

**Some Things Learned by
An American at Oxford**

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furniture was genuinely antique, and even somewhat dilapidated.

He Feels Rich.

The first thing was to get the first quarterly installment of £75, or \$375. It made James feel rich. Next he saw the Bursar. That gentleman extracted £5 for college matriculation and £35 for the furniture in the room. James now owned the chattels in the room, but he had an empty feeling where \$200 had been. He did not feel so rich.

At lunch that day the "scout" on that stair (scout, i. e., servant for several men) gave him a list of goods he would require—table and bed-chamber linen, silverware and cutlery, dishes, coal hod, poker, etc. James sought the City Drapery, where, in company with a horde of other "freshers" equally ignorant of values, he bought the first thing offered. James did what they did not. He paid cash. Later he found that he had paid cash on the basis of the credit price. He now knows how to frown and to ask in an aggrieved tone, what discount for cash. That is, he does this when he has cash. Well, this cost him \$10.

Other Essentials.

His "scout" had promised to lay in a supply of such things "as young gentlemen needs, sir." He found among others, "cigs," tobacco, a soda syphon, whiskey, and a pot of marmalade. He neither smoked nor drank, and he soon found he did not like marmalade. He needed them for hospitality's sake, he was told.

The next evening he was asked to join the St. Ambrose Amalgamated Athletic Club. It was practically compulsory and really a big saving, he was told. Initiation, £5; subscription for the term of eight weeks, £2. James made out another check. Even that had a stamp on it and cost 2 cents. In the same way he dropped £2 5 s. to the Union Debating Society and £1 10s. to the American Club.

His college bill that week was only £8. Three times 24 it 72. Only £72 a year. He knew £100 was a big estimate. Poor James! That bill was for kitchen and grocery alone. He forgot tuition, room rent, college dues, college expenses, university dues, taxes, servants and other expenses. His terminal "battells" were nearly £60, and he had two more terms.

Space and our own full heart forbid us to say much more. One incident needs relation.

"You must come with me to matriculation," says the Dean. So in cap and gown (price \$2.00), dark suit and white tie, he went to the Divinity Schools. There a business-like gentleman took his name—and £3 10s. Another mumbled something about "Admitto tea" and gave him a book named "Statuta et Decreta." It was a nice book, but James thought it hardly worth \$17.50. So he tried to sell it. The booksellers laughed and voted him "a capital joker, ha, ha. Who would buy the Statuta?" This was rough. Force a man to pay \$17.50 for a book nobody wanted. Oh, but the £3 10s. was for matric. He had paid that once, but that was college matric, and this was 'varsity.

Cecil Rhodes Mistaken.

James could not quite see why Cecil Rhodes thought the Oxford dons (professors) "such children in money matters," especially after they charged him £2 for taking an exam and £1 for registering his certificate of having passed. Remarkable "children."

Coat


- 1 Pencil pocket joining inside breast pocket.
- 2 Cash pocket on inner left side.
- 3 Perspiration shields at arm-pits to protect lining.
- 4 Neck-cape; prevents wrinkling below coat collar. Patented.
- 5 Extension safety pocket; conceals and secures letters, papers, etc.
- 6 Boutonniere holder under lapel.
- 7 Watch pocket within outside breast pocket.
- 8 Cash Pocket in outer right pocket.

Vest

- 9 Side buckles to produce smooth-fitting back.
- 10 Watch guard in lower left pocket for fob or chain.
- 11 Pencil or fountain pen pocket; opens in seam of upper left pocket.
- 12 Vestee. Detachable; attached with gold pins; adds dressiness.

Trousers

- 13 Permanent crease; keeps trousers pressed and prevents bagging at the knee. Patented June 10, 1908. No. 890792.



Trousers—Continued

- 14 Cash pocket within right-hand side pocket. Permits carrying keys, knife, etc., on same side without confusion.
- 15 Guard in watch pocket to prevent theft or loss.
- 16 Pencil pocket in right-hand hip pocket. Very convenient, especially when no coat or vest is worn.
- 17 Tunnel belt slides; hold trousers firmly over hips and keep belt in place.
- 18 Steel pivot pearl button at front of waistband. Adds tone and smartness.
- 19 Loop in front for belt; holds belt in position.
- 20 Improved secret money pocket on inside of waistband. Closed and hidden by buttoning to inside suspender button.
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- 22 Hanger of silk braid.
- 23 2 1/2-inch turn-up for soft turn-up or permanent cuff.
- 24 Open Facing Safety Pocket; prevents currency from rolling out when in reclining position.
- 25 Belt of leather, covered with fabric of same material as trousers; has patent buckle.

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His first week cost James £65 out of £75, as those who have a mathematical mind will have noticed. James had not a mathematical mind. Also he was foolish enough to pay cash, much to the astonishment of Oxford "shopkeepers." Within two weeks he was "flat" and had to beg the Rhodes trustees for an advance.

And Folks Wondered.

James wrote home saying that he could easily see why \$1,500 a year was none too much. In fact, it wasn't enough. And folks who knew how frugally James had won his way through high school and college wondered and thought his good luck had spoiled him.

Oh, he learned in time how much to give in tips, where things were cheapest, when to pay cash, what to buy of the college and what outside. He learned how to find a cheap boarding place in the "vac" and how to beat them down cheaper yet. In other words, even an American must cut his European eye-teeth and Rhodes scholars must still sit in "nigger-heaven."

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