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Dear friend Ottley,

I am almost ashamed to write to you, but I think you will forgive me, when you realize that I have been working hard on my new book. I only finished it last week, and this is my first breathing space.

I thank you very much old man, for loaning me the pictures which I see you received safely, as I received a postal card signed by Ethel. As soon as I receive a copy off the press I will mail this book to you, and I think you will be more than pleased with it, as it is something entirely new in strongman journalism. If this is a success I shall be going ahead with more books of the same nature, and as a matter of fact, book writing will become a feature of my work, for the future.

I don't know how you are posted on the outside world about what is going on, but Rigoulot beat Alzin in their recent match. In this match Rigoulot, made a two hands snatch of $297\frac{3}{4}$ pounds; left hand snatch of over 210 pounds; right hand snatch of 234 pounds. He did 237 pounds but was disqualified for the tip of his finger touched the floor when making this lift. However, he made 237 pounds at Vienna, a few days ago. The new comer from Montreal, Eugene Couette has gotten them all beaten. Last week he made a two hands continental jerk of 421 pounds; two hands military press of $303\frac{3}{4}$ pounds; two hands slow push of 328 pounds, and two hands dead lift of 820 pounds. He does around 330 pounds with two dumb-bells in a jerk, and has challenged Alzin and Rigoulot to a match.

We had a wonderful match here at our last show between Mitchell, of Easthampton, Mass. National Heavy Middle Weight Champion, and John Gauss, of Philadelphia, Sesqui-centennial champion. I think it was the most perfect match I ever saw. The lifting was beautiful. A summary of the lifts are as follows:- Two hands clean and jerk Gauss, 230 pounds - Mitchell 260, pounds. Two hands snatch Gauss, 180 pounds - Mitchell 190 pounds. Military Press Gauss 170 pounds - Mitchell 170 pounds. The totals were, Mitchell, 620 pounds, and Gauss, 590 pounds.

I had Tromp Van Digglen, staying with me a few weeks ago, before he returned back to England, and then to South Africa.

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I might say that I attended the National A.A.U. convention in Baltimore, last week, where we shoved over weight lifting a little better. These are about the principle things that have happened of late. I might say the A.C.W.L.A. is not going ahead the way it should go.

You might be interested to know, that we have added quite a few fellows to our staff, with whom you are familiar - Mark Berry, who has charge of the Art Department, and working with him is Jack Russell, and recently we added George Dembinski, to our staff. Another young fellow who you met when you were down, Roy Smith, a light weight wrestler who works in a sporting goods business joined up with us today. Our business is growing very fast, but Charles MacMahon, is going more into a sporting goods business, as his course was not very successful.

I saw Earl a few weeks ago, and we went out together. He talked quite a lot of you, and I only wish you had been with us to make up a little gathering, like we had a year ago last June. I wish it was possible for me to get up to see you, but it seems to be so far away, and I suppose it is the same thing in you coming down here.

Did I understand you to say that you left Uniontown? What are you doing now, and have you any side interests?

I suppose Ethel and the children are getting along fine, and I suppose the baby is growing like a weed.

Phyllis is a wonderful big girl - stands as tall as myself and weighs over 100 pounds stripped. Bessie has been in the hospitals pretty much of the time and does not seem to improve at all.

Now old man, I don't think of anything else, though if we were talking together, no doubt we would find a lot of interesting things to talk about, so I will close for now. Hoping to hear from you in the near future, and with best wishes and kindest regards to you and all at home, I remain as ever

Your sincere Old pal,

GFJ/CM

