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"Marty Brown, Mascot," is the title of a thrilling baseball story in the September St. Nicholas, by Ralph Henry Barbour. Marty was a small snub-nosed, freckle-faced youth who had been adopted as mascot by the Summerville Baseball Club, and whose chief duty was to care for the bats.

Bob Ayer meanwhile had searched unsuccessfully for a player to take the injured Webster's place, and had just concluded to apply to Vulcan's captain for one of his substitutes, when he turned to find Marty at his side.

"Are yer looking fer a feller to play left field?" "Yes," answered Bob, eagerly. "Do you know of any one?" Marty nodded.

Bob stared in surprise, but Marty looked back without flinching. "I can play, Bob; not like you, of course, but pretty well. And, besides, there ain't no one else, is there? Give me a show, will yer?"

Bob's surprise had given place to deep thought. "Why not?" he asked himself. Of course Marty could play ball; what Summerville boy couldn't to some extent? He turned and strode to the bench, and Marty eagerly watched him conferring with the others.

"If you can," muttered Marty, seated on the bench between Bob and Wolcott. It looked as though they could. Bob groaned as Hamilton popped a short fly into the second-baseman's hands, and the rest of the fellows echoed the mournful sound.

"Lift it, Will, lift it!" implored Bob as Pickering strode to the plate. And lift it he did. Unfortunately, however, when it descended it went plump into the hands of right field.

"That's right, Marty; wait for a good one," yelled Wolcott, hoping against hope that Marty might get to first on balls. Marty made no answer, but stood there, pale of face, but cool, while the ball sped around the bases, and at last went back to the pitcher. Again the sphere sped forward. Now was his time! With all his strength he swung his bat and twirled around on his heel.

"Strike two!" cried the umpire. But Marty, surprised at his failure, yet undaunted, heard nothing save the umpire's unmoved voice. Forward flew the ball again, this time unmistakably wide of the plate, and the little man in the snuff-colored alpaca motioned to the right.

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