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MONKEY INTELLECT.

Respects in Which They Show Resemblance to Man.

Their Method of Learning Is Superior to That of Any Others of the Beast Creation—Interesting Facts.

A series of careful experiments with monkeys has recently been conducted by Prof. Edward L. Thorndike to ascertain the power and process by which these animals acquire knowledge. He has reached the conclusion, says a scientific paper, that there is no warrant for the popular idea that monkeys and other animals learn from human example and by the processes followed by man. But, the experimenter says, the fact that monkeys do not possess the human types of ideas must not be taken as evidence that they are no nearer relatives to us mentally than are the other lower animals. On the contrary, they occupy an intermediate position in every main psychological feature between mammals in general and the human species.

The essentials in an inventory of an animal's mental capacities are its sense powers, the kinds of movements it can make and their delicacy, complexity and number, its instincts or the sum of those tendencies to feel and act which it has apart from experience or learning and its method of learning or of modifying its behavior to suit the multifarious circumstances of life. In each of these respects the monkeys show kinship with man.

In their motor equipment monkeys possess first of all the muscular coordinations necessary to sustain an upright position and consequently the use of the forelimbs. The movements of these forelimbs are more in number and suited to more complex and varied tasks than are those of lower animals. The attractiveness of the monkey cage in a zoological garden is largely due to the similarity of the monkeys' movements and our own. The monkey not only has a body like a man's, but he also uses it like a man.

Our five tendencies are so metamorphosed by the education of a civilized environment that in adult age they seldom appear in recognizable form. But if we take human beings at from six months to three years of age or later we find plenty of traits that appear in the monkeys. In fact, the human instinct which is perhaps of prime importance in human mentality, the instinct, which perhaps is the real cause of many of our most boasted powers, has its clear prototype and homologue in the monkey. I refer to the instinctive enjoyment of physical and mental activity in general, to the tendencies to act and feel as much as possible, regardless of any ulterior practical considerations, which we sometimes call destructiveness or constructiveness and curiosities.

Even the casual observer, if he has any psychological insight, will be struck by the general similes, intrinsically valuable (to the animal's feelings) physical activities of a monkey compared with the specialized, definitely aroused, utilitarian activities of a dog or cat. Watch the latter and he does but few things, does them in response to obvious sense presentations, does them with practical consequences of food, sex indulgence, preparation for adult battles, etc. If nothing that appears to his special organization comes up he does nothing. Watch a monkey and you cannot enumerate the things he does, cannot discover the stimuli to which he reacts, cannot conceive the raison d'être of his pursuits. Everything appeals to him. He likes to be active for the sake of activity. The observer who has proper opportunities and takes proper pains will find this intrinsic interest to hold true of mental activity as well.

Finally, in their method of learning, although monkeys do not reach the human stage of a rich life of ideas, yet they carry the animal method of learning, by the selection of impulses and associations of them with the different sense impressions, to a point beyond that reached by any other of the lower animals. In this, too, they resemble man, for he differs from the lower animals not only in the possession of a new sort of intelligence, but also in the tremendous extensions of that sort which he has in common with them. A fish learns slowly a few simple habits. Man learns quickly an infinitude of habits that may be highly complex. Dogs and cats learn more than the fish, while monkeys learn more than they. In the number of things he learns, the complex habits he can form, the variety of lines along which he can learn them and in their permanence when once formed the monkey justifies his inclusion with man in a separate mental genus.

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SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

The coal output in Indian territory last year was 1,900,127, and the year before 1,400,442.

The French olive growers have to reckon more and more with the competition of the olive growers in Tunis.

The way in which American anthropological museums are growing is a source of envy in England, where there is a lamentable indifference to the subject.

Compressed air is used in stone carving. A mason can hit his tools into a compressed air power nozzle and drill into granite like a dentist cutting into a decayed tooth.

Each cell in a mud wasp's nest contains a single egg, the remainder of the space being filled with spiders and other insects, captured by the mother and imprisoned there as food for the larva when it is hatched.

Enormous quantities of ashes from the southern cotton oil mills, where the hulls are used as fuel, are brought to Connecticut annually and bought by tobacco growers for from \$40 to \$45 a ton, for use on tobacco lands.

A large department store in Brooklyn has recently put in a cold storage plant for the protection of furs against moths. Usually the furs are sent to one of the large cold storage warehouses, but it is an innovation for dry goods establishments to have such a plant on their own premises.

The operation of the sandblast is well known. The blast of sand directed against a soft surface etches the surface, so to speak, quickly and to any desired degree. A similar process has lately been applied to the engraving of metal plates by an air blast which drives acid before it through an atomizer.

A RICH REPUBLIC.

There Has Been an Enormous Growth of American Capital in the Last Four Years.

It is to be noted that the interest account of Europe against the United States is steadily diminishing, because Americans have been using their surplus wealth during recent years to buy back their own securities. The process by which this comes about is, of course, indirect, and not perceived by the average man, says the Review of Reviews. It represents, none the less, one of the strongest currents in the financial and business world for four years past. The great railroad corporations in particular are observing the fact that, whereas their payments of interest on bonds and of dividends on shares of stock a few years ago went in large proportion to foreign holders, they now go in the main to people living in the United States. The absorption of our best American railway and other standard securities by American investors has been quite widely distributed, but it has been particularly noticeable in the case of great financial and fiduciary institutions like the principal insurance companies. Furthermore, the very process and policy of railway amalgamation has of itself created a large and determined demand for railway securities in this country and on the part of interests seeking to control specified properties for the sake of bringing about their absorption, or else their operation in harmony with other companies. Our tendencies for the past four years have aggregated about \$2,400,000,000—a sum about equal to the total of the increases in our favor for the preceding 20 years. Nothing could better illustrate the almost revolutionary nature of the change in America's financial and economic relations to Europe.

TANK SHIPS STANCH AT SEA.

These Huge Air-Tight Steel Compartments Are Always Kept Sealed.

For transportation of petroleum over sea steel tank ships are made for both crude and refined oil, says a writer in the Cosmopolitan. Most of the crude oil exported goes to France and Spain, where it is treated in local refineries, the duty imposed on refined oil by those countries being practically prohibitive. For the oriental trade the oil is shipped in cases—two five-gallon cans crated together constituting a "case"—on sailing vessels, as the voyage around the Horn takes from 116 to 170 days, far too long a course for steam vessels. But the trans-Atlantic trade is chiefly carried on in tank steamers, huge steel shells in which almost the entire space in the hull is devoted to carrying oil in bulk. There is a small dry compartment in the bows for ordinary freight and the crew's living quarters are put at the extreme stern, with the engines immediately forward of them. The rest of the hull is divided into from 12 to 20 air-tight compartments, each of which has a capacity of about 140,000 gallons. The largest tank ships carry nearly 2,500,000 gallons and so powerful are the pumps by which they are controlled that such a cargo can be taken on board or delivered within six hours.

As these air-tight compartments are kept hermetically sealed from port to port—instead of being closed only in an emergency, as on an ocean liner—the oil tank ships are the stanchest vessels afloat, and many a handsome sum in salvage have they earned for their owners by towing into port a vessel disabled in a storm.

ARMY AND NAVY LUNATICS. A French writer states that of every 100,000 men of the army or naval profession 199 become hopeless lunatics. Among mechanics the number is only 66 per 100,000.—Chicago Chronicle.

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