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ELEMENTS USED IN THIS BOOK	
New phonic element	ch digraph
Reviewed phonic element	long vowel VCe
Story words	better, checkmate, change, Chesterton
Revised story word	king
New high-frequency word	about
Special considerations	inflectional endings -ed, -s; possessive apostrophe s

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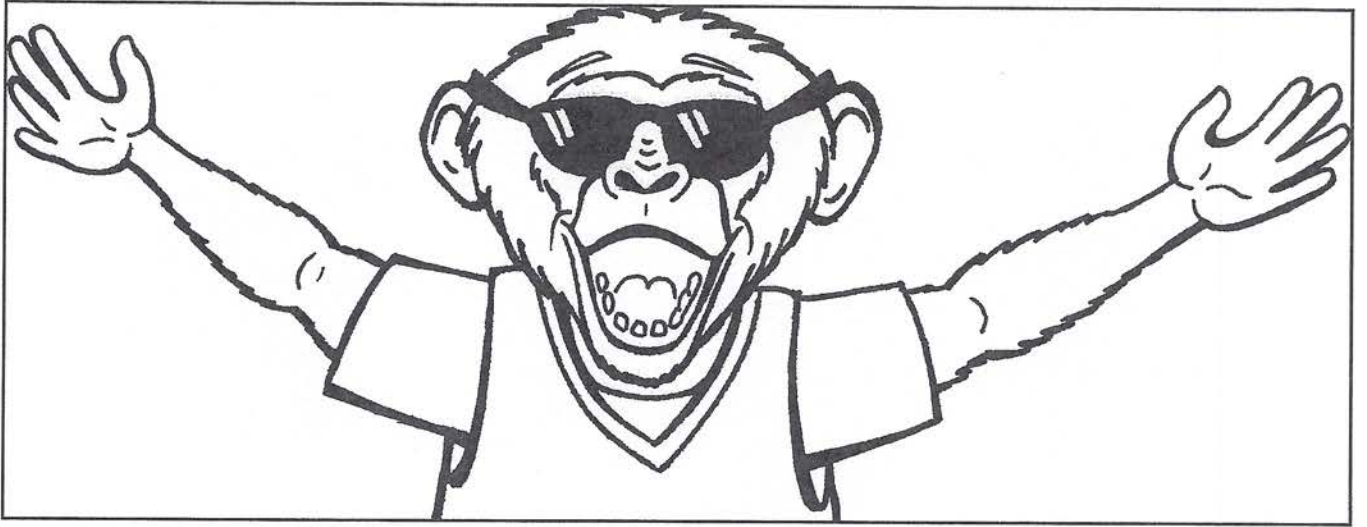
This is a tale about Chip the Chimp.
Chip is the chess champ of Chesterton.
Chip is no chump
when it comes to chess.

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A chap by the name of Skip
came to Chesterton to play
a game of chess with Chip.

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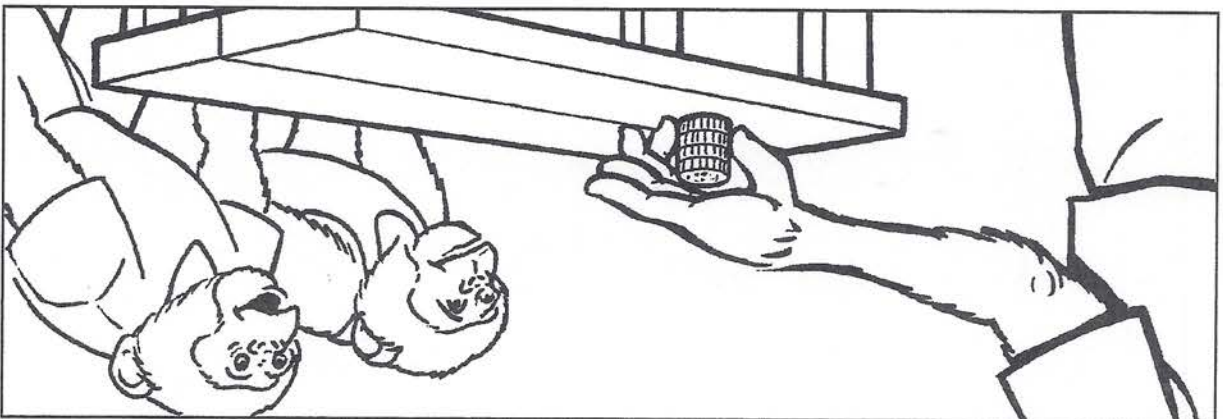


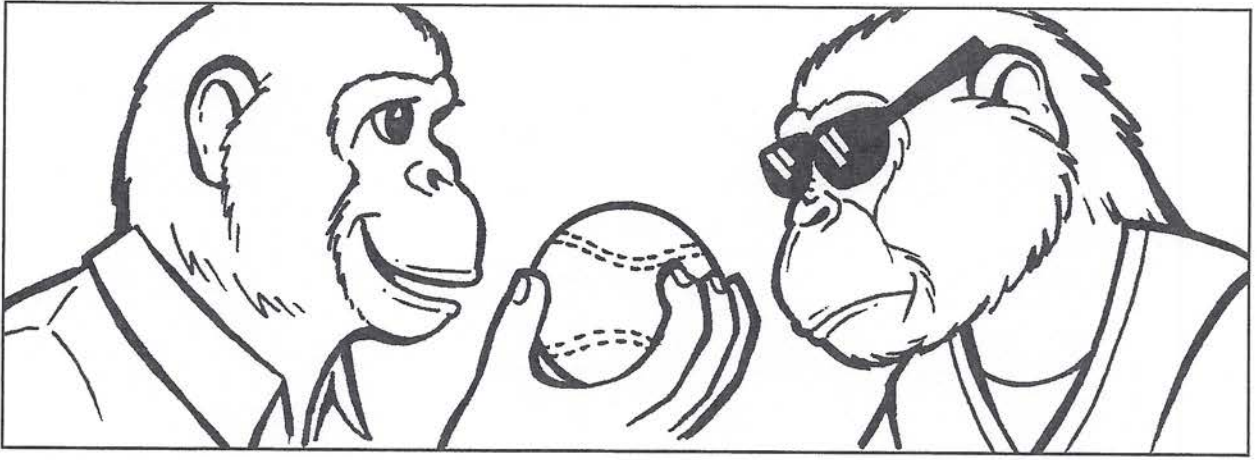
"I am the best chess champ
in all the land.
There is no chimp who plays chess
better than I do," Skip said.

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Skip bet a chunk of change and his ranch
that he would win the chess match.
He put a chunk of change on the bench.
"I will be champ," he said.
"Just watch and see."

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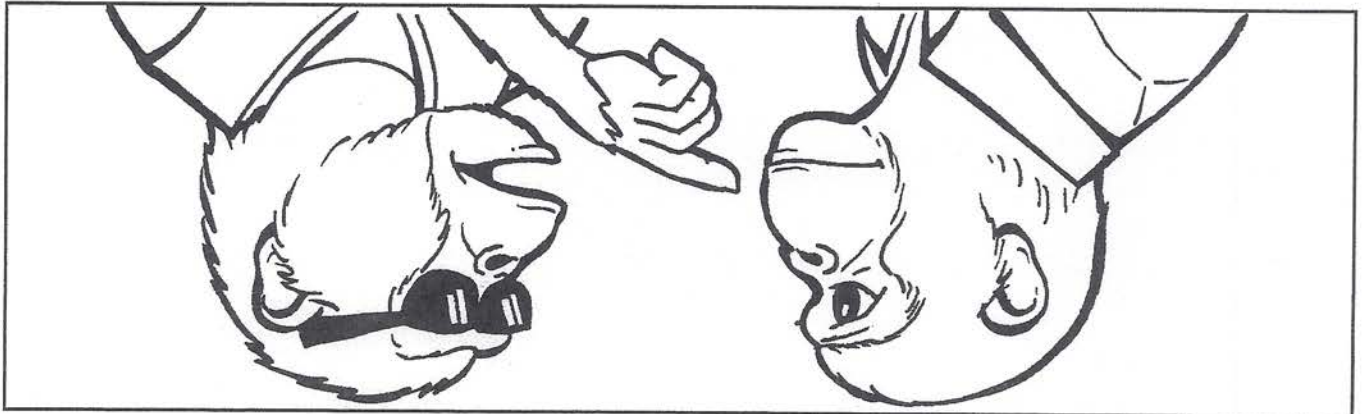


Skip asked Chip to play chess.
But Chip said he could not play.
He had to pitch in the big game.
Skip said, "Chimps can play chess,
but they do not pitch."

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Skip was mad.
He had a hunch that Chip
did not want to play chess.
"You think I will win,
and you will look like a chump,"
he said to Chip.

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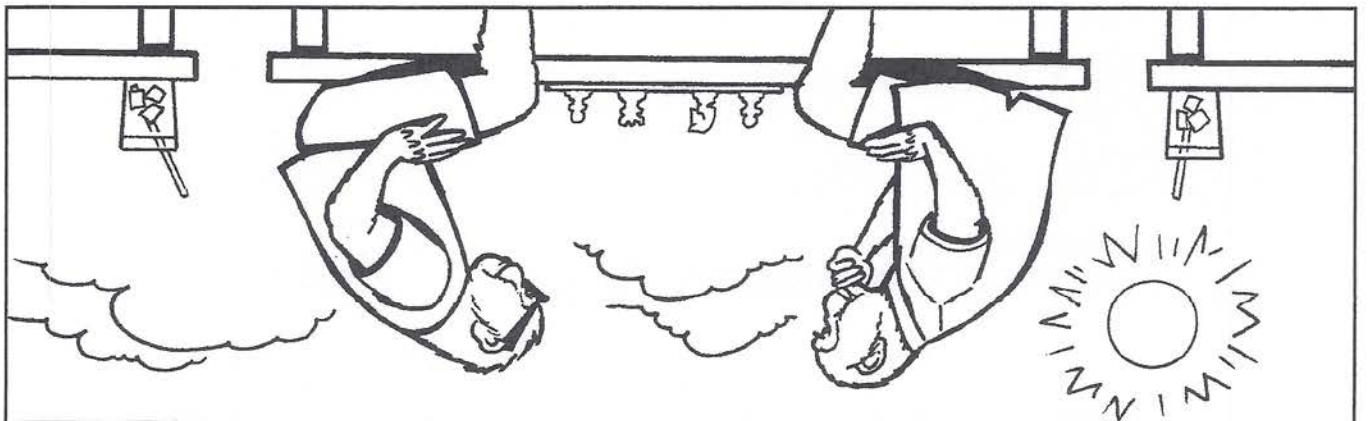


"I have no time to chat," said Chip.
"I have to pitch.
But I will play chess at lunch.
Then we will see who is the chump."

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At lunch, Chip and Skip sat down
to play a chess match.
A bunch of chimps came
to watch the match.
They sat on a bench in the shade
and sipped lime drinks.

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Then Chip said, "Checkmate."
He had Skip's king.
Skip could not win the game
with his king in checkmate.
Skip was crushed.

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"You are no chess chump," said Skip.
"You are the champ,
and now you are rich.
You won my ranch
and a chunk of change."

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