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MORRIS MORTIMER WHITAKER was born at Boston, Mass., Feb. 24th, 1873. He is the only child of Ezra Jabez Whitaker and Cornelia Sophia Clark, who were married Aug. 15th, 1865, at Adams, N. Y.

Ezra Jabez Whitaker (b. May 12th, 1839, at North Adams, Mass. ; d. Aug. 20th, 1895, at Sacketts Harbor, N. Y.) was a Chief Engineer in the United States Navy, entering the service in 1860. He was on board the "Minnesota" in the battle between the "Monitor" and "Merrimac," on board the "Lackawanna" at the battle of Mobile Bay, etc., etc. During the latter part of the War he was stationed on the Blockade in the Gulf, and off Charleston, S. C. ; and after its close, and up to the time of his retirement in 1895, he served in all parts of the world. His parents were Ezra Douglass Whitaker, a book dealer and banker of North Adams, and Amanda M. Jones of Rutland, Vt. The family came from England in 1658, and settled at Rehoboth, Mass.

Cornelia Sophia (Clark) Whitaker (b. Oct. 1st, 1843, at Hounsfield, N. Y.) is now (Oct., '05) living at Sacketts Harbor, N. Y. Her parents were Morris and Lodemia Clark, both of Hounsfield, N. Y. Morris Clark was a farmer.

Whitaker prepared for college at the Brooklyn Polytechnic, and entered our Class from Williams in January, 1893. Kappa Beta Phi.

He was married Dec. 28th, 1898, at Brooklyn, N. Y., to Miss Mary Louise Southard, daughter of Francis E. Southard of Duxbury, Mass., and the late Mary (Souther) Southard.

"JuNE-Nov. '96 ; Traveling in Europe.

"Nov., '96-June, '97; Iron ship worker, Newport News,

Va.

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"Sept., '97- June, '98; Course in Naval Architecture, Cornell.

"June, '98- Sept., '99; Draughtsman, Newport News, Va.

"Sept., '99 -Nov., 1900; Supt, constructed yacht Ar-roiv, Nyack, N. Y.

"Nov., 1900-Apr., '01 ; In England, taking course, University College, London. No degree.

"Apr., '01-Nov., '01 ; Sacketts Harbor, N. Y., taking it easy."

THUS far his diary. In November, 1901, Whitaker formed the Canada Launch Works (Limited), at Toronto, Canada, of which he was at first President and later Managing Director. "I have to hustle these days," he wrote in 1903, "in a way that would make my former self very, very tired." He stayed in this Company, building launches, "until it foundered" (October, 1905), and then came to New York as technical editor for the Motor Boat Publishing Co. "Do designing of boats besides. No vacations to speak of. Going to take a good one some day. No travels except on biz. See a chap once in a blue moon. Existence just work and more work with nothing on the side."