

# BLACKENED THE FACES OF BRIDE AND GROOM

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## Fellow Members of the Alpha Club Hazed Two Associates Who Got Married in Camden

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The Alpha Club, a social organization composed of prominent young men of Camden, has an inexorable rule that every member who gets married must abide by the judgment of the club. Recently Charles M. Alcott, Jr., and Frank Goodman, members, embarked upon the matrimonial sea. At a meeting of the club's Executive Committee it was decided to give the newly wedded couples a hazing on their return from their wedding tours. Scouts were posted and it was learned they would be home Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Alcott had just been installed in their new home at 584 Auburn street when thirty of the members preceded by a fife and drum corps swooped down on the house. Escape was impossible and Mr. and Mrs. Alcott surrendered good naturedly. Mr. and Mrs. Alcott were marched through the streets to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Alcott, Sr., 527 Benson street, where the bride was compelled to call Mr. Alcott, Sr., "papa." On the return to the Auburn street house the faces of bride and groom were blacked with burnt cork.

By this time it was 1 o'clock in the morning, and it was decided to visit Mr. Goodman's home at 609 Walnut street. Some of the club members got tired of waiting to be admitted and climbed in the second story back window. By this time the bride came down stairs and opened the front door.

An impromptu concert was held in the back yard. The festivities were kept up until the roosters began to crow to the great delight of a large crowd that was attracted by the unusual proceedings.