

Is That So!

Is an animal's mind like ours? Can an angworm learn anything? Can a raccoon think? A chimpanzee reason?

A human, after all, has a superior, reasoning mind. He can employ conscious means toward achieving planned ends; reason in abstractions; with imagination look forward into the future; by recalling past experiences, guide himself in future action; comprehend such imperceptible as roundness and justice.

Certainly these products bespeak a reasoning mind—but look, are they not all mature adult products? Let's go back, back say when we were nine. What then? Was our comprehension of imperceptible concepts as clear or as full as it is now? Patently, no. But make no mistake, there was an abundance of intelligence. And at age 9, we were capable of learning, and fast. BUT NOW, let's lift six years, and go back to the age of three. Now, what did we "see" at three? Certainly the world from our three-year old view was most circumscribed, limited to the ball we were holding, the person standing next to us—mother, father, brother or neighbor. But yet, although our concept of the realities of life may have been fuzzy—death as an end, for example, could not be comprehended—yet, at three years our senses were alive, some, including eyesight, a good deal better than now.

And before that? Let's go back even farther, beyond the vague understandings of hunger, sleep, security—back to the moment we were born. What, then? Then, even our senses were weak: although our eyes were wide-open, yet we were blind because our vision was not backed by enough mind to report and interpret the images; our nostrils were unable to report what smells went through them; high notes struck on the piano meant nothing.

And back before that? As the human develops in the womb, there is a time when he has gill slits, when he shows a tail—in fact, looks just like a tadpole. And in that development from conception to mature adulthood, the human lives through the beginnings of consciousness, too, progressing gradually through awareness, finally attaining the ability to deal in abstractions. In expressing ourselves, we begin by making little whimpers or protestations and wind up contemplating an expanding universe.

AGAIN, can the angworm learn. Can the raccoon think? The chimpanzee reason? Most assuredly, like humans, they can learn, think, and reason. But any given animal's mind is like the human's providing you place him in the same relative stage of development from conception to death.

When the babe is held by its mother while adults are conversing about the new super-hydrogen bomb, 6,000 times as potent as the one which annihilated Hiroshima, is it filled with dread? No. No more than the tadpole which doesn't know to squirm as the kingfisher dives upon it.

Certainly, the far, far away thoughts of adulthood are not the thoughts of a child—are not the thoughts of animals, either. Animals, however lowly in the scale, can learn. A worm patiently trained, can find its way through a simple maze. A cockroach, completely against its instincts, can be taught to prefer light to dark-

High Screen Stops Snider's 4th Drive

BROOKLYN (AP)—Two yards of chicken wire was all that prevented Duke Snider from joining the select group of seven sluggers whose names are in the record books with four home runs in one game.

Those six feet forced the sweet-swinging center fielder to the Brooklyn Dodgers to settle for three homers and a double, a pretty mean feat even if the Duke did miss the record books as the Dodgers defeated the Milwaukee Braves 11-8 Wednesday night.

"For a minute I thought I had the fourth one, too," Snider said afterwards. "I hit it real good but it sort of sunk on me and hit the screen. Have no idea what the pitch was but it must have been a sinker."

Snider was referring to his last hit which came in the eighth inning. He already had walloped three homers, one each off southpaw Roberto Vargas and righthander Gene Conley and Ernie Johnson. Another lefthander, Chet Nichols was on the mound. Duke took a strike and a ball, then lined the next pitch, high off the screen in right, just six feet short of his fourth homer.

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School Vote Overshadows LA Baseball Park Election

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A \$1,500,000 bond issue proposal to build a major league baseball park was quietly buried here, apparently without much public mourning.

And shelved with it, at least for the time being, was hope for big league baseball for Los Angeles.

If there is a burning desire for big time baseball, it was not reflected in a special election two days ago.

The ball park issue was voted down in severe manner. 160,167 to 131,894. It needed two-thirds of the vote cast to carry.

Most of the election interests seemed to center on a race for the school board.

Property owners and taxpayers associations argued against the ball park proposition, along with another issue calling for \$5,500,000 bonds for enlarging parks and recreational facilities, which also lost.

At no time was there much of a campaign for the baseball facility. The anti-bond faction declared

Grimm Rumored On Way Out

BROOKLYN (AP)—Charlie Grimm has been in baseball 36 years so it wasn't surprising when he shrugged off rumors that his days as manager of the Milwaukee Braves were numbered unless the club perked up real soon.

Sure he's read those ugly rumors in the gossip columns, but they haven't disturbed him in the least.

The only time there's cause for worry, according to Grimm, is when the front office loses confidence in the manager. And only last week Milwaukee General Manager John Quinn declared he was stolidly behind Charlie.

"I'm more concerned with trying to improve our position," said the 56-year-old Grimm, whose fourth place Braves were expected to be a strong factor in the National League pennant race after finishing second and third under his direction the past two years.

"That's the foremost thing on my mind. I've been around too long to pay attention to rumors. Now what do you want to know about the Braves?"

"This is a good club...too good to stay where it is. Some of the boys just haven't been hitting like I know they can."

"But we'll get going I'm sure of that," he added. "Our pitching hasn't been bad and our hitters are beginning to loosen up. I saw signs of that over the weekend."

Grimm conceded the Braves faced a tough task to overtake the Dodgers but he refused to count his club out.

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