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human being I treated him, the more

attached to me he seemed to become,

"After some thought as to how the

innovation of what they might con-

In company with the sailor who

lawn and explained to them what I

would in any way affect their posi-

tions. It had taken this man years

Some years since there was no and I'll make no charge for the pickittle excitement throughout the ing.'

Bouth, caused by the announcement "I won't bother you with the dethat monkeys had been proved to be tails," said my old partner as he re-wholly capable as cotton pickers and of course much cheaper than native abor. All sorts of stories were in the Darwinian theory. I like novelty and air, some partly true and many wholly never refuse to investigate a new idea because it appears to be out of the ater sensation relegated this one to common. I did investigate this one,

orgetfulness.

A couple of years since, I received visits to the vessel where the monkly visits to the vesse per, who had settled in the South, and verse with the big leader, who proved owned one of the finest small to be the finest and most intelligent lantations in the State. From him animal I ever saw. The more like a heard the story first hand, as he him-

elf was responsible for it. As we sat around the blazing log while I noticed that he at once reire in my Virginia home, and smoked sented any familiarity towards me by and talked of our early days in Caliornia and the Territories, he suddenbroke out into his hearty laugh and darkies would regard this remarkable said: "Fred, did you ever hear of my monkey trade, and how they picked sider their rights, I made the trade. my cotton for me, and raised merry 10b all through our part of the state?" answered to the name of Fernando, replied that since he asked the ques- I ordered my darkies out onto the don, I seemed to recollect having read and had probably been dismissed from my mind as a "fake" story.

"No," he answered, "it was abso-tutely true, and I yet believe it could be made a thorough and complete of hard patient labor to educate these success, not only in the cotton fields, animals to work, and probably no but in large orchards and perhaps others would ever be imported for such among the smaller fruits and berries. a purpose; that none of my men who

"You know," he continued, "that be- cared to work would be discharged, side my plantation I have several good as there would always be plenty of mines in Georgia, the working of extra work at the mines, and I tried which while not of a bonanza nature, to explain to them that this was adds quite materially to my income. solely an experiment of my own. After

"One morning a short thick-set man the cotton was picked, if it resulted of forty, whose rolling gait plain- as Fernando said it would, I should ly betokened the sailor, walked up take a contract to pick my neigh-my roadway and to the plazza, where bor's 100-acre peach orchard. What I sat talking with my overseer and we should find for our Simian friends enjoying my morning pipe. The two to do during the cold weather would large fields of cotton on either side have to be left for future consideraof the road were about ready to pick, tion.

vision of their actions.

their cages, which were fastened by shortly had vanished entirely from Fernando. The rest of us sat on the view. oorch smoking, and part of the time I played on my banjo, which latter We never knew positively, but huntappeared to greatly please my visitor. ers and travellers report that the Soon after nine, as we were prepar- Everglades in Florida for the past ing to go to our rooms, the monkey few years have been full of monkeys, chief, Pythagoras, pulled my coat and that they appear tame and friendupon a peg, he motioned as if he close they shake their heads violentwanted to take it back to the plazza ly as if saying: 'No more cotton I nodded my permission and he went picking for us.' out with it, spread it and almost asked me in so many words if he could sleep upon it. I laughingly said: 'Make yourself perfectly at home, old foreman of the Buffalo mine, gave fellow, at which he grinned back at me as if he accepted it as a compliment, and curled himself upon the blanket with a great grunt of satis-faction, where I left him. faction, where I left him.

next morning Fernando "The brought out the monkeys, divided them into two gangs, and commenced the picking. Pythagoras would lead one gang for a while and then hurry over to the head of the other, run-ning back to see if any cotton had been skipped and like the most competent overseer, keeping a watchful supervision over the whole work. Nothing like it had ever been known

on any plantation. "We stopped an hour at noon and something to that effect, only that proposed to do. I added, I wanted by night, by actual weight all form-t was but a very faint impression, neither them nor any of the men on er records had been beaten by over the adjoining plantations to get it one-half. What also appeared to me into their nigger brains that this very remarkable was that the pickers seemed just as lively and active when the day's work was over, as when it commenced. That evening was a repetition of the former, but before retiring I thought I saw some men moving around near the house, and twice Pythagoras uttering a low grunt darted down the steps, returning and shaking his head each time as if something disturbed him. Nothing, however, occurred, and I finally went into my room and lay down, although but partially undressing.

"It could not have been very long after midnight when I awoke with that indescribable feeling that someone was moving about the room. had closed my windows on retiring, but now felt the cool night air blowing soft across my face. As I mechanically grasped my revolver, cocked it and raised myself suddenly to a sitting posture, I felt the point of a sharp instrument piercing my neck. I faintly heard the sound of a shot, the room seemed full of smoke and everything went black as I fell back sense

"Several days had passed before I opened my eyes to returning consciousness and what occurred during that interval, I have learned only from those to whose untiring care, assisted by my naturally strong constitution, I owe my life.

"The darkey I had discharged, had crawled in through my window with the evident intention of robbery and murder. My watch and purse lay on the floor and my necktie with a valuable diamond pin had been thrust in the pocket of his blouse. Pythagoras had evidently heard the noise, slight as it was, or perhaps his sense of smell was, as Fernando said, extreme-

"I do not know whether or not mon-Pythagoras's intuitions must at least for when Fernando and the overseer rushed in with lights, they saw that in the spring. the big ape had grasped the darkey's right wrist which held the knife, with horseman. He learned to ride on the his right hand, and twisted and broken the wrist, in spite of the darkey's sturdy black animal that served as the great strength, while the long fingers of his left hand were pressed tightly young man. Old Diamond is now a around the throat of the darkey whom he had evidently strangled with comparative ease. All would have been father,-as he does whenever he is well had I lain still, but my sudden rising had not only plunged the knife the saddle animals in the White House into my own neck, but caused the fall stables, his preference being for Wyomof the revolver which fired the fatal ing, the handsome mount presented to shot, the big bullet plowing through killing him instantly.

"We gave the body of the darkey was buried under a beautiful live oak. and upon the mound, after I recovered.

Well, after the doctor said I would soon be all right again and persume the cotton picking, which the partner thinks it was caused by an inmonkeys, or rather I want to trade of threatening his fellow workmen them for an interest in the Buffalo with his big knife, which was half as and had shown so much restlessness Israelite in the basement!"

"They would give low plaintive Though the distance was con-

and went out to his family evidently the principal in another life and death forbidding them to do this or that or struggle. As she drew her arm back ordering them to be more quiet, at for another throw, at the same time least expressing some sort of super- advancing rapidly, I fired. She pitched forward uttering a most unearthly "At seven o'clock he and Fernando screech and in a moment all the went among them, giving some sharp other monkeys were flying wildly to commands, and they went quietly to the southerly point of the woods and

"What finally became of them? sleeve and walked ahead of me to ly, but are in mortal terror of a gun Taking a blanket that hung and if the traveller approaches too

"Fernando was at first quite disconsolate at his loss but I made him him a generous share of the stock, and he has proven a splendid man for the position, so that the returns and mourn the untimely loss of that remarkable Darwinian Specimen of Evolution, we can afford to laugh at our first attempt to utilize the Missing Link."

## Kermit Roosevelt.

Kermit Roosevelt, second son of the President, is to a considerable portion of the public the least known member of the Roosevelt family and yet he is one of the most interesting. Kermit is a manly lad who is now in preparatory school and who will within a few years follow in the steps of his older brother, Theodore, Jr., by entering Harvard. He bids fair to prove a strong-er lad physically than "Teddy" and has always gone in for athletics and outdoor life in general. Not long ago he went on a hunting expedition in the Northwest, under the guidance of a man who had been a companion of his father in his ranching days and the big game bagged by Kermit proved conclusively that he in time will be as good a sportsman as his father.

Coming home from this trip Kermit politely gave up his sleeping car berth to an old lady who boarded the train after all the berths had been sold. All the junior members of the Roose



KERMIT ROOSEVELT.

velt family are fond of pets, but Kerly acute, and his devotion to his mas- mit goes ahead of all the others in his ter's friend brought him at once to love of domestic animals. Dogs have always been his favorites and there has seldom been a time when he has eys can see in the dark, but if not not had one or more canine followers, these animals being transported from have given him a sort of second sight. Oyster Bay to Washington each autumn and back again to the summer home

Kermit Roosevelt is also an excellent President's old pony Diamond, - a President's mount when he was a pensioner in the White House stables and when Kermit goes riding with his home for a vacation,-he uses one of President Roosevelt by his friends and

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and I was busy planning upon which | "Most of my darkies looked upon the quickest time and leaving the might prove troublesome. One of the cleanest picked field.

the forefinger of his right hand, and asked in fairly good English, 'Are you the one the darkies call the Captain?' I said, 'Yes, what can I do at several different times. He was a rest of the monkeys and my experifor you? He came up the steps un powerfully built negro, nearly six feet ment! invited, drew a chair to my side and four inches in his bare feet, and when handed me half a dozen big, black not in liquor, holding the record of mitted me to walk about, I had Fercigars, which, I may add, proved about the fastest and cleanest cotton pickthe finest I ever have smoked. 'Cap- er in the section. But he had a very tain, he said, I want to sell you 125 surly disposition, and was too fond darkies had meanwhile nearly comgold mine. I am an old miner and long as an Austrian sabre, and which that the morning and evening hours am tired of knocking round. I was he kept as sharp as a razor. I had of relaxation had been abandoned. through the Buffalo yesterday and cautioned him about this and told him while she isn't the richest in the world, that if I ever saw him draw that knife her out wonderfully."

says you have offered a half interest bounded up the steps to greet me.

field I should commence, or whether the whole matter as a joke and went to faithful Pythagoras's brain and admirers in Cheyenne, Wyoming. I had better divide my force and of away laughing and jollying each fer some inducement for the party other, but a few muttered and shook bringing in the largest quantity in their heads, and acted as if they to some of his friends, but Pythagoras latter said, evidently intending that I "The visitor touched his cap with should hear, that he'd be damned if I placed a marble slab inscribing

least one hundred pounds ahead. beamed cordially and he smiled as to make threats, and as the

even exchange. I will oversee their their leader sitting by my side most at me. work for the first three days, and if twice as much cotton has not been picked as by an equal number of darkies, you may call the trade off man. He occasionally laid it aside for a moment I thought I was to be

moans and cry out like children when a few thousand dollars would open on any one, black or white, I would hurt and when released instead of shoot him without warning. He was romping and jumping as at first, would "Even admitting that I were will- well aware of my facility with a re- gather in groups and chatter together ing to take you as my mining partner, volver and was generally obedient to as if talking over some trouble. Then I asked, 'what the devil would I do my orders. After his remark above, they would troop down to the corner I asked, 'what the devil would I do with 125 monkeys? I think I could use one as a playmate for the children. They feel pretty lonely since their mother's death.'

"He waved his hands toward the two big fields with their snow white covering.

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'Mother," "Sister," "Sweetheart":--Unto these I go, and waging 'cessant This offer is limited to Feb. 1st., 1906.