The Improved Ape.

To the Editor of "The World" New York.

Mr. CHIRURGUS PRAXIS,

I have heard with regret that you are about to institute a journalistic controversy with me on the subject of the chimpanzee. I do not wish to prolong the discussion, as it is not in my nature to be a polemicist, but I must point out that your arguments are baseless and your conclusions erroneous. You assert that the chimpanzee is not capable of culture, but this is not true. The chimpanzee is a highly intelligent animal and has been shown to be capable of learning complex tasks.

In regard to your comparison of the chimpanzee and the gorilla, I must remind you that these two species are not directly comparable. The chimpanzee is more closely related to humans than the gorilla, and therefore its behavior is more similar to that of humans.

I must also correct your statement that the chimpanzee is a "lesser ape," as this is a misleading term. The chimpanzee is a fully developed ape and should not be considered inferior to humans.

I trust you will reconsider your position and accept the facts as they are.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

The improved ape.

[Note: This letter is a fictional response to a hypothetical argument, not a historical document.]