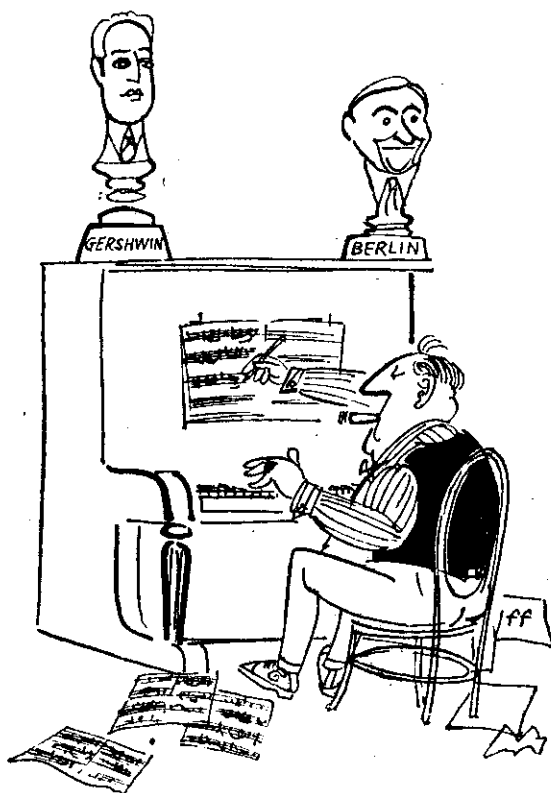


BEATEN BY OUISTITI

IF you know what to do with an ouistiti, you are better than the Brain of Britain; that is, if you also know the answers to a number of other simple questions such as the site of the first English cricket club and the design on a £1 postage stamp.

The Brain of Britain, in the terms of *Twenty Questions*, is animal, human, and living at present. It is not one of the much-publicised mechanical brains such as Ernie, which will pick the winning numbers in the British premium bonds scheme—national lottery if you prefer it. Ernie's full name is Electronic Random Number Indicator Equipment, but the name of the Brain of Britain is Antony Carr.

He was picked by the BBC after three years of one of its most popular quiz programmes, *What Do You Know?* After four contests he became the "Brain of 1956," and was then pitted against the winners in 1954 and 1955.



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two steps into the road and picked up the other sheet, repeating his inspection with the right front wheel. He looked at me as he straightened his back, and said in a somewhat forced voice: "I just dropped these two pieces of paper." He then approached his own car simultaneously with a rather flabby character wearing longish hair, suede shoes and a gold lit smile, who came from across the street and got confidently into the back. The car then drove away, slowly and carefully, obstructing for some fifteen seconds the stream of traffic. I had a close look at the front of the car, but there wasn't anything there that doesn't normally belong on the front of a Volkswagen: no bombs, no dope, no dirty postcards. I dunno . . . perhaps he's the type who never forgets a face.
—G. Ief. Y.

J. W. GOODWIN tells the odd story of Antony Carr

Antony is an 18-year-old student who earns 10/- a week on a newspaper round in Wales while waiting to go to university, but both his adversaries were schoolmasters.

Unfair? Yes, most unfair—but to the teachers. The student gained 24 marks, the masters 12 and five.

Among the questions and some of Tony's correct answers were:

What is the difference between a gazelle and a gabelle?—One is a small African antelope and the other was a tax, especially a salt tax.

What are Whites, Boodies and Brooks's?—London clubs.

Where was the first cricket club in England founded?—Broadhalfpenny Down, Hambleden.

What unit is the Queen's bodyguard for Scotland?—The Royal Company of Archers.

What picture is on a £1 United Kingdom postage stamp?—Wind-sor Castle.

How old was Shelley when he died?—One month under 30.

What is meant by flash point?—The lowest temperature at which the vapour from an oil or spirit will ignite.

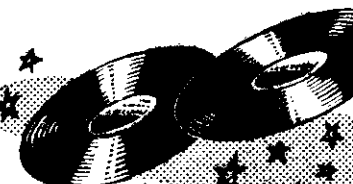
After receiving £5 and a diploma from the BBC, Antony Carr was asked why he didn't try for some of the £1000-and-more prizes in commercial television quizzes, but the boy brain replied: "I think I'd be too nervous—and after all, I'm a bit young."

Not old enough yet to know what to do with an ouistiti. He might use it to turn a key from the outside of a locked door when the key was on the inside. Or he might cage it, because it is a type of marmoset, or small American monkey.

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