

"STRENUOUS" ROOTER SORELY PERPLEXED

His Lungs Give Out, He Searches for a Substitute.

AUTO HORN IS SUGGESTED

This Fan Means Well, But His Timid Nature Will Preclude His Reaching the Thirty-Third Degree.

Special Editor Washington Times:

Finding myself in a dilemma and believing you can be of valuable assistance to me and others of my clan, I take the liberty of propounding a question which I would respectfully ask you to ponder over deeply and favor me with an early answer.

To begin with, I am a "rooter"—a baseball "rooter." Some people say I am a "crank;" others are not so polite and say I am just a plain, ordinary fool. But in this particular case opinions count for naught, and I do not deem it essential that I should tell you everything people call me, for I know you have not the time nor the space, and I have my doubts as to whether cold type could do justice to some of the expressions and terse sayings which I would be constrained to pen. But whatever my pedigree may be, or what the neighbors and fellow "flatmen" think of me, I am a "rooter," as I have above stated, and although others, who are "erazier" on the game of baseball than I, might be ashamed to acknowledge it, candor compels me to say that I do all my rooting—and it's good, hard, telling rooting, too—for the erstwhile Senators. No, they are not winning the pennant this season, but I have it sub rosa from Manager Loftus' own lips that "Washington will have a better team next year."

Slips His Trolley.

I wish to beg pardon for getting off the track. I started off to ask you a question, but a number of other things flashed across my brain and threw my trolley off, don't you know. What I wish to ask you is this: Do you think those horns that automobilists use on their machines to frighten the life out of all the persons they cannot kill by running over, would make a good substitute for my voice when I go out to root? Now that I have popped that question I will further transgress by asking this one: Do you think Major Sylvester's proteges could make a case of disorderly conduct against me if I took my little horn, kept a tight-closed mouth, and simply squeezed the rubber bulb whenever any of the players made an exceptionally clever play? To a man of your years and experience these will in all probability bear close resemblance to useless questions, but to a man like myself, who is absorbed in the national game that tears his hair out when the Senators lose, and one who is uninitiated into the mysterious working of sporting editors and afor Sylvester's "finest," they are not nonsensical.

Let Us Hope.

It is true the Solons are now gracing the bottommost rung of the ladder, but I purpose to "root" them out of that place into a more fitting one for such a high-salaried tribe. If I have to use my voice to root with from now until the Legislators (you will pardon my coinage synonym for "Senators," but that word is now obsolete) get out of last place, I would not be able to talk after the first week had passed, and then where would the Loftusites (I crave pardon again) be? They would be further down the line than they are now, if such a thing is possible.

No siree. I must "root." The boys need it. They need lots of other things, but as rooting is the cheapest, I am willing to do my share of that without solicitation. Inasmuch as I am compelled to root, and my voice is well-nigh played out from rooting, and I am a little shy about the forelock because the Statesmen have lost so frequently of late, I am at my wits' end and appeal to you for help. I might add that I have a friend, who also holds an important position of dignity and of handsome remuneration, and who, like myself, throws dignity to the four winds for the time being and roots like an ordinary plebeian "rooter." So you see I have worked the double cross on you, and instead of obliging one strenuous rooter and constant reader of your valuable, up-to-date and newsy sport page, you will be favoring two of us if you answer this at your earliest convenience.

The point at issue is simply this: If automobilists are allowed to scoot along our asphalt-covered thoroughfares at a clip that makes my hair stand on end, run close enough to a man to make him believe he is hit, and then turn around in the seat of the machine and "toot-toot" the little horn with flendish glee, have I, as a fellow-citizen of the District of Columbia, not the right to do some "toot-tooting" at the ball park, and save my voice?

Only those persons who are prejudiced against our national game, me and my colleague, will advance any argument against the adoption of the horn. Others, say for instance, fellow-rooters, know it would be the greatest boon to us, and we need it in our business. As far as the disorderly conduct comes in, I wish to ask this: If these alleged German brass bands are not prohibited from making my life miserable and unbearable with their serenades in front of the ball park? Of course, sporting editors are not supposed to know it all, or to be well read on the law of this glorious nation, but I merely asked, in case by accident you might chance to know. For further information on the disorderly conduct clause I purpose to communicate with Major Sylvester.

Not So You Can Notice It.

Of course I am well aware of the fact that newspapers and sporting editors do not control the earth nor all the people

on it, but sometimes a "frost" or a "roast" from the dailies will do a whole lot of influencing, take for example the Postoffice Department. Therefore I take the liberty of suggesting that you give this movement a little support, and with your aid I believe the Washington rooters can root the Senatorial tribe out of last place and not get their throats as raw as beefsteak.

Without your support I think Major Sylvester and his cohorts would swoop down and lay violent hands upon us for breach of the peace. Therefore I earnestly request that you give these questions favorable consideration and help me out of this quandary.

Not to be inconsistent, I will close this missive by asking another question. Is this Washington team now playing here the same one which opened the season here and lead the league for a week or so?

I am, yours, fraternally,
A STRENUOUS ROOTER.
June 3, 1903.

In reply it might be said that a steam siren would aid you in the event of your fingers becoming cramped from overwork. Or better still, since Barnum & Bailey's show is held up by the strikers, their steam calliope might be secured for so noble an undertaking. The team is the same, or, at least, Loftus says it is.

SECOND ROUND PLAYED IN WOMEN'S GOLF MATCH

NEW YORK, June 4.—The conclusion of the second round of the tournament to decide the women's metropolitan golf championship, which was played yesterday on the links of the Richmond County Country Club, Staten Island, found Mrs. Manice still in the lists to defend her title to the championship. With Miss Underhill, a former Metropolitan champion, and Mrs. Stout, national champion, also contesting, the semifinals give promise of interest.

HYATTSVILLE NOTES.

HYATTSVILLE, Md., June 4.—The Hyattsville Citizens' Association held its regular monthly meeting last night at Masonic Hall. The attendance was not large, but the discussion, mainly on the subject of sewers, was interesting. The sentiment seems to be in favor of the construction of an efficient system of sewers at the earliest practicable date, and it is believed if it could be demonstrated that such a system can be had within the bounding limits of the town, the proposition would carry on a vote of the citizens. Three applications for membership were received. There will be a special meeting Wednesday evening, June 17, at which it is desired that every member shall attend.

The rite of baptism was conferred upon Henry Vrooman and Allen Hobson, at the Baptist Church last night. There will be a social at this church tomorrow evening, which will be the last informal gathering of the congregation with the present pastor, who will preach his farewell sermon next Sunday, having accepted a call to Somerset, Ky.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Rawles spent last week in Norfolk, Va., visiting old friends.

Lulu Habercom, of Berkley Springs, Va., daughter of the late Auditor of the Treasury, J. W. Habercom, has been visiting friends in Hyattsville.

Mrs. John W. Albrittain, of Newark, N. J., is visiting the families of N. A. Dunning and Dr. Mudd.

The condition of Mrs. M. A. Richardson remains about the same. She rested well last night, but is still unconscious.

Matthew F. Halloran, of the Civil Service Bureau, is confined to his home in Jackson Avenue, with an inflamed eye.



MOTHERS, DO YOU KNOW

the many so-called birth medicines, and most remedies for women in the treatment of her delicate organs, contain more or less opium, morphine, strychnine, etc. Do you know that in most countries druggists are not permitted to sell narcotics without labeling them poisons? Do you know that you should not take internally any medicine for the pain accompanying pregnancy? Do you know that Mother's Friend is a purely vegetable preparation, and that it is applied externally only? Do you know that Mother's Friend is a celebrated prescription and that it has been in use over forty years, and that each bottle of the genuine bears the name of The Bradford Regulator Co.?

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NEWS OF RAILROADS AND OF RAILROAD MEN

The Illinois Central Coming East.

And it now seems as though the Illinois Central had decided to reach out to the Atlantic seaboard, and in doing so penetrate the rich iron and coal districts of Alabama. In a way it is to become a rival of the proposed Wash system, and in a few years it would not create much surprise if it were to attempt to reach the National Capital.

Word was received by the local railroad men this morning that the big system of the Prairie State had arranged to extend the Canton, Aberdeen and Nashville line, which it has just acquired from Jackson, Tenn., across Fish-mingo county, Mississippi, to the Alabama line at Brilliant, thence through the rich coal lands to Jasper, and then into Birmingham. The name of the little old-fashioned road is to be merged into that of the great system, and its small, work-worn rails will be torn up and replaced with the heaviest steel.

Double tracks are to be laid through to Birmingham. A number of small Alabama towns which have been sleeping dreamily since the war, away from the rush and whirl of the world, are to have their drowsy peace disturbed, for the road is to run through them, and many will soon lose their old-time beauty, and become smoky and dirty, but rich for coal beds underlie them. Double Springs, Annville, Red Mountain, Allenton, and several more are to be on the main line.

The surveyors are now at work mapping out the proposed extension. The engineers are following them closely. Construction work has been begun this side of Jackson.

It was said today that the Illinois Central will expend about \$4,000,000 on the new line. And it was also said that the big railroad would not be satisfied with the entrance into Birmingham, because it would have no outlet from there to the sea.

Those who are familiar with such things, consequently, are of belief that before long the gangs of surveyors will be at work eastward toward Atlanta, and thence to Charleston or Savannah. Some are of the opinion that it may come northward and try to reach Newport News, but judging from rumors which have reached them, railroad men are more inclined to believe that Savannah is more likely to get the terminals than any of the other cities.

The route is straighter, and Savannah is hungrier for more railroads. The harbor there can easily be made a fine one, and despite the various sand bars, they are so located that they can be easily dredged away.

The unfortunate United States Engineer, Captain Carter, was at this work when convicted and sent to prison. In fact the harbor can be improved to shelter the largest steamers, and as some of the big men who are interested in the Illinois Central are also in the Morgan steamship combine, this would make it easy to establish a line of steamers to carry eastward much of the freight which now goes to the Gulf ports, and which has to be carried around the capes of Florida. It would also make it possible to establish a large coal port on the far southern Atlantic Coast, where there is none, and where one is much needed.

In the meantime the Seaboard Air Line, the Southern, and the Atlantic Coast Line, are wondering just how far the thing is going. They have no Illinois telegraph poles to cut down, so the depth of their feeling in the matter cannot be judged to a nicety as was that of another line whose territory has been invaded by a bold, bad competitor of the Illinois in certain parts of the West.

No Permit—No Work.

The work on the big half million dollar powerhouse and shed which the Washington Electric and Power Company purposes to erect at Fifteenth and H Streets northeast has been delayed because the company is having some difficulty in getting the permit to go ahead from the Commissioners.

According to the plans, this structure will be a large affair, yet in the near future it may be turned into one of the greatest in the country. This will be when the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis line is completed to that locality. The Chesapeake Beach Railroad has some rights in the property also, and as the management is talking about changing the motive power from steam to electricity, it is easily seen just what the structure may yet amount to.

Died in Chicago.

W. R. Parker, for many years a Chesapeake and Ohio ticket agent in Washington, but who of late years has been the agent of the "Big Four" in Chicago, died in that city a few days ago.

Did Little Damage.

The report that the fatal hurricane at Gainesville, Ga., did a lot of damage to the railroads in that section is denied at the offices in this city. According to the reports first sent out, it was said the Southern had lost a station and a dozen or more employees had been injured.

Later the officers of the company here received telegrams that these reports were untrue. Some of the telegraph wires went down, but they were soon repaired, and Passenger Agent Frank Beam, at Atlanta, hurriedly got together a corps of physicians and nurses, and loading them with a quantity of supplies on a special train sent them to the scene of the disaster. Later this train was followed by a second, loaded with more supplies.

More Mine Troubles.

This is not an advertisement for the coal dealers. It is written as a warning to prevent, if possible, a repetition of the suffering that took place in Washington during the long mine strike. More trouble is brewing in the mining regions, and it would not surprise the well informed if the miners should tie things up again.

According to reports, the miners and President Baer are at it again, and the dispute has reached that point where Mr. Baer has issued orders that if certain miners do not do certain things they are to be dismissed forthwith.

For some reason not exactly clear at this time the miners are not cutting enough coal to keep the breakers going nine hours a day. It is said that the miners prior to the strike worked about five hours a day, but since that time they have not been doing more than three and a half hours' work. Mr. Baer says that this action has so cut down the production of coal that a shortage is likely.

He made an investigation, when he learned that the breakers were without enough coal, and when he learned the cause he ordered the superintendent of the mines to dismiss any man who hereafter refused to put in five hours' work.

The miners are aware of the order, and they have called the attention of the Mine Workers' Union to the trouble. That organization is going to take up the first dismissal, and what will happen is conjecture. So it behooves one to get coal while he may.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM NEARBY STATES

MARYLAND NOTES.

ANNAPOLIS.
The Maryland Public Health Association will hold sessions on Thursday and Friday of this week in Annapolis. The president of the association is Henry Brauns, of Baltimore.

THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

The birthday of President Jefferson Davis, of the Confederacy, was celebrated by the Frank A. Bond Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy at Jesup yesterday afternoon on the grounds of the president, Mrs. Frank G. Odenheimer. The wooded part, where the fête was held, was decorated with United States and Confederate flags, and the forest oaks resounded with Southern songs and melodies.

Thomas Ireland Elliott, of Baltimore, and Corinne Bruce Vickers, daughter of Harrison W. Vickers, were married last night in the Chestertown Methodist Episcopal Church by the Rev. Dr. E. P. Roberts. Philip H. Hoffman, of Baltimore, was the best man.

At Rock Spring Protestant Episcopal Church, Forest Hill, yesterday, Mary Priscilla Bull, daughter of Mr. William Durham, was married to Lieut. Charles W. Cairnes, son of George A. Cairnes, of Jarrettsville, by the Rev. L. J. Solomon.

The mayor and aldermen of Frederick, who opened proposals for \$432,000 of 3 1/2 per cent bonds of Frederick city to replace the present 4 per cent bonds, rejected all the bids, as only \$25,000 were applied for at about par.

Elizabeth Virginia Betchold and Harry A. Mitchell were married yesterday evening in Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church, in Harford county, by the Rev. Robert S. Barnes.

Gen. Frank A. Bond, who lives in Anne Arundel county, about one mile east of Bridgeville, sustained a fracture of the leg Tuesday afternoon while driving on the grounds of the house of correction.

Walter Scott Walton and Emma Trierber were married in Cumberland June 2 at the parsonage of the German Lutheran Church by the Rev. J. S. Braren.

Mabel G. Ross and Jesse M. W. Shackley, of St. Michaels, were married at the home of the bride in Easton yesterday evening, the Rev. W. E. Henry officiating. The parlors were decorated tastefully in evergreens and flowers.

Emma Leah Eyerly and Dr. David P. Schindel, of Hagerstown, were married yesterday morning at the bride's home in Hagerstown by the Rev. Dr. J. Spangler Kieffer. Beulah C. Eyerly played the wedding march.

VIRGINIA NOTES.

RICHMOND.
A large portion of the business part of North Emporia, known as Belfield, was swept Tuesday night by a fire, which originated in the building occupied by the Cato Collier Company, J. E. Mayes, H. W. Lamb, and others.

The common council last night changed the two resolutions with reference to the investigation of alleged municipal corruption to provide for one general investigation instead of two. The board of aldermen will probably occur next Tuesday night.

THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

The second annual exhibition of the Horse and Colt Show Association of Loudoun county opened yesterday under favorable auspices. The entries were largely in excess of last year, and the merit and reputation of the horses and their performance on the field in hotly contested classes elicited the enthusiasm of the large crowd.

William Eavey, sixteen years old, son of Samuel Eavey, a prominent Augusta county man, died at the hospital in Staunton yesterday. An operation for appendicitis was performed on him Tuesday.

After both political parties had nominated their candidates for the election for city councilmen, which had been set for June 9, was called off by the electoral board. City Solicitor R. Gray Williams declared the election would be illegal.

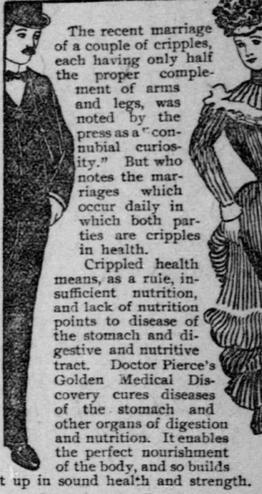
At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon Mrs. Lee Marrisette, the daughter of Mrs. Mary A. Marrisette, and Frank Edward McWilliams, both of Portsmouth, Va., were married in Suffolk in the parlors of the Nansemond Hotel.

Angerona, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cover, in Winchester, was the scene of a pretty wedding at 7 o'clock last night, when Nellie, their eldest daughter, became the bride of Judge Thomas W. Harrison. The Rev. Nelson P. Dame, rector of the Christ Episcopal Church, performed the ceremony.

In the Elizabeth City county court yesterday, Elmer Lewis, charged with shooting George Davis in the cottage of Isabel Jordan, in Phoebus, was acquitted.

Decoration of the Confederate soldiers' graves in Fairview Cemetery took place at Culpeper yesterday afternoon in the presence of a large crowd. Mayor Alder Bell delivered the annual address.

Confederate Memorial Day was observed at Romney, W. Va., yesterday. The Hon. William G. Gordon, of Washington, delivered the oration.



The recent marriage of a couple of cripples, each having only half the proper complement of arms and legs, was noted by the press as a "conubial curiosity." But who notes the marriages which occur daily in which both parties are cripples in health. Crippled health means, as a rule, insufficient nutrition, and lack of nutrition points to disease of the stomach and digestive and nutritive tract. Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It enables the perfect nourishment of the body, and so builds it up in sound health and strength.

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For the encouragement of amateur photographers, The Times will offer each week three prizes for the best photographs submitted to it.

Out of the whole number of photographs submitted, The Times will choose each week a group of about six and reproduce them in its Sunday issue.

Three of These Will Be Awarded Money Prizes of \$5, \$3, and \$2 Respectively.

CONDITIONS—The conditions governing the awarding of prizes are as follows: The prints submitted must be made by amateurs, readers of The Times, living within a radius of twenty miles of Washington, from negatives made by themselves and the result of their own work through all processes, and must be for the exclusive use of The Times in any way that it desires. Previous publication elsewhere will bar the print, and subsequent publication of a prize-winning print will not be allowed except by special permission of The Times. The print must bear the name and address of the sender, and it is safer to have prints mounted. No print will be returned.

Where possible, descriptive text may be sent, but this will not be considered in awarding the prize. The composition, artistic execution, and general attractiveness of the photograph will be taken into consideration in naming the prize-winner. Title of picture and name of sender should be written on the back of the print, and not sent separately.

Prints for the second competition must be delivered to The Times office not later than Saturday, June 6.

The successful competitors for this week will be announced and their photographs reproduced Sunday, June 14.