This Week

By Arthur Brisbane

CONSIDER JOE, CHIMPANZEE. EDUCATE THE EDUCATOR. THE SINS OF THE CHILDREN. MEAT EATERS RULE.

Joe, aged chimpanzee, alleged member of a tribe whence sprang the Caucasian race, has known a moment of exaltation. His keeper, as usual, entered the cage to clean it. Joe, just for a change, swung his knotty black hand around and knocked the keeper senseless with ease, went out the open door and walked in the park. He stopped to exchange courtesies with his friend, John Barrett, eighty-three-year-old park employe. Soon he was on his way back to the cage.

Learn that when you admire a prizefighter, you admire only a poor imitation of a chimpanzee, and a worse imitation of a gorilla, that could beat any twenty prizefighters in forty seconds.

Learn also from Joe, the chimpanzee, that freedom depends not on how hard you can HIT, but how well you can THINK. Joe, the chimpanzee rose, knocked down his keeper, and walked out of the cage, but he didn't know what to DO next. "There's the rub."

An "educator" of Minnesota is accused of punishing boys in a high school by causing them to sit in an "electric chair," causing severe burns.

In New York State, another "educator" of the same gorilla type confessed that he had beaten a little negro girl with a rubber hose.

It might cure the man with the rubber hose to let him spend half an hour in a closed room with Wills, the negro fighter, the latter also equipped with a piece of rubber hose.

The Minnesota educator could be enlightened by a brief stay in a real electric chair, but that would be too drastic, even for that kind of stupid brutality.

The Government, which found so many billions for the wars of other people in Europe, ought to find a few dollars for building the canals that this country needs. One canal would unite the Lakes and the Mississippi Valley with the Gulf and the Pacific via Panama. Another canal for ships unite the Lake country with the Atlantic. "Every big American city a seaport" should be our motto.

Within twenty-four hours, a girl of fourteen, scolded by her father shot herself to death. An eighteen-year-old boy, beaten by his father, killed himself by turning on the gas.

Strange that man, said to descend from the "higher apes" or some animal like them, should treat his own children with a brutality of which no gorilla, orange-outang or chimpansee was ever guilty.

A man that would not allow anybody to beat his young horse or dog for fear of "breaking its spirit" will break the sensitive spirit of his own child.

Modern crime turns an ancient test upside down. In Exodus, 20th chapter, 5th verse, you are told that the iniquity of the fathers is visited upon the children "unto the third and fourth generation."

Now the crime of the child is visited upon the father. Albert Loeb, whose son killed the Franks boy, is dead, killed by sorrow and disgrace. That should satisfy the bloodthirsty that demanded "somebody hanged."

That unfortunate father died a thousand deaths to atone for his son's hideous crime.

Have you noticed how little men seem to think about their souls while they are alive, and how much they think about what will happen to their bodies after they are dead? A corpse left behind is no more important than a pair of wornout shoes thrown aside. Yet men of power, from the Pharaoh that built the first pyramid to millionaire Cone with his concrete grave, have worried about their bodies.

The question interesting to one thinking of death should be. "Where do I go from here?" not "Who is going to steal my body?"

George Bernard Shaw, self-appointed Vice-Regent of Omnipotence, thinks little of meat eaters. He's wrong. He says: "Armies fed on barley have conquered half the world." Perhaps so, but men that eat meat RULE THE ENTIRE WORLD. Don't forget that.

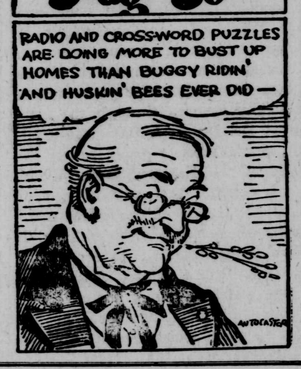
Poem

by Uncle John

My neighbor drives a limousine, an' fusses with his liver,—he finds it mighty hard to keep in trim. He mebbe doesn't realize that, in my little flivver—I wouldn't think of swappin' lots with him. Of course, he's got his velvet an' his fancy rubber tires, which he figgers that he couldn't live without,—but I enjoy the trimmin's that a healthy yap requires, and I never have been pestered with the gout.

Though me and him is human, we have allers got along—an' loved each other—same as neighbors will. . . . His life's the soul of dividends, while mine's the soul of song—but, we differ some on how to climb the hill. I reckon he is satisfied a-settin' in his bank, enjoyin' little twinges of the gout,—while I have come to realize, I've got the Lord to thank fer the many things I've learnt to do without!

the Jedge's Josh



TELEPHONE PLAYED IMPORTANT PART IN WORLD'S SERIES

Chesapeake & Potomac Officials Forced To Anticipate Championship By Many Months.

Along about last June, when the Capital City's Senators were in first place, only a few optimistic fans were predicting with any assurance that the fighting Nats would win the American league championship. Long years of last division finishes had put a damper on the confidence of even the most faithful Washington fans.

But Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company officials were taking no chances; they realized that if by any chance the World's Series did come to Washington, it would mean unusual conditions and a rapid jump in telephone traffic. Washington had always been a great "baseball town," and it was argued that if the Nats did come out on top the attraction of seeing the underdog fight his way up would draw many thousands to the city from all parts of the surrounding country.

So, even during the days of Washington's slump when it was extremely doubtful whether or not the Nats would finish in first place, the telephone men were doggedly busy with pen and paper. The problem was somewhat of a difficult one, inasmuch as there was no certainty whether four games or seven were to be played, and especially because most of the traffic would be crowded to within a few hours each day.

The regular operating force was, of course, not adequate to take care of the emergency. The Telephone Company decided that, under the circumstances, it would not pay them to train the additional operators needed for the Series and then release them; so they undertook to locate the girls who had formerly been with the Company and were now occupied in the business of keeping house for "hubby" or working along some similarly strenuous line of endeavor. It was, perhaps, an extraordinary tribute to the spirit the Telephone Company develops in its employees that 165 of them expressed themselves as ready and willing to help out, even though many of them were in no need of the extra money. Vacations of many of the regular operators were then arranged so that they would come after the close of the baseball season, and all preparations were made to take care of the increased business.

All this was of course done on the chance that the Nats would come through with a victory, and at this time that "if" was a mighty big one. As the race drew to a close and the Senators again regained the lead and hung on from day to day by the skin of their teeth, interest in baseball in the Capital City grew more and more intense. Thousands of fans began calling the newspaper offices during the times the games were in progress and even after the games were over the ardent rooters were eagerly clamoring for details of the doings of the home team's closest competitors. Each afternoon it was necessary to add to the regular operating force in order that the calls to the newspaper offices could be handled with the usual speed, and at the same time seeing that the service in general did not suffer from the increased volume of traffic.

When at last the long-awaited series did open in Washington, thanks to their foresight and ingenuity, the Telephone Company was equipped to promptly handle all calls. Even though many were watching the game, or posted near scoreboards and radio sets, thousands of calls poured in all afternoon; even when the Nationals were playing in New York the traffic load did not perceptibly lessen. At the seventh game, the deciding one of the series, interest was at fever heat. Calls for the day arose from the normal of 402,000 to a peak of nearly 500,000, but of these few were kept waiting more than an instant. Toll traffic, too, increased considerably, and after the game a few hundred fans presumably used Long Distance to tell their friends in other places the good news.

The Telephone Company, in addition to keeping up the service in Washington, enabled thousands of fans in other cities to hear the returns via radio through their powerful station WCAP, located at their headquarters in Washington.

Rhode Islanders Get 100,000th Telephone

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company recently installed its 100,000th telephone in Rhode Island. The instrument was placed in the home of Nathan D. Zuill, of Pawtucket. Rhode Island, although the smallest State in the Union in area, now has as many telephones as the States of Alabama or Louisiana and exceeds 14 other States in the number of instruments.

Among the forty-eight States that make up the United States of America, there are five each of which has more telephones than the entire continent of Asia.

Dallas, Texas, with about one telephone for every five persons, now has approximately as many telephones as the entire Republic of Mexico.

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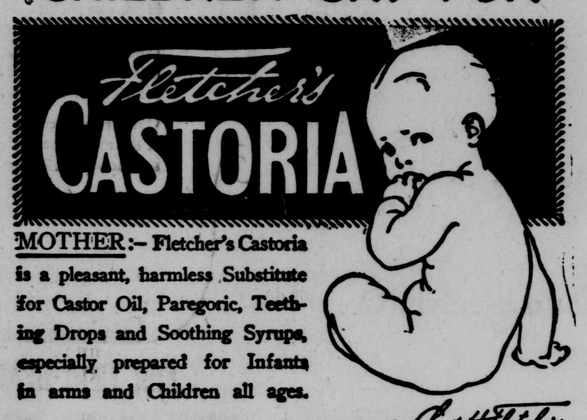

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