THIS THROWS DOUBT ON DESIGN

And Leads to the Belief That the Race Is a Natural Product.

GRADATIONS IN THE HUMAN LINE

[WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH.]

attained to great condensation and sustains a high order of organic development, in that particular, its rank is probably fair. It bears the credentials of a great natural product, created by natural forces and controlled by natural law.

There is, in truth, but little of that, worthy of being designated as civilization, to be found south of the equatorial line. It is true that man has disposed himsel? over a wide range of latitude on the earth, but he presents himself collectively in a most particularly well-defined line is pre-ited, that separates or defines him from the immediate horizon below hira.

MAN IS A NATURAL PRODUCT.

One may see, in glancing along the line from the pretty mature Caucasian, down through the scale to the lower African, a is almost necessary to on a very limited area on the earth and one glancing too far column, lest we be too we

too much animal to be strictly human and eet too human to be entirely animal. But is the man we are considering pro

journey, must have passed the plane of their next neighbors just below them. But those usighbors, in like manner, must also have passed, in their progressive march, the borizon of their next lower congeners, and so, in turn, must all the races and sub races

ery lowest humans-those who repose on able horizon—must, at one stage of their journey, have passed the plans of the clearly defined animals just below them. And still the singular line presents its continuity on down through gradation after gradation, from the maximalial through all the transformations down to the radiates terminating only in the scarcely conscious atom.

TEACHINGS OF PALEONTOLOGY. leontological pages as they cover the ceno-soic, the mesonoic, the paleonoic, the eonoic and anoic ages, to the lowest boundary of

Viewed in this way, the relationship of man to his environment takes on much less

Surprise is sometimes expressed, and an

with much significance, that man has not write in a quite different manner than at rints to the rocky structure of the earth, his is true, but it is due to the simple reason that he was not and could not have been present so early in the creative season. He was not here until the cenozoic leaf in the recaive volume of nature was turned and the mammalial order had been firmly estabhed, to which he should serve as super-

NO EXEMPTIONS FOR MAN. dysmic violence, is then not due to any operior consideration that his presence total evake from the operations of nature, for, as soon as he came and wheresoever he put in an appearance, he shared to the fullest with his companion animals, all the a specialty at \$2.50. Gusky's. pains and perils that environed them.

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beneficence on the part of Creative Wisdom, ss, he is man, in any complete sense, only on a very limited area on the earth and when found at full measure, is restricted to

If it be so, that he was designed to occupy a position but litt'e lower than the angels, he demonstrates the possession of a transcendent capacity for maintaining the second companity at its minimum.

angelic quantity at its minimum. FAULTS OF THE CONFEDERACY.

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ments of government, incapacity was The Southern Confederacy, formed as a protest against the alleged centralizing tendencies of the United States Government, suffered a greater degree of centralization than its rival in Washington. The conscription of troops was carried to such a de-gree that Governor Brown, of Georgia, re-fused in set terms to permit the Confederate in the South is due not so much to a wish to show them honor, as to the fact that almost every man of any force of character was compelled by public sentiment to enter

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MAN IS AT HIS BEST

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Externally, the noticeable feature is its three parts of water and ice surface to one of land. As a product in the line of worlds, in point of size, the sphere under consideration seems rather diminutive, but as it has

WHERE MAN THRIVES BEST. If created on an expressly or exceptionally pre-arranged or pre-designed plan, as a stage on which man should exploit himself, in contradistinction from other spheres in space, with which we may form some ac-quaintance, or, if created as an illustration

d especial adaptation to man's particular ecommodation, then, in the path of this conclusion, an insurmountable economic problem presents itself. Of all the area on this sphere of 25,000 miles of circumference, hardly more than two per cent is adapted to evolving man to his highest estate. The vast polar areas are valueless; the tropical zone seems to beget an invincible indolence and enly two relatively small strips of land surface in the North and South Temperate ones, are climatically so conditioned, as to produce in any sense, a morally and intel-ectually respectable human creature.

marvelous diversity of ethnological aspects. He presents a variety of hues and shades of olor and, when measured by any fair ion that just what he is here for at all is not altogether clearly mad; manifest. The alk of man that seems to project above the great mass seems so low that the careful student is erplexed in trying to discover where the lower extremity of man terminates, as

Of course, the race is now being considord as a whole and not partially, as to divisions, nor as to the higher products of parts of divisions. Viewed thus generally, the evidence fails to show that the earth is pecially contrived with a view to the man beings, approximating to something intellectual ripeness, but, on the other hand the evidence presents itself rather forcibly, that man is simply the product of strictly natural forces, and takes the varied

rofrain from glancing too far when down the column, lest we be a sma confronted with the evidence that, at one area. stage of the journey, far back in the line of the ages, the genus home was rather sug-gestively handy as a quadruped. Certain it is that the lower end of this column merges into a plane where the creature seems to be

In the correct answer to this question

EVIDENCES OF EVOLUTION. He is either progressive, or he is not. If he he not progressive, then the line as it stands now, stands as it has always stood always must stand, so long as it stands at all, and all attempts to elevate the lower end, or indeed any part of the column, must e forever futile. Conversely, if man be ssive, as seems undoubtedly to be the it follows then, that he must progressed from, and has now at-to, a stage which he did not prewheat to the Government at that enviously possess. If this be true, we may con-clude that the Caucasians, at one stage of their hanced price. In the subordinate depart-

along this column have done, down to the owest that we dare call human. Then what? It seems inevitable that the the almost, if not entirely undistinguishable horizon—must, at one stage of their journey, have passed the plane of the clearly defined unimals just below them. And still the

down to the radiates, terminating only in This is the record impressed on the pa-

of the 'hue of mystery, and problems that otherwise seem inexplicable vanish into nothingness.
If we carefully examine into the exhibition of mentality as disclosed along this very slowly progressive procession, we shall find, that, at whatever point we may pause to make a survey, the same general philoso-ceived. It is found that as these impulses pby impels and governs mental action, fletween the lower animal that pil- writer, the writing for the appearance and

lages another's storehouse, or feasts on the carcass of a helpless with calculating craft to dispossess his fellows of their means, or advoitly raids a public treasury, the respective acts are much less dissimilar in degree than in mere method.

en called on to contribute his fossil im- another.

Man's exemption from the earlier cata-Viewed anthropologically, man's position on the earth does not appear as a special act of

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