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Dear Prof. Fisher:

Giving the taste-test was most interesting and the results quite definite. 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 floor of his cage and he lapped that up. The female showed her dislike in no uncertain terms. She returned to her cage a second time as a check. She very cautiously reached one long forefinger 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 bottle was switched on him and he tasted the medium he looked so disgruntled and abused. None of these animals was related. It was remarkable how the proportions held one non-taster and three tasters.

We could get no results at all from the gibbons. They were in the same cage and for a half hour the
keeper tried to interest them in a little drink.

I am writing to the Director of the Bronx Zoological garden in N. Y. for primates to test their apes when I go to Ohio next month.

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

Sincerely good wishes

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