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Dear Pal.

I have just received your letter & am replying at once for the asso:s sake. Earle wrote me that he always inquired at newstands how H & L took, & he said that they claimed it took well, & was a good seller. Tho like your self, I doubt if it is generally so, as his League fell thru, which is proof. I note all you say about "Strength" & the reasons for poor lifters & fair ones with inflated records do not join, & I knew all about this long, ago. Before the asso, was ever founded, I knew we would be up against this proposition, believe me, I have had so much to do with lifting organizations that I did not go into this with my eyes shut. It is what I expected, & got. But, I stood for the game & its honesty, & the growing lifters, who would be free from this contamination, & relied upon thier enthusiasm to build us up, & knew this was necessarily slow work, but Otley some one must pioneer, & give the sacrifice of time & other denials, so I blazed the trail, & you & I & the others, but I am afraid we can only say, you, Willoughby & I, can be always termed the trail blazers of lifting organization in America, even if we do fail, the seed is sown, others will spring up, & we will have done our part.

Gay wanted the thing to go ahead because he thought he would get some cheap publicity out of it, & records listed that do not exist. You as Treas: Sec: can kill this on his part, & I know you will watch him. Since you have accepted the post, I want you to write him for his sub: saying you see it is listed as not paid. If he refuses, then off goes his name as vice president. Wait a few days before you do so, so I can write him a letter of the change, & ask him to send in his sub: & other members of his club.

I am telling them all the record certificates will soon be out.

You will have got the arrangement of same now. Use our photos by all means as head liners, if you think it wise. Do you think it will cause any jealousy of other reps, & give the knockers a chance to think you & I are running it. We would not want that. We can get lots of publicity out of it. Yet I will leave this point open to your own discrimination.

Matysek said he did not have to join an asso to get recognition. We will see especially when we get strong.

Calvert is interested in an assov but afraid to tackle it on account of the work invloved, but it would not be a money maker for them anyway, & they know it. It is just business with them.

If we had the money to spare we would certainly advertise, & that is why I want the records pushed, so we can get funds. I am convinced "Strength" would not print an article about our asso: I positively know this.

I know how you fought for organization years ago, & marked you out because of it, & we will make it go somehow, & once some records are established we can draw attention. I think "Strength" will publish them, as they invite club news, & members must be encouraged to write up of it to them.

You say our time is growing less each year. Yes, old man, no one knows it better than I. That unfortunate accident finished me, & my best days are

therefore gone, but I will stick by the asso, & do my part by remaining as the technical advisor & demonstrator, & by my knowledge show them how to do things. I cannot do a crucifix at all, nor a bent press or one arm jerk. But I hold diplomas on my past records which are O.K. & can do some good lifts for records yet, but again, perhaps it would not have helped us if I had been at my best & taken all then records for continental & worlds in the middle, light heavy, & many heavy weight records, it would have discouraged many. That is why I was a record breaker, because here they did not want me to enter contests, as none would compete against man, & they were satisfied to accept me as Canadas strongest athlete, & encouraged me to make records, for they thought I acted decent by stepping down & letting others win a place. Calvert pointed this out to me when we were all writing about organizing with Strength, & I told him I would do what was best for the asso interest.

If I have had my day, I am satisfied, as my child will have my medals to show what her father was, & my diplomas, all won in contest. You are much the same way, but you can make that rectangular fix, & I am pleased to see you do so much. Dear me, I never tried it, & the other night I was exercising with a 120 lbs bell for curling, & thought I would try it, & by thunder I could not do it & hold it there. (Excuse my apparent conceit but I thought I should have done it, so likely you can beat me)

As regards your over rating, thats nothing, they all take advantage of that, & if you chastise them for advertising so, what care they, it has been advertised, & the affect is done.

You bet your life, I will help you all I can when I come to pass lifts, & show you how it should be done, etc, as you suggest, We might form a club, & draw some members, & make them pay. You want to talk that to them. Kid then that you have influence over me, & might persuade me to give instructions in the right way, & we want to make all we can, & we will share on this, too. Marineau has promised to join, but is short of money just now, by the way, I have just got a letter from them that the match will be on the 19 of Feb:, I will stay for it for Snyders sake, & Marineau will join after this. There are holding a big meet next Mon: in Montreal, & want me to go down, & see Giroux perform some records, when he will challenge the world then. I'll demonstrate before the audience how the lift should be prior to the lifter attempting the record, & he must conform. No better action is required than this, that is what an official demonstrator is for. I can act as Sec: also, if you think it may look that I am losing interest. Which I beleive you are right, but it is best for you to receive the money, & you can send me the names every month for filing, or every two weeks. You would have to acknowledge the subscribers sub: & send in the mag: sub. Yes, Bernard is willing to take \$1.50 for his mag: You can tell members that it is \$1.50 for asso, & they save 50 cts if they subscribe for mag: thru the asso: thats thier benefit, but we will not urge them for the mag: as he will always be willing to publish our doings for news sake. Its the asso. we must look to.

Of course I always understood from your letter in reply to mine asking you

to be Treasurer, you would, & the delay in naming you so, was thru Bernard I sent you the cheque for the \$4.50, of the \$9.00 you sent in, & also one more sub. in the same letter, by P.O..M.O. & I am enclosing you one more. Acknowledge this to Martin, & send in his mag: sub. One reason more why I do not care of collecting the mag: sub, is because every time we send Bernard his sub: we are out that amount of having M.O. made out. We need all our money, that is why I am telling our reps to make the asso fee the first consideration, the mag: to leave to themselves.

Use your own judgement on size of diploma. Make it nice for framing. Use capitals, & artistic ones, same for heading of asso name. A stock cut of Atlas holding the globe would be nice if you decided not to use our cuts, or an etching of the athlete resting. Anything depicting a lifter or his physique. I am leaving that to you, as I know you can pick or design something as good as anyone. Only use taste.

My last letter will explain to you about the job proposition. I know that first come is always first served, but I would want a job that paid as good as yours anyway, as I would have to keep this end going also, as well as my board, for fear our Fair biz could not give us enough work. I can always get them here in plenty for the fall, & can make a fair living here, but I want something better than that. I want to save something, & that is why I am willing to come to Pittsburg providing I get a paying job, & we can work Fairs etc. We ought to get something, as there seems to be lots of cities around you, & even if we did not get all grandstand shows, we could work on the concession stuff, & work out other ideas better together. Of course we are further ahead if we can book ourselves, but where we cannot, we can use an agent.

I thought if you saw some of the blacksmiths, or bosses in steel works etc, & asked them if they would have an opening, & what they paid, & they might not want me just yet, but would take me when I came. Or any other job.

I appreciate your kind offer, alright, Ottley, but I would not be satisfied that way, as I want to be no burden, & I would think myself that anyway. Sure, I will keep on the good side of Bernard. he wrote me a fine letter, telling me all that he could do for me or those I suggest he will do.

I am fixing up the cheque right & returning it, so no mistake will be made. I do not blame you for not wishing to be bothered with Gay. Just do so as your official standing calls for, & no other way. Hang him.

Well, old man, I hope your wife will soon relieve you of your anxiety, as I know how it goes, My wife was that way, & the doctor was worried, & often said we had lost the tally stick, but he & all of us were relieved when it happened, so I wish you all the best old pal.

Closing for now, as ever, your pal.

George.

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Write all State reps notifying the change  
that all subs: must be sent to you. State &  
club continue as Sec: & Technical advisor.  
say I had to be relieved as I had too much to do.  
I really am willing day & night's hand put to for time

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Make other Reps in other states if you can.

### Copy of Rectangular fix. Pull

The barbell grasped with both hands (knuckles to the front)  
shall hang at arms length across the upper front, from which  
position it shall be raised forward steadily until the  
forearms are at right angles to the upper arms. No bending  
any way allowed, feet together, knees locked, upper arms  
stationary. When completed hold till two is counted.