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Monkey See – Monkey Do

This is a real story from real life! Thanks to a monkey, a child gets a life. And I don't mean as in your games, when you can click to start a new turn. This child got to continue living, and maybe now their children's-children's-children might read this story and realise how important that one action by a hero monkey had been to the child in 1901, and <u>to them and their joy of being alive</u>!

Peter's number 1 joke is:
1. What did mum do when her two kids fell down a well?
Answer: "She got a book on how to '<u>raise</u>' kids."

Ha, ha, ha …. oh, um, …. Yeah … seriously now:
This is a funny 'play-on-words'
But Peter also reminds us that this joke relates to this <u>true actual story</u>!
But it wasn't a person raising the child - but a <u>Monkey was the hero</u>
that brought a little child back up from having fallen down a well.

There is a country town in Western Australia called 'Three Springs.'
<u>'Springs': meaning where water comes up out of the ground</u> –
not a slinky toy, or metal coils in your trampoline or bed frame!

Often parents will say "Well, well, well!" when they discover
their child doing something – maybe wrong, messy or
finding them during a game of hide-and-seek.

Whenever we would arrive at the <u>Three Springs</u> town, my dad would
question everyone asking, "<u>Well, well, well</u> – where are we now?"

Funny Daddy

The person who is helping Peter put this story on the website – hopefully in a funny way, but for helpful advice also … used to live in Sydney New South Wales in eastern Australia.

There is a restaurant there, the 'Three Wise Monkeys' see here above the door. The three **wise monkeys** are a Japanese picture-way-of-saying ***"see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil".***

Maybe it is suggesting people who meet up there for a meal together – will have a good time.
Possibly also warning that if they drink too much alcohol … they might not be safe to drive home
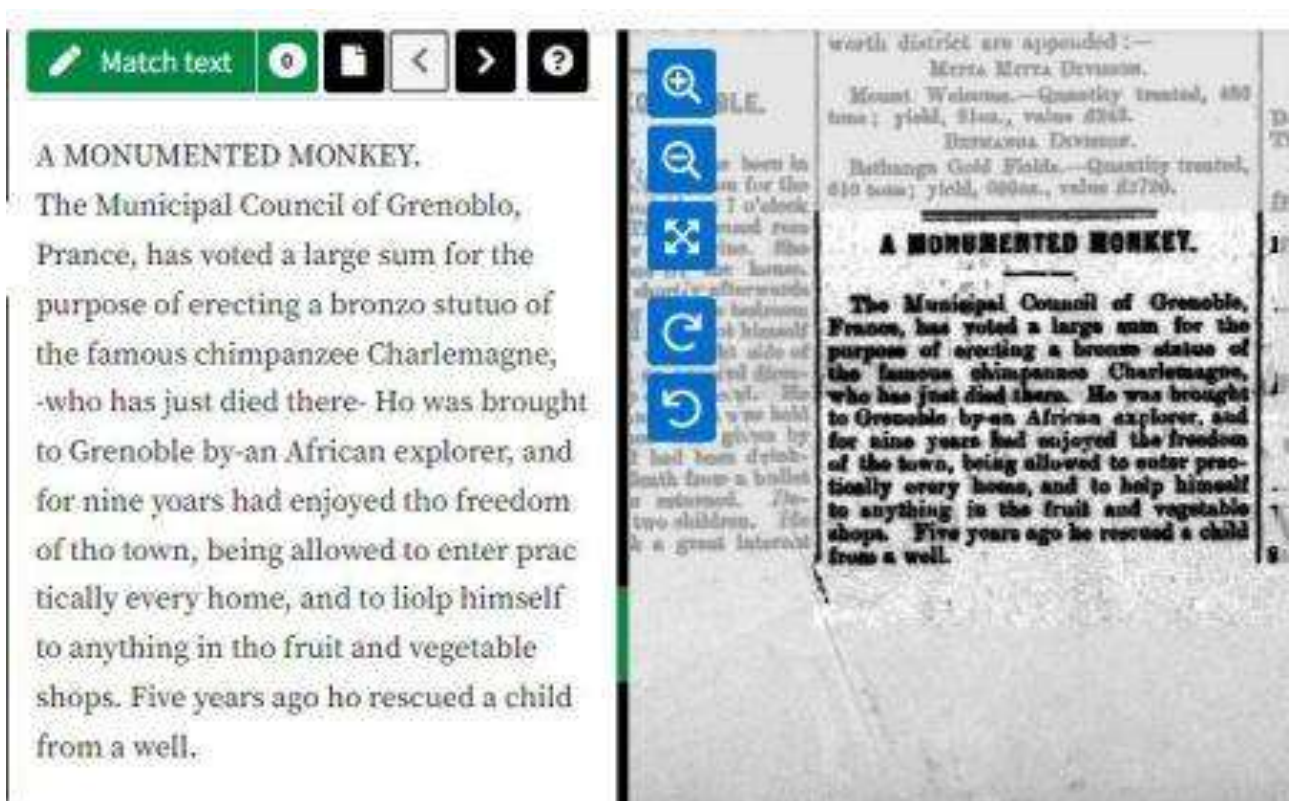*… being less able to   <u>See,   Hear   or   Speak</u>   properly.*

Here is the Hero Monkey: 'Charlemagne'
Or at least a sculpture made to show what he looked like.

"The Tue Story: In Grenoble, France there is a bronze replica of a monkey/chimp! Because a monkey who, without a second thought, ran over to a well where it had seen a child fall in (lid left off the well by a visitor at a gathering). Before any adult had noticed the child missing, he brought the child back up to the top...safe and sound. That monkey, for the rest of his life had free access to any shop, house or source of food that it desired. Much loved by the villages it was. A hero!"*

I looked into this story for you and found a newspaper clipping about it:

A MONUMENTED MONKEY.
The Municipal Council of Grenoble, France, has voted a large sum for the purpose of erecting a bronze statue of the famous chimpanzee Charlemagne, -who has just died there- He was brought to Grenoble by-an African explorer, and for nine years had enjoyed the freedom of the town, being allowed to enter practically every home, and to help himself to anything in the fruit and vegetable shops. Five years ago he rescued a child from a well.

This story reminds me about Jesus arguing with people about them boasting about all the good things they did, 'doing a good-deed' whenever they felt like it, or so they will be noticed and get praised for doing it. Then he commends the person who doesn't think they have done anything useful … Jesus reminds them of all the times they helped others-in-need without delaying, or thinking, but they just did it naturally. And then JESUS SAID, "It was as if you did it to me/Jesus!"

A Monkey did just that! Acted instantly and saved the child. Amazing. Wonderful. Heart-warming! Now think about this: you are NOT a monkey. You are a lot smarter than a monkey! *So consider:* Would you prefer to not help by covering your eyes, ears or mouth – *or will you do something?*

Hero You!