



THE CLEVER CAPUCHIN

The capuchin is generally considered to be the smartest of the New World monkeys. An experiment conducted by Dr. Heinrich Klüver at the University of Chicago bears this out. A hungry monkey was tied out of reach of a banana. It took only half a minute to grab a string attached to a rat, which had been set loose in the room earlier. Then it tossed the rat over the banana while holding onto the string, and as soon as the rat clutched the banana, hauled them both in. When the experiment was repeated with a stringless rat, the capuchin held it by the tail and again got the banana.