



**MONKEYS AT FOOTBALL.**

*They Likewise Play Cricket, but Not According to Rule.*

Travelers in South Africa have noted the fact that where monkeys congregate in large numbers they also indulge in games of a certain kind. Two of these games seem to resemble cricket and football.

The cricket is of a primitive order. About a dozen monkeys stand in a circle or whatever is akin to the simian idea of a circle. Two of them advance from different extremities of the circle and stop about 15 yards apart, facing each other. The monkey at the southern end of the circle has a coconut in his hand. He is the bowler.

The monkey at the other end does not, as you might suppose, wield a full cane bat. His business is to dodge the coconut which the bowler aims at his head. The delivery of the ball is tremendously fast, full pitched and fraught with dire results if it "touches the spot." When it does happen to touch the spot—that is, any part of the monkey's body—that monkey is very much out and doesn't even stop to dispute the question.

Another monkey takes his place until he, too, receives his dismissal. It was presumed by the travelers that the game was finished when a majority of monkeys lay nursing their wounds under the friendly shade of a neighboring palm.

The football is of a more advanced type. It is also played with a coconut. The game, if anything, is undoubtedly the "socket" game and is played with the feet. Of course there is no goal nor any tactics to speak of, the object of each animal being to keep the ball to himself as much as possible.

Still the competition to get the ball makes it resemble a real game of "football," and the dexterity exhibited by these peculiar amateurs is surprising and wonderful.

In an evil moment some ambitious monkey may elect to play the Rugby game by snatching up the ball and making off, but the game then develops into war, in which life is sometimes the prize.

No mention is made of a referee, but if there is one about, like a wise and provident monkey, he is probably up a tree.—Brooklyn Times.

**SHE BETRAYED HERSELF.**

*Dipped Her Spoon in the Milk Before the Dish.*

The woman mentioned in this little story will be called Mrs. Haughty, but she is known in almost every community by other names. She is inclined to do all she can to make other people believe she is somebody and that she is fitted for a higher sphere than the one she is forced by adverse circumstances to live in.

A short time ago Mrs. Haughty called on a neighbor and accepted an invitation to stay to supper. Mash and milk was the principal supper dish, and Mrs. Haughty declared with sundry ejaculations that she had never eaten the delightful compound. The steaming platter of mash was set in the center of the table and a bowl of milk placed before Mrs. Haughty.

"Just help yourself, Mrs. Haughty," remarked the hostess.

"Really, I do not know how to begin," said Mrs. Haughty as she picked up her spoon.

Mrs. Haughty made a move, and one of the children at the table leaned over to her mother and whispered:

"She said she never ate mash and milk, but she dipped her spoon in the milk before she dipped it into the mash."

That little movement gave Mrs. Haughty away, for every lover of mash and milk knows that if the spoon is first dipped into the milk the mash will not stick to it.—Omaha World-Herald.

**A Talking Sheep's Head.**

John Leitch of Rothesay once when on a visit to Dunoon dropped into the shop of Archie Mains and asked if he had any good sheep's heads.

"Oh, yes," said Mains, "there's as fine a one as ye ever saw," pointing to a black face lying on the floor.

"Are you sure that it is fresh?" said Mr. Leitch.

"Quite sure, sir," replied the butcher. "It's perfectly fresh."

Thereupon Mr. Leitch, who was an admirable ventriloquist, brought from the sheep's head the rather confounding ejaculation: "Oh, what a lee! I'm stinkin'."

"Oot o' my shap, ye lecin deevil," exclaimed the butcher. "Didn't I kill ye wi' my ain hauns this very mornin'?" And, suiting the action to the words, he kicked the offending sheep's head into the street.

To carry on the joke, Mr. Leitch, observing a fine ox tongue in the window, made it apparently say, "Shame on ye, Archie Mains!" whereupon the amazed butcher fled precipitately from the shop, leaving it and all it contained at the mercy of his waggish tormentor.—Nuggets.

**Freddie's Suggestion.**

Freddie's father had just been struggling with an old fashioned bureau, and, retiring disheartened from an unsuccessful effort to open one of its compartments, he moved to the window, and looking out upon the lowering sky he exclaimed, "It's mighty strange that the weather bureau can't give us a change of weather."

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**HOW SHARKS ARE CAUGHT.**

*It Is Exciting Sport to Land the Terrible Monsters.*

Although it is possible that it would not find favor with the devotees of Izaak Walton's gentle art, shark fishing has much to recommend it to lovers of sport, according to the London Mail. Those who have indulged in it in Australia or elsewhere declare it to be a most exciting pastime and by no means an unprofitable one, seeing that a reward is paid by the government for every shark killed.

Ordinary rowing boats are the craft employed by the angler or rather hunter, and the line used is a strong cord about half the thickness of a man's little finger. The end to which the hook is attached consists of a chain or piece of stout wire, to prevent the shark from biting through the line and so escaping. The bait most acceptable to the palates of these cannibalistic beasts is the liver of one of their own kind. In addition, when possible, a small shark should be captured and the oil squeezed from its liver and allowed to fall upon the water. This naturally spreads over a considerable area and attracts the sharks to the spot. As soon as the bait is taken the sportsmen begin to haul in the line. This is an easier matter than would be expected, for the shark makes little or no resistance until quite close to the boat.

Then comes a sudden plunge, and the brute flies through the water at a great pace. The only course is to allow the long line to be run out until the fish is tired, when it is again pulled in. This process is repeated until the creature is completely exhausted and can be dispatched. The coup de grace is generally administered by means of a rifle bullet. The shark, however, must be dragged well to the surface before the gun is discharged, for it is useless to fire through more than two inches of water.

The best way of tiring a shark is to fasten an empty oil drum to the free end of the line. This is thrown overboard as soon as the shark makes his first rush. The oil drum, of course, floats on the surface and is followed by the boat until the shark has been completely tired out. The line is then taken on board and the exhausted animal pulled in and killed in the way described above.

It will thus be seen that shark fishing is by no means wanting in excitement, and those who indulge in it have the additional satisfaction of knowing that they are doing a public service in assisting in exterminating these pests. Shark accidents to bathers are mercifully few, but when they do occur they are generally of so ghastly a nature as to justify any means taken to make war upon these terrible monsters of the deep.

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