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Few hurriers remain long in the major leagues unless they are able to "pitch for the corners." Home plate is exactly 17 inches wide and before a legal pitch is struck it must cross over a portion of the plate above the knees and below the shoulders of the batsman.

As the reader knows, a pitcher must throw three strikes before tossing four balls otherwise the batter is given his base free. When a hurrier continually delivers two or three balls before he gets a strike on a curve ball and he continually uses it batters eventually learn to gauge the swiftness and break of the ball.

Smart pitchers do not use their best delivery except when they are pressed. They use "bear down." If a hurler's most successful delivery is a curve ball and he continually uses it batters eventually learn to gauge the swiftness and break of the ball.

The four-year-old girl and her mother were having a very audible disagreement. From the shrillness of both voices one might judge both to be four-year-olds. On the sidewalk between them, the youngster nudged a newspaper out of which rolled several pieces of ice.

The mother kicked the ice across the sidewalk and the daughter retrieved and greedily crammed it into her small mouth.

"If you eat that ice, I'll spank you," she said shrilly, as the youngster gulped down the ice as fast as her small throat could swallow. Apparently, the prospect of spanking was remote in spite of threats. She was determined to eat the ice, and she ate it in open defiance.

"What would I eat this?" she asked, holding out the chestnut for inspection. "You know how it would feel to prick your finger on those sharp spikes, don't you?" she asked. "Well, if you swallowed it you would be hurt. On the inside, besides, it isn't good to eat. You have nice things to eat at home, don't you?"

"Then if I were you, the neighbor suggested, 'I should throw this away, and if I were really hungry, I'd go home and get something good to eat.' The neighbor proceeded on her way. The little girl stood solemnly pondering the question for a few seconds, then voluntarily tossed the chestnut into the street, and sat down to a quiet game with the sandpile.

Her rights as an individual had been respected—she was allowed to make her own decision.

But in the incident of the ice, it was a question of outraged dignity versus parental authority. The little girl wasn't fashin'ing for ice any more than she was hungry for the chestnut.

If allowed to make a choice between the ice and her favorite kind of ice-cream, no doubt she would have chosen a well-filled cone, judging by the good sense she showed in throwing away the chestnut.

"Rena," she said, "as you know, the ladies and I are planning to take a little boat trip this afternoon. We plan to start on the dot of three o'clock, right after our naps, in order to have a long sail before it is necessary to get home in time for Miss Benjamin's five o'clock capsule. You are welcome to come with us if you so desire."

"Halleluia Lawd, an' thank you Miss Grace," boomed Rena, "Believin' bein' religious she had a deep bass voice, the facts which are interesting, if not at all related, 'I'll be on de dock waitin' when y'all git dar.' But immediately after luncheon, just before the sacred five o'clock capsule, she saw the dock and the draperies a-flutter, thudding down the path. She called to her.

"Rena, it's almost two now. Remember, if you delay us we shan't wait."

"Ah won't hold you up. Ah'm just goin' to de post office for a walk." Since the post office is about two miles down, it's quite a walk. An hour fled, and the ladies repaired to the dock. The Reed and the boat were there, but no Rena. At 3:15 Miss Grace set her lips firmly. She beckoned the Cap'n.

"I told that girl in plenty of time when we would sail. Let us cast off." They progressed about 200 yards from the dock when they heard a peculiar thundering sound. Rena's big play feet caused it as she tore down the gang plank. She danced up and down on the shuddering float. She waved and uttered strident cries. Cap'n Reed turned to Miss Kupfer, questioning.

"No Captain," said Miss Kupfer. "She must be disciplined. I shall not indulge her wild whims by turning back." And then the character of the cries from the float changed. They acquired meaning as well as new volume.

"Oh Lawd, let me walk upon de waters, jes dis once. Let me tread the waves on Lawd." "Mercy Captain," gasped the ladies, "put about at once and collect her; she's just fool enough to try it if we don't." And they did.

Since then I've often wondered just how big a fool Rena was.

CHASER DOG; LEAVES WIFE London—Given the alternative of choosing between his wife and his racing greyhound by a magistrate, William Frank Jackson, of Fulham, South London, decided to stick to his dog and pay his wife alimony of six dollars a week.

BANNER HANGER HURT Colmar Manor, Md.—While hanging a banner at a telephone pole, a passing truck snagged a wire attached to the banner and jerked Thomas Kerr, 48, to the ground, seriously injuring his spine.

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