

STUNTS BY YOUNG ROOSEVELT

Theodore, Jr.'s, Initiation by a Harvard University Fraternity.

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BOSTON, Dec. 9.—Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., who is a sophomore at Harvard, is joining "Dickies," the most mysterious secret organization of all Fraternities at Cambridge. The initiation lasts nearly a week, and young Roosevelt began to perform his obligation stunts yesterday morning.

Under guard of one high "Dickie," a student named Harrington, Roosevelt appeared in Harvard Square shortly after sunrise. He was clad in a startling gray Summer suit, blue flannel shirt, white canvas shoes, and was bareheaded. His costume would have been ideal for middle of August weather, but it was rather inconsistent with the frozen ground, and the bundled-up citizens gazed in open-mouthed wonder at his airy costume, familiar as they are with Harvard secret society initiations.

Roosevelt first visited the Harvard Square lunch room. Here he broke his fast on mustard pickles, hot buttermilk, fresh raw oysters, and maple syrup and warm squash pie. His gastronomic feat was witnessed by a great crowd, and after he had finished using a finger bowl in which benzine was substituted for water, he again appeared in the square, and with a great bundle of morning newspapers made his rounds of the houses of the Dickies, leaving a paper at each. In bold letters across each paper were stamped the words "Fool Roosevelt." The Dickies require that all initiation be made with this title "Fool."

After delivering the papers, Roosevelt retired to seclusion, but visited the theatre district in Boston last night and attended a performance at one of the high-class houses. Here he was required to make himself prominent, and he had little rest. Every few minutes a Dickie would approach him and ask him for a cigarette, or a glass of ginger pop, and if the hapless candidate did not at once produce the required article he was compelled to explain audibly why he had neglected to provide himself with a full stock of the "little necessities of life."

The initiation will continue until next Friday, and every day young Roosevelt will be compelled to perform all sorts of weird "stunts" for the edification of the Dickies and the public at large.