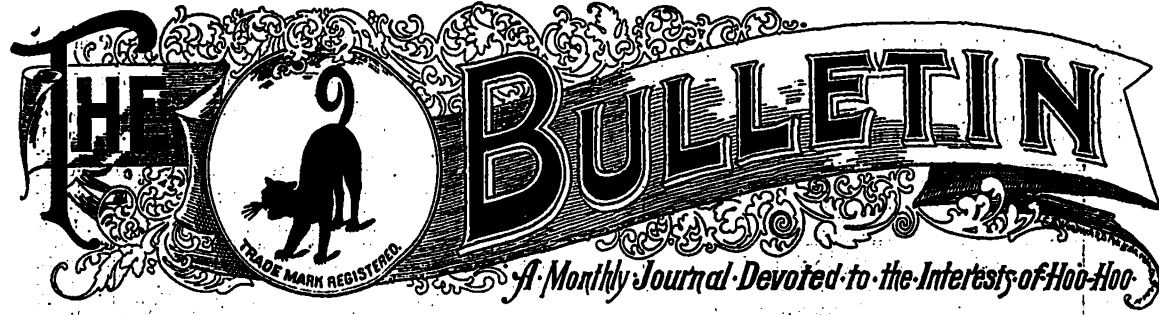
- 1864. Lionel Geo. Henry Rivers, London, Eng.
2417. John Solomon Day, Skagway, Alaska.
2666. Tristram Ichabod Jordan, Wilmington, Vt.
2831. Sydney George Reynolds, St. Michael, Alaska.
4191. Junius Atmore Pride, Spartanburg, S. C.

WANTED.—Situation, South, as planing mill foreman. Have had twenty-five years experience in white pine, poplar and yellow pine. Understand planing mill machinery, and grading of lumber thoroughly. Address J. T. Carmody, No. 861, 125 W. 18th St., Chicago, Ill.

WANTED.—Position as lumber stenographer. Have had several years experience as stenographer, and also quite an experience in lumber business. Would prefer going to Texas or Colorado, or some place further north than where I am at present situated. Will work for reasonable salary to begin with. Address No. 6743, Box 184, Monroe, La.

WANTED.—Position as bookkeeper for lumber firm. Thoroughly understand the office work in all branches of the business. Willing to go anywhere. Have always commanded good salary, but am willing to start in with any good firm and demonstrate my worth by my work. Have had fifteen years experience in office work in lumber business, and can furnish as reference the names of former employers. Address me at Shreveport, La. No. 539.

WANTED.—With some good Southern mill, either to go on road or handle correspondence at mill. Am well posted on grades and values in both yellow pine and hardwoods, and know the trade in Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin. Have also traveled in the East. Can furnish the very best of references. Address P. A. G. C. I., care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.



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Comments on Concatenations.

The Shreveport concatenation occurred on the lucky Hoo-Hoo date of December 9, and Nature herself cooperated in the celebration and contributed an eight-inch fall of snow, a thing which had not happened there for many years. If there is anything the Louisiana people enjoy, it is a snowstorm; and old and young alike went wild with delight. Everybody was in high spirits and in a mood to enjoy the fun. Vicegerent Curtis Scovell was ably assisted by Brother T. Q. Martin, who made so excellent a record as Vicegerent last year, and who was indefatigable in his efforts to render the meeting an entire success. The following is the account of the concatenation which appeared next morning in the Shreveport "Times":

"The Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo held a concatenation here last night, which was participated in by all the jolly members of this noted organization. The Hoo-Hoo Order is by no means a joke, as some on the outside may be misled to think by the queer nomenclature used in the Order. The Hoo-Hoo is a secret Order, the membership in which is restricted to gentlemen who are principally engaged in the lumber trade and others who supply these lumbermen, and newspaper men. The term 'lumbermen' brings in the men who manufacture machinery and supplies used by lumbermen, the officials of all railroads who do the hauling for the lumbermen; in fact, the word 'lumbermen' is broad enough to include shingle and stave manufacturers and all those who deal in lumber, either as retailers or wholesalers. "The Hoo-Hoo Order now boasts of a membership of something over 6,000, although it has been in existence only six years. The governing board of the Order is a 'Supreme Nine,' elected each year on Hoo-Hoo Day, which is on the ninth day of September each year. Each State having nine or more members is entitled to a Vicegerent Snark, appointed by the Supreme Nine and holding office for one year. The Vicegerent of Louisiana for last Hoo-Hoo year was the popular gentleman and wor-

The Practical Side.

WANTED.—Position in yard or office in yellow pine mill or on the road. Good references. W. A. Welch, No. 5022, Miss. City, Miss.

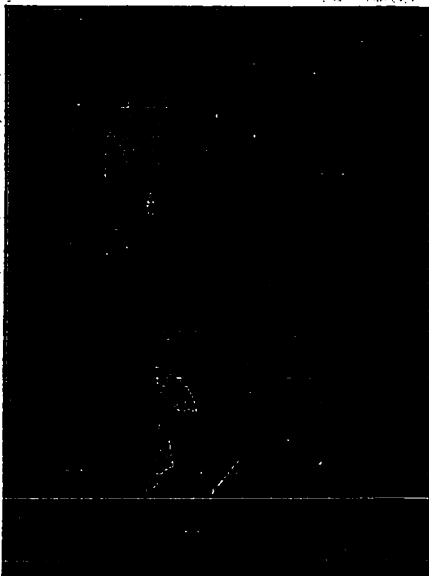
WANTED.—Position in Mississippi or Louisiana as planing mill foreman. Have twenty years' experience; am competent, and can furnish reference. Address No. 5488, Brookhaven, Miss.

WANTED.—Situation as traveling salesman for some yellow pine concerns. Well acquainted with Indiana and Illinois territory. Thirteen years' experience. Address C. Wells, care Sherman House, Indianapolis, Ind.

WANTED.—Position as local or traveling salesman, or office correspondent, by a practical man, having had years of experience in the lumber trade. Best references. Address No. 97, Flat C, 659 Mississippi Street, St. Paul, Minn.

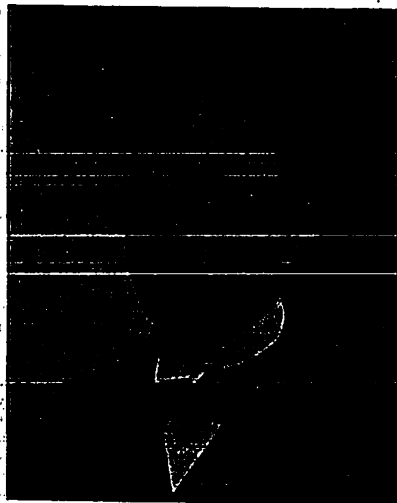
WANTED.—Position with some good firm, as bookkeeper or general office man. Can furnish best of references from past employers. Willing to go anywhere. Address C. M. Bunker (No. 3759), 516 Endicott Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.

thy citizen, Mr. T. Q. Martin, who has a record for his active interest in the Order. The present Vicegerent in Louisiana is Mr. Curtis Scovell, one of Shreveport's prominent business men. Mr. Scovell is winning a record by his work in the Order, and he fully deserves the official honors bestowed upon him by the Hoo-Hoo.



MR. CURTIS SCOVELL, VICEGERENT FOR NORTHERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA.

"The concatenation opened last night by the admission of a number of applicants. Only those who have seen these initiations can appreciate the full meaning of the Hoo-Hoo Order. On this part of the ceremony the curtain is drawn, and the public are not permitted to probe into the mysteries surrounding the initiation, which is indulged in strictly by the members of the Order.



MR. T. Q. MARTIN, OF SHREVEPORT, WHO MADE A RECORD LAST YEAR IN LOUISIANA.

"At the conclusion of the initiatory ceremonies the Order transacted matters of business brought before it, and the banquet followed.

"Prior to the concatenation, Mayor McKellar met the officers of the Order, and turned over to them the keys of the city. 'Gentlemen,' said the Mayor, 'they tell me that your black cats occupy the roofs, but I want to state to you that not only are the roofs of all the houses in Shreve-

port at your disposal, but the streets also. You own the town to-night, and can get anything you want.'

"Arriving at the hall, the interesting ceremonies of the Order were performed.

"The following comprises a list of those who were in attendance: W. H. Mason, Jr., C. S. Scovell, city; J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.; G. M. Agurs, John B. White, New Orleans; D. C. McClannahan, J. W. Atkins, J. C. Orr, Knox Point; H. H. Prescott, C. C. Hardman, Isaac Barron, E. H. Vordenbaumen, E. B. Rand, J. P. Flournoy, Thomas B. Chase, R. T. Curry, L. N. Manahan, city; C. B. Sweet, Hudson, Ark.; W. H. Hearne, Timpson, Texas; W. M. Jameson, J. F. Davis, Memphis, Tenn.; Harry C. Spring, St. Louis; B. A. Kobler, R. E. Lutzkol, F. C. Buckelew, W. A. Pleasants, T. G. Ford, F. W. Howers, S. B. Johnson, S. N. Kerley, A. T. Kahn, C. S. McClure, A. W. Cheesman, city; Warren Richardson, Hazlehurst, Miss.; N. W. Buckelew, T. Q. Martin, F. W. Kane, city; W. S. Knox, Atlanta, Texas.

"The banquet took place in the spacious dining room of the City Hotel. It was one of the most elaborate spreads ever placed before the Order of Black Cats, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

"MENU.

Oysters, with the Bark Off.
Anchovis in Shacks. Splintered Trout.
Wood Olives. Shaved Celery.
Quartered Beef, Bull Wheel.
Mary was Mad, and Shingled the Lamb.
Long-leaf Pommes de Terre.
Sapling Pig, Cone Fed.
Ducks Picked, 1st Stabs and Edging.
Turkey Heart, no Knobs; Stuffed with Shavings.
Capon on 2x4 Blocks. Quail au Raft.
Skidded Ham, a la Champaigne.
Mayonnaise Hoo-Hoo. Mucedone of Fruits.
H-o-l-y B-o-o-j-u-m Punch.
Brandy Jelly, with Planer. Cake on Sticks and Limbs.
Walnuts. Hickory Nuts. Banana Planks.
Cottonwood Oranges. Pine Cheese.
Fruits, Lumbermen, and Cats.
Log Beer. Give the Kitten Coffee.
Crackers, Kilt-dried."

At Cordele, Ga., on December 7, was held a most enjoyable and successful meeting. It was the first concatenation held in Georgia during this Hoo-Hoo year, and was under the immediate charge of the new Vicegerent for the Western District, Brother C. M. Killian. The men initiated were of high standing and character, and the meeting was altogether a most pleasant one. Brother Killian was ably assisted by Brothers W. S. Wilson, T. E. King, C. H. Morgan, W. L. Jessup, D. A. Reid, S. D. Ravenel, C. C. Cutts, and F. J. Moore. Georgia has an excellent record, and it is confidently believed that her two Vicegerents will this year add fresh laurels to her crown. The work has started off well, and doubtless at the finish Georgia will stand well up toward the head of the list.

At Savannah, Ga., December 22, Vicegerent William Denhardt held a concatenation that was a glorious and hilarious success. Eighteen new members were gathered in, and the ceremonies were conducted on that high plane which distinguishes these Georgia meetings. Supreme Custodian Harry W. Anderson was present, and rendered valuable aid; and Brother Denhardt was also assisted by Brothers William B. Stillwell, C. W. Howard, A. B. Palmer, W. E. Grady, J. W. Thomas, W. G. Sullive, W. F. Baker, and R. G. Stevens. The local paper says of the meeting:

"The Knights of Pythias Hall was filled last night with purring old cats and purring kittens. There was no end to them. They swarmed on the roof and got into the hall from all sides. They were not very quiet, either. The occasion was the usual fall concatenation of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo. The cats were the older members; and the kittens, those who wanted to be taken in out of the dark of the outer world and shown the beauties and mysteries of the beautiful land of Hoo-Hoo. They were taken in. The path to Hoo-Hoo Land as they found it was not a straight one, but it was awful narrow. Be-

sides this, it was beset with many obstacles. The kittens stood the tests well. After a few good old cuts get through with a kitten, he is either feeling mighty good or mighty bad. It depends upon his liver and how the older cats who are putting him through his paces feel.

"The kitten class last night was large, and was composed of gentlemen who were prepared to brave any dangers to be permitted finally to gambol in the onion and catnip patches to be found only in the domains of the Great Black Cat.

"From eight o'clock until twelve the kittens were being introduced to the secrets of the Order. The occasion was a merry one for everybody but the kittens. They enjoyed it a little later in the evening.

"At the conclusion of the secret work the members, new and old, were invited to the banquet room of the hall, where a supper was served. Here there was a good deal of speechmaking. Mr. Denhardt was toastmaster. Among the speakers was Mr. W. W. Starr, who is honorary member No. 1 of the entire Hoo-Hoo world. He was followed by Mr. Harry Anderson, of Atlanta, who frequently comes to Savannah to help his friends take care of the new kittens. Mr. J. Ferris Cann and others also made speeches."

Brother F. D. Bodman, Vicegerent for the Western District of Tennessee, held his first meeting at Memphis on December 18. Fifteen kittens were initiated, and the meeting was a most enjoyable one. Brother Bodman was assisted by Brothers E. R. Cooledge, W. E. Barnes, J. D. Allen, Jr., R. P. Towner, E. J. Smith, John T. Williams, L. N. Kimmerer, and F. X. Diebold. With so energetic a man as Brother Bodman for Vicegerent for the Western District, and with Brother W. H. Wilson, of Chattanooga, who is quite a hustler likewise, to look after things in the Eastern District, Tennessee is expected to make a record this year. The local paper had the following regarding the Memphis concatenation:

"The banquet lasted until about midnight; and when the time for leaving the table came, the convention adjourned sine die. All the Hoo-Hoo in this immediate section of the great realm of the King of the Nines were out for a good time last night. The occasion was the concatenation that occurred in the Knights of Honor Hall, on Hernando street. This is an Order to which only railroad men who come in direct touch with lumbermen, lumbermen, and lumber newspaper men are eligible; and whenever there is a concatenation, there is always a big time in store for the brothers. Last night a good class of kittens, some ten or fifteen in number, was initiated; and at last accounts they were all celebrating their introduction into the fraternal society of the Black Cat with great solemnity. Several local men were concatenated. F. D. Bodman and John H. Turner are two of the local Hoo-Hoo who worked up the class.

"After the concatenation, which was notable for the class of kittens, the cats had a spread on the roof."

The Jonesboro (Ark.) concatenation also occurred on December 9, and seventeen good men were initiated under the auspices of Vicegerent H. A. Culver, assisted by Brothers G. W. Schwartz, A. L. Towner, F. H. Jones, W. H. Cogswell, A. C. Reed, R. McCreery, S. J. Bunker, and R. W. Merivether. This is the second concatenation held in Arkansas this Hoo-Hoo year, the other one having taken place at Paragould on October 25. The Jonesboro meeting was a great success, and Hoo-Hoo is probably on a better footing now in Arkansas, the parent State, than ever before. Brother Culver is a man of energy and push, and this initial meeting is but an earnest of the good work he will undoubtedly accomplish during the year.

The concatenation at Vicksburg on November 30 will be long remembered by all those who were fortunate enough to be present. It occurred during the State Fair, or Exposition, which was held at Vicksburg, and there were a number of visitors on hand. The concatenation had been well worked up by the local committee, and everything went on without a hitch. The following breezy notice of the affair appeared in the local paper:

"A concatenation of that ancient and mysterious, as well as hilarious, Order, known as Hoo-Hoo, was held at Masonic Hall last night, at which a grand old jollification was had. The local Order has been busy by its committee—Messrs. A. L. Jaquith, John and William Curphey, Tom Middleton, J. J. Hayes, Eugene Platt, John Mulligan, Jr., John McDermott, and a 'whole raft' of others—to greet the visiting Hoo-Hoo, and it has been done in no 'lumbering' manner, for such 'timber' as they are composed of 'saw' that everything was clean 'cut' and 'square'; and they moved as if they had a 'thousand feet' to find 'plane' 'board' for their guests, and not 'slab' a 's(h)ingle' one in the 'bundle,' and that's no joke. The arrivals from abroad, prominent Hoo-Hoo all, were noted as follows: N. A. Gladding, Indianapolis; B. M. Gladding, Memphis; W. E. Barnes, St. Louis; W. M. Jameson, Memphis; J. F. Lomasney, Nashville; J. O. Tate, St. Louis; F. D. Bodman, Memphis; J. B. Cabell, Memphis; J. H. Beland, Beardon, Ark.; J. A. Relehan, Natchez, Miss.; A. T. Purvis, Purvis, Miss.; H. V. Booth, Lorenzen, Miss.; C. C. Reed, Memphis; H. C. Barrow, New Orleans; H. C. Hyman, New Orleans.

"The visiting members and their hosts formed in ranks at their hostelry and headquarters, the Hotel Piazza, at eight o'clock last night, and, headed by the Grand Snark of the Universe in a cart drawn by a diminutive donkey, proceeded in a gorgeous parade behind a big brass band to Masonic Hall, where the concatenation was held, and mirth and jollity prevailed over the interesting ceremonies of the event. Thirteen new members were admitted to the mystic Order. To-day all will attend the big fair."

In addition to the above, Brother T. A. Middleton, to whom the credit of working up the meeting belongs; kindly furnishes us with the following:

"Vicksburg, Miss., December 6, 1898.—The long-looked-for meet at Vicksburg came off as scheduled, December 1, and was a howling success. Thirteen kittens presented themselves, and were admitted into the mystic Order of Hoo-Hoo with the most improved ritual. On account of very important business, our Vicegerent Snark, John Mason, was unable to attend, and the duties of that office were most successfully carried out by F. D. Bodman, Vicegerent Snark of Tennessee, who is certainly a hard worker for our grand Order. The meeting was honored by the presence of our Grand Snark, N. A. Gladding, and the old wheel horse of Hoo-Hoo, W. E. Barnes, to whom much of the success of the meeting is due. Brothers Joe Cabell and J. F. Davis, of Memphis, also rendered valuable assistance. Many other prominent Hoo-Hoo came long journeys to attend. Our parade was led by a fine band, and next in order was Brother Davis, a 300-pounder, with Hoo-Hoo robe in a miniature buggy drawn by a Mexican burro (Brother Davis asks that we have something easier to drive next time); then came a pair of goats drawing a cage, which contained nine black cats; next the thirteen kittens in iron chains, followed by our worthy brothers. Fully sixty Hoo-Hoo took part in the grandest meeting Vicksburg ever held. The 'On the Roof' was the best the city afforded. The local Hoo-Hoo who deserve special mention for their untiring work are Brothers W. Curphey, A. L. Jaquith, John McDermott, and John Mulligan. 4402."

From the initiates and other sources frequent references to the "thirteenth man" of this concatenation continuing to reach us, we addressed a note to Brother Middleton to know what about him. He says:

"Vicksburg, Miss., December 6, 1898.—Dear Scrivenor: Your letter of the 5th inst. just appeared as I was about to close a letter to you; so I will tell you a few things about the 'thirteenth man.' When we were about to lead the kittens in the first time, Captain J. J. Powers, who was weakening fast, but could find no excuse, suddenly discovered he was the 'thirteenth man,' and became superstitious, and positively declined to go in. Hoo-Hoo was never beaten; so Brother Jameson, of Memphis, who was not known to the Captain, was picked out as a good man to initiate. So, getting out a back way, he reentered where the Captain was, and remarked that, if not too late, he wished to be initiated. Of course he was eligible. We could not decline him; so he being the 'fourteenth man,' the Captain could not think up another excuse, and took his medicine. After he discovered the game played on him, he was very angry, but now is, and will be, our best Hoo-Hoo. 4402."

Some Personal Mention.

Brother F. T. Rumbarger (No. 5972), of the Rumbarger Company, of Philadelphia, Pa., spent several days in Nashville about the middle of the month. Brother Rumbarger was one of the initiates at the very enjoyable concatenation held in Cincinnati, on November 3, during the session of the hardwood-men's association. His company have not heretofore been doing business so far West as Tennessee, but hereafter they expect to draw a large portion of their stock from this section. They now handle hardwoods exclusively. Brother Rumbarger seemed favorably impressed with Nashville as a producing point, and we hope to have the pleasure of frequent visits from him.

Brother G. W. Gladding (No. 102), of E. C. Atkins & Co.'s Memphis branch, was in our office a few days ago. He had just come from Columbia, where he ran afoul of the Mississippi soldiers, who had just been paid off, and were in a mood to raise more or less Hades. They had swarmed all over the town and filled the hotel to overflowing. Brother Gladding was content to sleep on a cot in the parlor, with a fur rug wrapped around him, but his nerve gave way when a soldier on the other side of the room, similarly wrapped in a rug, jumped up, and, in the wild frenzy of a hideous nightmare, proceeded to give and execute the orders: "Make ready! Aim! Fire!" Brother Gladding now feels that he is a scared, if not a scarred, veteran, and is making his preparations to apply for a pension.

Brother W. D. Link (No. 2959) paid us a short visit on his way home to spend the Christmas holidays. Brother Link is vice president of the E. M. Link Machinery Company, of Erie, Pa.; but some years ago he married a Southern girl, and as Mahomet had to go to the mountain because it would not go to him, even so Brother Link had to make his home in the South, and so his place of residence is Talladega, Ala. His territory, however, is, as he expresses it, "the world." He is the mechanical head of his firm, and he personally supervises the setting up of nearly all the machinery they sell. Brother Link has a wide acquaintance with the mill men of the South, and he keeps about as closely in touch with them as any other machinery man in America.

Brother D. A. Lindsey (No. 4478) has been a "shut-in" ever since Thanksgiving Day, having fallen a victim to quite a virulent type of malarial fever. It is hoped he will be able to leave his room by the first of the year, but it will necessarily be some time before he fully regains his strength. There is no better Hoo-Hoo in the Order than Brother Lindsey, and his long illness has been a source of regret to his many friends. For several years he has been connected with the Pennsylvania Line, with headquarters in this city, and, though a young man, he has established a most enviable reputation as a hustling and competent business man. "The Bulletin" extends to him its hearty sympathy and good wishes for his rapid recovery.

Brother E. L. Gee (No. 2862), traveling representative of the Revere Rubber Company, of Boston, Mass., spent the holidays in Nashville, where his family resides. Brother Gee was for eight years connected with the mill supply firm of Bowler & Shinn, this city, up to the time they sold out their business last fall, when he accepted a position with the well-known Boston firm mentioned. During the years that he traveled for Bowler & Shinn, Brother Gee became widely acquainted with the mill men in this section, and was very popular with the trade. "The Bulletin" wishes him the greatest success in his new field.

Notes and Comments.

"Hoo-Hoodom" will be interested in knowing that the publisher of the "National Magazine," at Boston, Mr. Joe Mitchell Chapple, is one of the early members of the Order. He has made a splendid success of the magazine, which is to-day recognized as one of the best popular-priced periodicals published. Mr. Chapple wrote an article on "Wealth of American Forests" in a recent issue, which was of widest interest. A forest fire story, "Somewhere Within that Sea of Fire," appears in the January number. The "National Magazine," in the charge of Mr. Chapple, is certain to meet the same degree of success which has attended his various newspaper enterprises.

Monterey, N. L., Mexico, December 16, 1898.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.—Dear Sir and Brother: Inclosed you will find \$1 bill for my dues. This city is assuming holiday attire on account of the President's coming here. He has not been here before for seventeen years.
Wishing health and prosperity to all, I am,
Yours fraternally,
C. W. HEATH (1437).

From this letter it appears that there are others in the hero-toning business besides ourselves, though this is probably the only country in the world that could produce a man brave enough to bottle up the enemy and good-looking enough to make a dash on all the girls to the extent of holding a kissing carnival at every railroad station on the route. It seems that the President of Mexico, Porfirio Diaz, is now going to take a day off and make a few social calls. Nobody who is familiar with his history will grudge the old gentleman the opportunity for a little quiet pleasure; for if ever a man had a spectacular and stirring experience of life, it is the President of our sister republic. Diaz is no horse pistol, but a great big 18-inch gun. His adventures read like a dime novel, and the lurid tinge of his variegated exploits casts into the shade many things we have been making a "miration" over. He was born in 1820, and at an early age began to study law. The most he ever learned about law, however, was how to break it, and he smashed several tablets in his time. He soon became a soldier, and was made a sub-lieutenant. When Santa Anna was made dictator, Diaz, in a fit of disgust, left the army and studied law again; but a revolution broke out pretty soon, and Diaz commanded a battalion. After the flight of Santa Anna, Diaz was appointed military and political chief of a district in his native State of Oaxaca. Soon after this, Benito Juarez became Chief Executive, and Diaz joined the Liberal party, which began the bloody three-years' war called the "War of Reform." After the triumph of the Liberal party, Diaz was elected to Congress, but it never seemed his luck to sit down long, and the first thing he knew he was in the field again fighting against a fellow named Marquez, who had gone ahead and got up a revolution of his own, and was what they called a "reactionary chieftain." In that country at that time there were a great many of these reactionary chieftains, and they were liable to break loose at any time. Diaz soon squeaked Marquez, and so brilliant were his achievements that he was made general. It was about this time that the French undertook their audacious and unfortunate enterprise of establishing an empire on American soil. During the French invasion Diaz was taken prisoner, but broke his parole and escaped. The government had to fly from the capital. It was afterwards established at San Luis Potosi. After the arrival of the emperor, Maximilian, in April, 1864, Diaz was the mainstay of the republican cause. He was given full power of administration and defense of the Southern States, and to say that he distinguished himself is to draw it mild. With about five thousand ragged and half-starved troops, he turned the

tide of invasion, and held out against the French with a courage that was sublime. At last, however, he was forced to capitulate, and was again taken prisoner, and again escaped. Not long afterwards he turned up at the head of nine hundred men, and won a victory over more than double his force. In the battle of La Carbonera he took five hundred Austrian prisoners.

After the French army withdrew from Mexico, in February, 1867, Diaz augmented his forces and marched against the army of Marquez, who had again bobbed up and was making trouble. Diaz laid siege to the City of Mexico, and captured it. After the final reconstruction of the republic and everything had simmered down, Diaz retired to his ranch, rested a while, and decided to run for President. This he did, but got beaten by Juarez. Then Diaz went regularly into the conspiring business. That is the beauty of living in Mexico or South America—when you have nothing else to do, you can nearly always "conspire" against the government. Luck seemed against him, and his very first conspiracy failed completely. He was obliged to fly for his life, and, with grim sarcasm, he disguised himself as a clergyman and escaped to Sierra de Alien, where he lived a bandit by the name of Losada, known as the "Tiger of Alien." Diaz had decided that he needed this bandit in his business, and he offered to take him in as a side partner. However, to his surprise, his offer was refused, Losada probably inclining to the opinion that the bandit business was more profitable than a conspiracy against the government. Diaz then sailed for New Orleans, and, after a time, asked amnesty of Juarez. This was granted on condition that he present himself in the City of Mexico as a political prisoner. Diaz promised this all right enough, but went instead to Matamoros, where he conspired some more. Then Juarez ordered his arrest, but Diaz made a topping good talk, assured him of his fidelity, and declined the candidacy for President. This so tickled Juarez that he used his influence to have Diaz appointed deputy to Congress; but Diaz did not stay there long. That was as good as he wanted; and, protected by the privileges of deputy, he joined a revolution right away. He came out loser on the deal, however, and had to run away again. This time he fled to Brownsville, Texas, which is said to be a good place to go if you want to hide. He stayed there, high and dry, till Juarez died, in 1872. Then he went home and jumped in and joined a brand-new revolution, failed again, and went to New Orleans. After a time, he went back and joined his partisans in Oaxaca, the storm center of the revolution against Lerdo, the successor of Juarez. On the voyage from New Orleans to Vera Cruz, Diaz got scared for the first time in his life. He took up a notion that he was discovered, and would be arrested by the government officials. So he jumped into the sea, with the intention of swimming ashore, but, as luck would have it, he was picked up and carried back to the ship. He finally got to Vera Cruz all right, and, disguised as a coal heaver, was put ashore. When he arrived at Oaxaca, he was acknowledged by the chiefs who favored his cause, and he advanced on Puebla at the head of seven thousand men. He took that town, and soon occupied the capital. Lerdo fled to the United States. Everything seemed coming his way, and Diaz was just beginning to make up his mind what to say in his inauguration address, when up popped a man named José Iglesias, who was at the time president of the Court of Justice, and declared himself, according to the constitution of 1857, President pro tem., which act was supported by all friends of law and order. Diaz tried to argue the case with Iglesias, who seemed rather mule-headed about it, and was bent on going according to the constitution. He said Diaz might conquer by military force, but he never could be a regular

President according to the constitution. Diaz replied that he never did think much of the old constitution, anyhow; so he marched his army against Iglesias, and put him to flight in short order. Then he had himself elected President, at last. After a while, those who had stood by him in his troubles began to complain that he was not keeping his promises and dividing the pie equally, whereupon Diaz wrote a piece for the paper and said his promises were more or less absurd to begin with, and that it was impossible for him to keep them. The press denounced him, claiming that the only thing gained by eleven years of bloody struggle was the election of Diaz to the Presidency. His best generals abandoned him, and he was surrounded on all sides with enemies and enveloped in an atmosphere of revolution and hatred. He realized that no time was to be lost, and he hastily organized a party, composed of the reactionary and imperialist element, and everybody else he could lay his hands on, and declared war against his own party. He soon "subdued" everybody who had opposed him, and he exiled or imprisoned all the newspaper men.

On the night of June 24, 1870, Teran, Governor of Vera Cruz, executed nine citizens without any trial whatever. This was said to be by order of Diaz, but the order itself was never produced. This execution is known as the "Hecatomb of Vera Cruz." Diaz passed a law that all rebels falling into the hands of the government be executed as highwaymen. At one time he came near getting into trouble with Uncle Sam on account of having imprisoned and sentenced to death a Mr. Cutting, an American newspaper correspondent, who wrote an alleged libelous article for a paper published at El Paso, Texas, but which circulated in Mexico. This affair, it will be remembered, was finally smoothed over, and Cutting was released.

With all his faults, Diaz has made a good President, and under his administration the country has prospered wonderfully. Manufactures have increased, education has been fostered, bandits have been dispersed (for Diaz never could abide a bandit after Losada, the "Tiger of Alien," refused to pool issues with him), the resources of the country have been developed, and railroads and telegraph lines have been built. So "The Bulletin" hopes the President enjoyed his trip to Monterey, and that his old age may be less stormy than his youth.

Here is a poem, written, presumably, by the best girl of one of our good brothers:

"On the breast of my sweetheart's coat
Rests a feline fierce and black,
With tail erect and eyes ablaze,
Regarding me with fearful gaze.

"Why, little dark and savage one,
Should come to thee thy wild alarm?
'Tis fear that I thy rest would share
That gives to thee that ugly stare.

"Lie calmly on his 'peaceful breast,'
Nor cast on me that jealous glare;
For thee I'll leave the happy part
To sleep just o'er my lover's heart."

It will be seen from these verses that the lady in the case is either growing indifferent or else is playing coy for effect, since she distinctly intimates that she has no desire to rest her head on the same spot where the cat now reposes. This is a mighty queer way for a girl to feel if she is in love. Of course, at this distance, our judgment may be at fault; but, in our opinion, it behooves our brother to get a move on if he wants to win the girl.

We desire to extend our hearty thanks to all those good brethren who have from time to time sent us information

concerning the men whose names appear on the "Unknown List." This "Unknown List" is the greatest trouble we have. It is making gray hairs to grow amid our sunny locks, chiseling wrinkles on our alabaster brow, and in many ways spoiling utterly what was once an almost unearthly beauty. We know that much of this "unknownness" on the part of our brethren is simply the result of negligence. In the hurry of removing from one town to another and in making a new business connection, a man forgets to advise the Scrivenor of his change of base. The effect, however, is just the same: We lose track of him, his dues notices fail to reach him, and he eventually becomes delinquent, and is dropped. Every effort is put forth from this office to locate "unknowns," and we are thankful for any information that will give us the slightest clew. It may seem to some of our readers that even after we are advised of a man's whereabouts his name still continues to appear on the "Unknown List," and a word of explanation may not be out of place here. When we are advised of the correct address of an "unknown," we write him at once, sending him a correction blank to be filled out and returned, and we do not take his name off the "Unknown List" till we hear from him in answer to that letter. Now it sometimes happens that that letter is returned from the new address "unclaimed," just like the others, and we are all at sea again. Then sometimes we are advised to write to a man's father or brother for information as to his whereabouts, but this plan frequently fails to elicit any reply. For instance, only the other day one of our good brothers wrote us the address of the father of a man whose name was on the "Unknown List," and advised us to write him. We did this at once, but the old gentleman is taking his time about replying. We judge that he received our letter, since it was not returned; but in the meantime the young man's name remains on the "Unknown List," and perhaps our friend wonders why we do not do as he told us and write to the address he gave.

"Dues may have changed. Is it still 99 cents? Let me know, and I will remit."

This is the message written in blue pencil on the back of the "first notice" for dues and returned to us in the Scrivenor's "return" envelope provided for that purpose. No name or number is signed, and the postmark on the envelope is obliterated. It is as a voice calling in the darkness. There is absolutely not the slightest clew to the identity of the sender. However, if he should become delinquent and be dropped, doubtless there will always be a sore spot in his heart, and he will always feel aggrieved because the Scrivenor failed to answer his courteous inquiry as to the amount of dues. It seems odd that a man so afraid of making an error that he thinks to ask if the dues have changed (a question that was never anticipated by the Scrivenor, else the "first notice" would have set forth the amount) should yet be so careless that he forgets to sign either his name or his number.

Here is an extract from a very interesting article in the Christmas number of the "National Magazine," published at Boston by Brother Joe M. Chapple:

"There was a time when England trembled at Philip the Tyrant, called the Second, of Spain. He was a supreme bigot and thief. He stole, among his many thefts, 114,000 square miles of island real estate in the Malay Archipelago, and called them the Philippines. Spain never conquered them; Luzon, the largest, was never colonized; Mindanao, the second largest, was never explored. Some of the flora and fauna of these islands are at this moment as well known as those of Mars. One day a fastidious gentleman in the American navy said to a friend that he was getting old, and would like one voyage more before he

retired. This man was appointed to a rather obscure post in the Pacific. The Pacific is quite large, and the old gentleman might have been lost in one of its many moons. He had a small fleet, but it was well equipped. Nobody knew a great deal about this American sailor. He had been in the Civil War, and had tied a certain Farragut to the maintop of the Hartford. At last the fastidious sailor turned up at Hong Kong with about twenty dress suits. He was a perfect gentleman. Very difficult to snub this man! A German prince tried it once, but was severely taken down. A message of import having arrived shortly after our sailor reached China, he sailed away toward the Malay Archipelago. The next heard from him was a story so astonishing that the world was shaken. It was said that this American gentleman, with his slim fleet, had entered a defended harbor at night, silenced its guns, and destroyed utterly and beyond remedy the fleet which guarded the entrance. Wilder than all was the incredible story that he had not lost a single man in the action. The man of many suits had played well. King Philip's real estate suffered a considerable jar."

Of course it is not to be supposed that Dewey took Manila solely by reason of his expensive togs or that he would not have come out on top on that occasion if he had owned but one suit. It is, however, interesting to speculate on the question of how much civilization is indebted to clothes and how close is the connection between the love of fine raiment and those traits of character that make for success. The world has produced a few heroes who reveled in hickory shirts and brogan shoes, but, as a rule, the man who goes about with his trousers hitched up with one suspender is not the one who startles the world with deeds of valor.

A Voice From the House of Ancients.

St. Louis, Mo., December 10, 1898.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.—Dear Jim: As you know, the House of Ancients have been for some time past collecting all the printed matter they could find relating to the Order. The constitution of the Order makes them custodians of the archives and copyright. We are hoping to make in the course of a few years a large number of scrapbooks, in which we will have as nearly as possible everything that can be found relating to the Order.

It occurred to me that it would be well for you to make a standing notice in "The Bulletin" asking all the Vicegerents and all the members of the Order to send to me or to you copies of all notices that appear in the local papers, copies of all notices of forthcoming meetings, whether printed or written, and such other documents as will be of interest to the future historian in preparing a history of the Order. We have one clipping agency at work; but, of course, they have not an opportunity to furnish us with all the notices that appear or the programmes, menu, etc., that are used in connection with concatenations and "on the roof."

I have now in hand a considerable amount of matter, and want to make it just as complete as possible. What do you think about making a paragraph in the instructions to Vicegerents setting forth the necessity of sending all such matters to me, naming the purpose and requesting prompt compliance with the request? Might it not be a good plan to have a lot of pretty large envelopes printed and specify their use on the back, so that the Vicegerent or party holding the concatenation could not possibly overlook our request?

It seems to me that this is a matter of considerable importance; and if you make a notice in "The Bulletin," I wish you would especially ask that in the future this matter receive prompt attention. If any of the members of the Order now have copies of circulars, programmes, etc., relating to concatenations held during the past year, kindly send them without delay. Yours truly,
W. E. BARNES.

[The foregoing from Brother Barnes sets forth what he wants and ought to have as clearly as it could possibly be done, and his letter will take the place of the "standing notice" for this issue. Every man is now expected to constitute himself a press-clipping bureau and to send to Mr. Barnes every scrap of printed matter he can. Vicegerents and others holding concatenations are especially enjoined to send in notices from their local press.—Ed.]

A Charity Fund.

The following circular letter to each Hoo-Hoo has been sent out under authority of the Supreme Nine. The responses even thus early have been gratifying. The amount called for will surprise no man, and the result will be the establishment of a nucleus for a fund that can be used to relieve any case of imminent distress that may arise.

"Nashville, Tenn., December 23, 1898.—Dear Brother: The Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, to which we have the honor to belong, has at this time an active paying membership of about 6,000. Among this large number there is certain to be at times some brother who has been a good Hoo-Hoo and a credit to the Order, but who, through a severe spell of illness, reverses in business, failure to secure employment, or from one of many unfortunate causes, finds himself in such dire circumstances that it would be not only a duty, but a pleasure, to his brother Hoo-Hoo to try to afford him some relief. The grim messenger might call one of our number, leaving little or no means to provide decent burial or to keep his widow and children from suffering.

"Without dwelling further upon such detail, we would state briefly that the object of this notice is to request of you a contribution of ninety-nine cents (99 cents), the same to be applied to a permanent fund, from which our Snark is authorized to draw, whenever necessary, for the alleviation of any worthy distressed member of this Order or his family.

"What better time for such a gift than at this Christmastide, when so many of us are prosperous and happy, and yet perhaps some brother is in need?

"There is nothing compulsory in this call, but it is hoped that every Hoo-Hoo will respond promptly and cheerfully.

"If you know of any brother needing assistance, please report same to the Snark, who will consider all such appeals strictly confidential.

"Say not unto thy neighbor, Go, and come again, and to-morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee." (Prov. 3: 28.)
Yours B. T. O. T. G. S. B. C.

"THE SUPREME NINE."

Now It Is B. T. O. T. G. S. B. C.

Galveston, Texas, October 16, 1898.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenor—Dear Sir: I notice our Hoo-Hoo signature has but eight words, which is rather inappropriate. My brother (W. A. Bowen, of Waeider, Texas) called my attention to it; and suggested that we make an effort to have it changed; but neither of us was able to attend the recent Annual Meeting. I suggest that the subject be brought up now, and the signature be changed to nine words instead of eight. This can easily be done by adding the word "mighty" or "magical" before the word "tail"—viz., B. T. M. T. O. T. G. S. B. C. I am of the opinion this has simply been overlooked heretofore by all Hoo-Hoo, who will agree with us that nine words will be much more appropriate than eight, and that they will make correction.
Yours,
R. D. BOWEN.

[The above appeared in the October "Bulletin," and was referred to the House of Ancients. The addition of the word "sacred" has been made, and the Hoo-Hoo initial signature is now as written in the head to this.—Ed.]

Saved From the Potter's Field.

Mobile, Ala., December 19, 1898.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.—Dear Jim: Inclosed you will find \$1 to pay my dues for year 1899.

While I am writing, I will tell you of an incident that happened a few days since, in which a Hoo-Hoo handbook was the cause of a man not being buried in the potter's field. On Wednesday morning last a special detective of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad came to my office and informed me that a man had been killed in the yard the night before, and that his body had been cut up so badly that it was impossible to recognize him; that he had nothing on his person by which he could have been identified, except the back of a Hoo-Hoo handbook. I examined the book, and found it belonged to Mr. L. G. Cameron, of J. D. Cameron & Son, shingle manufacturers, of this city. I telephoned to Cameron's mill, and Mr. L. G. Cameron came

to the telephone, which, of course, was at once a great relief to me. I asked him where his Hoo-Hoo handbook was, and he told me it was in the drawer of his desk. When he went to search for it, he found it was missing. From this way we located that the man killed had evidently been at Cameron's mill; and as one of the workmen failed to show up, his clothing identified him as the man killed in the Mobile and Ohio yard. He had evidently appropriated this handbook, and Mr. Cameron was very much surprised when he found to what advantage his handbook had been used.
Yours very truly,
R. H. VIDMER.

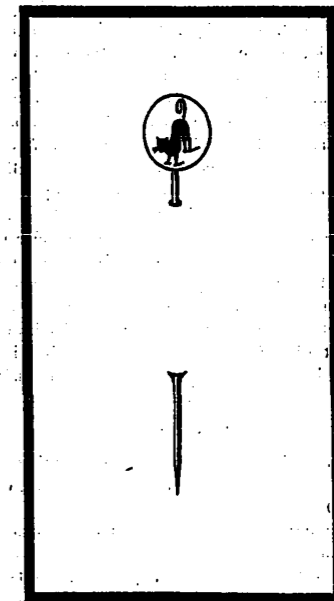
From Manila, P. I., U. S. A.

The following letter from No. 2704 to Mr. Emory "Siwash" White, of Minneapolis, is of interest, from the fact that it shows that a member of Hoo-Hoo is assisting to administer the best government on earth over the newest acquisition to its domain. The "new title" to which Mr. Mudgett refers is given on his letter head. It is: "Collector of Internal Revenue for United States of America at Manila, P. I." Mr. White writes us that Brother Mudgett went east by way of the west as captain of Company G, North Dakota Volunteers, from Valley City, where he was connected with the Grand River Lumber Company. Mr. Mudgett writes:

"Manila, P. I., November 2, 1898.—Dear Siwash: I inclose herewith \$1, which please send to the Scrivenor for my dues. Tell him to send my 'Bulletin' to this place until further orders. The above is my new title, and you can imagine I am pretty busy. We have fifty clerks, interpreters, etc. I have not run across a Hoo-Hoo on the expedition. If they get out a new yearbook, have it sent me here. I will write you at length some day, and tell you all about matters here. If I could speak Spanish, I'd be right in it. Remember me to all the boys who have not forgotten there is such a person as
"Yours truly,
C. S. MUDGETT (2704)."

The Ladies' Pin.

The accompanying cut is a facsimile of the Hoo-Hoo ladies' pin. Price, \$1.60 by registered mail, engraved with purchaser's number. Only members in good standing can



purchase. Every woman, old or young, wants one. A stick pin of equal value at a jeweler's will cost from \$3 to \$5.