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THE BENEFICIAL ORDER OF SHIFTERS.

(By George Harris.)

Although the Albemarle High School is one of the most progressive in the state, it has not as yet a live organization of "The Shifters." Of course there are many girls and boys in these parts who carry out the creed of The "Shifters" in letter and in spirit, but the students as a body are still unorganized.

The Royal order of The Shifters was organized by a group of high school girls in New York City, first, to provide new sources of pocket money, and secondly, in order to keep up the spirit of the old, familiar schoolboy game of "pass it." Both young and old are pledged as members of this organization, but shifting has its greatest popularity among high school students.

Anyone desiring to become a member of "The Shifters" will please obey these instructions:

1. Squeeze the juice out of one pokeberry, and, using said juice as ink, copy with a chicken feather, on

a piece of goat skin one inch square, the obligations of "The Shifters."

2. After requirements of Article 1 have been fulfilled, take the goat skin and place it, hairy side down, in one of the large yarn cases found on the platform of the Wiscasset Mills Company, located in Albemarle, Stanly County, North Carolina.

3. Wrap the aforementioned yarn case in seven layers of rotten cheese cloth and ship by insured first-class mail to Dona Maria Luisa Pie de Concha, infant son of Queen Petrovitch Nyegosh, at Ekaterinoslav, on the small island of Tserysyn, N. C., who will translate your promises into the language of the Caesars and within five years after date of receipt will return them to you, together with brass paper clips for badges.

The obligations of the "Beneficial Order of Shifters:"

1—Oath

I, -----, being desirous of membership in the "Beneficial Order of Shifters," do solemnly promise not to divulge the secrets to anyone not a member, and to try to get as many brother and sister members as possi-

ble, without regard to race or previous servitude, and to obey the grand Kleagle and all other members present for the next fifteen minutes.

2—Name

"Beneficial Order of Shifters."

3—Purpose.

The purpose of this order is threefold, namely:

1. To get all you can.
2. To get something for nothing.
3. To do others before they do you.

4—Signs

Countersign, "Check." High sign, "Handshake."

5—History

Adam and Eve were shifted out of the Garden of Eden.

Moses was shifted into the bull-rushes and out again.

Alexander shifted everyone until there was no one left to shift.

Napoleon shifted the blame of the loss of the battle of Waterloo.

In fact, shifting is becoming more and more popular amongst its members.

6—Mystic Sentence.

The whole order is summed up in one sentence—"The Mystic Sentence"

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