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Dear Prof. Fisher:

Giving the taste-test was most interesting and the results quite decisive. Four animals were available ^{a female and two males} three orang-utans, and one chimpanzee, a male. One male orang-utan was definitely a non-taster. Some of the strong solution was spilled on the bars and floor of his cage and he lapped that up. The female showed his dislike in no uncertain terms. ~~She~~ We ^{had} returned to her cage a second time as a check. She very cautiously reached one long fore finger into the bottle (the strong) and tasted the solution on it then turned her back on us. The chimpanzee was most amusing for when the bottles were switched on him and he tasted the medium he looked so disgruntled and abused. None of these animals were related. It was remarkable how the proportions held one non-taster and three tasters.

We could get no results at all from the gibbons. Three were in the same cage and for a half hour the

keeper tried ^{in vain} to interest them in a little drink.

I am writing to the Director of the Bronx Zoological gardens in N. Y. for permission to test their apes when I go to there next month.

Since the mails are so uncertain these days I am sending along a duplicate of the draft I sent in May.

Sincerest good wishes

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