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Perhaps the greatest Ruthian moment came during the world series game played against the Cubs at Wrigley Field on October 1, 1932. The Babe came to bat in the 5th with the score locked at four to four. He had already hit a homer in the first inning to give the Yankees a 3-0 lead and as he stepped to the plate to face Cub pitcher Charlie Root, the crowd razed him mercilessly. As Root whisked a strike past him the Babe turned and, in an eloquent gesture, raised one finger to the crowd. A second strike, and Babe turned again raising two fingers. Then like an actor who, having played a part so often, knows it by heart, Ruth majestically waved toward the right center field wall. A moment later the Babe's pantomimed prediction was a reality. As the crowd, sensing the finale of the drama, rose to its feet, Ruth slammed a homer almost exactly where he had pointed.

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