

The Developmunt Thery, or Mister Darwin.

(From "The Oracle.")

Among the menny things which iz konstantly okerpyin the public mind ov the prezunt da iz the thery of Mister Darwin. With yure purnishun Mister Editur ide like tu offer a fu idears on the developmunt of that selebrated individool. If i understand it rite, Mister Darwin's thery iz az follers; that hiz grate furst parunt wuz a munke, or sumthin tu that effeck. Now i uish to maik onrabul menshun ov Mister Darwin's naim when i sa that az fur az it goze, this iz troo. But what i uish tu sa on this prezunt oekashun iz that Mister Darwin if he chozes ma klame a much more anshunt ansestree. Now it iz kwite kleeer tu me, and i think it can bee dislinksbually shone that Mister Darwin's grate ansestar and furst parunt waz a tadpole. Befour purseedin tu sho the pints ov simclarity betwene Mister Darwin and hiz furst grate parunt, and also hiz developmunt therfrom and so fourth, i wud beg tu ofer a fu remarx bast on the sain grate fundermental prinsipuls which underli Mister Darwin's selebrated thery. And what i uish to sa iz that not onle Mister Darwin hizself, but allso uther anermuls ov the brute kreashun hav desended frum that sain numerus and illustrecus famerle direct or indirect.

Fur instans let us take a exampel frum the annermal rase. Now i konsidder that the clerfunt iz a kais in pint, and a exsellunt exampel ov the developmunt thery. I Kontend that the clerfunt's great ansestur and first parunt wuz a tadpole. Let us arguff the subjeck. Wcl tu perseed, ya see it iz a none fakt that sum, na menny, of the tadpole famerle cald riglers develop inter musketurs. Now if you plase a musketur and a clerfunt side be side, and vieu them individoole and kollektivle you will notis that the pints of simularite tu be so numerus az tu leve littel or no dowt as tu the intermate relashun ov theze too individooles. It will be purseved by kecrful obsurvashun that the musketur haz fore or five legs, and it may be purseved that a clerfunt haz fore or five legs allsow. In the next furst plase there is the pröbuskesis. Now in mi estimashun both a musketur and a clerfunt haz prebuskesis tu a konsidrabul extent, ov coase the musketur haz'nt got much ov a tale az i noze ov, but neethur haz a clerfunt fur a annermal ov hiz siz. Agane ther iz the teeth. Wcl i spoze if you kompar tuskiz the clerfunt haz it;