

To the Honorable the Mayor
and Board of Aldermen, of the City of
Cambridge.

The undersigned having of
late, suffered many annoyances and
much inconvenience in getting to his
place of residence, in consequence of
the bad state of the street and side-
walk, respectfully begs the attention of
your Honorable Board to the following
facts.

The undersigned has recently
built and took possession of a house
on "Raymond Street", leading from
"Linnean". Ever since he has resided
on this street, he, his family and
friends have been annoyed beyond measure
by the bad state of the sidewalk on the
easterly side, through the Agency of a
Spring of Water that forces itself out
nearly half way ~~out~~ up the hill or
street. The mere matter of the spring,
and water flowing from it, is a
trifling circumstance in itself, but the

annoyance arises in consequence of a neighbor, Mr Carter, who resides at the foot of the hill, sinking a flour bbl just upon the edge of the sidewalk to water his cow.

Now the undersigned has a special regard and affection for the nourishing extracts which are expressed (so to speak) from such a valuable beast, but thanks that all her virtues can be fully appreciated without giving her a deep hole to drink from upon a public sidewalk, or giving her the privilege of forming thereon a miniature bonnyard, a thing valuable in itself and place, but of no particular benefit to foot passengers, especially where the fertilizing element assumes pyramidal forms and shapes, and will yield to ^{the} gentle pressure of a man or woman's foot.

The undersigned petitioned the last years Board in regard to this matter and they directed the Superintendent of Streets to close up the holes and

barrel, which he did, but soon after the filling was taken out and the hole three feet deep, again filled up with water, and has remained so ever since, occasionally covered up in the night, but oftener not, giving the passer by an opportunity to break his ~~xxx~~ leg or neck.

The earth and stones were removed by Mr Carter, the old gardener of the "Botanic Garden," who thinks his rights are invaded by opening the old lane and making a sensible tax paying street.

The undersigned has always shown a disposition to please Mr Carter, he being an aged and infirm man, but is not willing that he should put the undersigned and family to unnecessary inconvenience.

The undersigned recommended Mr Carter to sink a good sized box with a hinge cover of plank, and see that it was closed every night, and, furthermore, offered to dig a trench for him to lay in a lead pipe to his stable, but Mr C said it was an

unnatural way to get the water and would not do it, and suggested that he had been imposed upon by the undersigned in consequence of the former petition. He has also made a bar across the sidewalk ^{which has} ~~and~~ made a small sea of ice.

When the last large snow storm occurred, the driver of the snow plow team kindly came up the street and made a path, though partly in the ditch and part in the street.

He cleared Mr. Carter's sidewalks finely, but when he got to Mr. C's barn, he, Mr. C, asked the driver to not clear the sidewalk above as it would fill up his water course (as the undersigned was informed) and he therefore took the gutter and street, and the consequence is the worst travelling imaginable.

The undersigned has, at a good deal of expense, put on men and made a good sidewalk, or rather dirt so in the fall, to the foot of the hill, nearly nine hundred feet,

in front of lands of Solomon Sargent and Jacob Bates, as also his own, and feels aggrieved that he should be so much annoyed when trying to confer benefits on others as well as himself.

The undersigned could easily obtain many signatures to substantiate the foregoing, but as too many names sometimes break down a petition, he concluded to rely on his own resources.

The early attention of your Honorable Board to this matter will confer simple justice to many citizens as well as the undersigned, and perhaps save the City from heavy suits in case of accident.

The undersigned would also suggest that the name of "street" be changed to "Place," as the parties who gave bonds to carry it through have failed to comply, and many travellers are deceived and sorely perplexed after going half a mile to find themselves brought up against

a board fence and in a mud hole.
Many carriages came near being
upset in trying to get out or round
at the foot of the street on the
opposite side of the hill, all last
season.

The undersigned may have
written a too lengthy petition to be
agreeable, but ~~he~~ desired to explain
fully the annoyance under which
he ^{has} suffered and to show your
Honorable Board that he had done
everything consistent in dealing
with his neighbors.

Respectfully Submitted
Cambridge Ward 5 } Henry A. Fuller
January 17, 1859 }

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Referred to the Superintendent of Streets with instructions
to remedy the evil complained of and to threaten Mr.
Carter with prosecution if he repeats the offences above
mentioned.

Justin A. Jacobs, City Clerk.

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of Henry A. Fuller
Raymond Street.

Jan'y 19. 1859.