

MEN I HAVE SKETCHED.

My first meeting with Theodore Roosevelt was just after I had written an article about him entitled "Changing the White House," wherein I remember was a statement that he had put the pictures and principles of Lincoln into his collar, and had changed the once dignified White House into a Roosevelt cozy corner. Knowing that all men's memory is more or less good, I was ushered into his presence one June day at the White House with something more troubling than mere official etiquette. There is no way of describing Roosevelt that has not been already done. Whether it has been rightly done or wrongly no one seems to know. The first five minutes that I had spent with him impressed me with one thing, that he was not going to sell any soft soap. And at the close of the interview I was still most impressed with his direct way of meeting his fellow-man. I remember of thinking that possibly his frankness of manner in itself had caused him to be much misunderstood by many.

The campaign of 1904 was well under way when I was invited to Oyster Bay for a visit. I met the Colonel on his porch. I had seen by the papers that he had been taking lessons from a Jap wrestler, evidently for the purpose of knowing how to break any kind of holds put upon him. It was our second or third meeting, and with Roosevelt this is equivalent to fifty years of neighborly acquaintance. So as we shook hands, rather high in the air, he sort of circled under my extended arm, holding on to it with a firm grip. He came up under it just at the elbow joint,



and from the pain that shot up the sleeve I realized that I was being hurt and remembered the methods of the Jap wrestler. His next twist threw me over his head onto a hemp porch-carpet that if intended for that purpose should have been six inches thicker.

It was certainly a strenuous meeting, coming up in every detail with the reputation of the man and the surroundings. We passed the baseball a few times after that and it seemed to have an unnatural sting when he fired it to me. With the President's sons and some cousins, all showing the influence of the open air and the simple life, we then shouldered heavy rifles and went for target practice. We shot half an hour into a mound until we were yelling at each other like deaf men on account of the ringing in our ears. Then we went to the barn to see the horses and there we came upon boxing gloves. His younger son, a boy not up to much careful thought at that time, suggested that his father put on the gloves with his guest. Of course when anyone asks you to box it is always the proper thing to accept the invitation with real jubilation or at least alleged joy, so I feigned delight at the suggestion.

All the sons and cousins helped tie the gloves on their distinguished relative, leaving me to second myself and get the gloves on the best way I could. There was something unmistakable the way these youngsters rallied to the Colonel's side. I had the thought in mind that possibly they were

not so childlike in their enthusiasm. That perchance they recalled the article about "Changing the White House" and the alleged removing of the pictures and principles of Lincoln. But all this time there was one thing that reassured me, the President's glasses. As I had never seen him without them I did not know that he could see two feet ahead of his nose unless they were astride of it, and I expected when we were ready he would say to me: "Now all right, let us box, but on account of my glasses do not attempt to hit me above the shoulders." I was cheered by this thought for the moment, until, when we were ready, the President leaned over to the youngster that had suggested the match and said: "Now, son, lift off my glasses." Turning to me he then said good naturedly: "Now I recall an article you once wrote." After shaking hands with all the ghostliness of a championship affair, we had pulled away at a safe distance when he said: "Mr. Davenport, cut loose just as hard as you please." We had sparred a minute, which seemed to me an hour, when a thud echoed through the horse stalls and a dazzle of chain-lightning flashed through the barn. Whereupon a thousand throats seemed to yell with joy and above them I could hear distinctly a child's voice saying: "Father, father, follow up your advantage," but just then the telephone paid off all its debts to me, for the Secretary came running from the house to announce a most important long distance call.

As I came away from the country estate along the road back to Oyster Bay I naturally thought over the big day I had spent with such a distinctively unusual type of American. I remember well of reminding myself that if all the people in America had met this man and even had to weather the storms I had weathered that day they nevertheless would be his friends. Maybe if that telephone hadn't rang my thoughts might have been different. While I was going over in a general way how thoroughly American the man was, a flash, as we term it in thinking of cartoon ideas, came to me and I saw as if in a picture Uncle Sam standing back of him with his hand resting on Roosevelt's shoulders, saying, "He's good enough for me." So when I returned to town I made the picture. As a cartoon it was poorly drawn owing to the effect on my muscles of a kicking rifle and Japanese wrestling, to say nothing of the boxing gloves, but strangely enough it seemed to catch the public mind so that it became the most widely circulated cartoon in the world's history. This was due principally to the fact that the Republican national committee adopted it as the campaign banner of 1904. Roosevelt's hardest face of all public men to draw if you propose to present it in a kindly way, for power, strength and determination are so stamped on his features that unless you use great care you will allow too much of the bull-dog to appear in the portrait.—Homer Davenport.

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