What is a period chair, Papa?

A period chair, Chester, is the chair that is used at the end of a sentence.

Papa - Who is the greatest pitcher in the world?

Papa - Just what I say - for example, in prison, it's the chair the warden uses to electrocute criminals - some call it an electric chair.

Do you mean who is - or was? That's hard to say - Walter Johnson was a great pitcher - Grover Alexander was one of the best - there's Christy Mathewson, Eddie Cicotte, and Ed Walsh - all great pitchers - it's a matter of opinion - which was the best.

Well - one of the kids said his father is the best pitcher - once pitched a ball over a ten-story building.

Why, Chester - do you call that pitching - I'm surprised - do you know who the greatest pitcher of all time was - George Washington - when he was pursuing the British - he pitched a ball through the bell tower.

Ay, but your dumb - I don't see where you got all your dummness from - you surely didn't get it from me.

You're right, my dear - certainly none of your is missing.

If you expect to get anywhere in this world - you must have brains - you should study - improve your trade - the road to success is a long, hard one - my boy.

And aren't there any short cuts - Papa?

Yes - there are plenty of them - our prisons are full of men who took short cuts.

I bet you were smart when you went to school.

My boy - the teacher used to tell me it was too bad there weren't any marks higher than a hundred to give me - I could spell down any kid in school - I had to stop every other grade.

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Neither did the Spaniards.

Now, take in business - learn to be smart there - too always manage to be on the right side - if you're a banker - a banker - a lawyer - or a lion tamer - be on the right side of your business.

If you're a lion tamer - be on the right side of the lion.

Which is the right side of the lion?

The out side - of course.