THE ORIGIN OF MAN BY EVOLUTION.

Our friend, great Darwin, in his book maintains Man owes descent to mammals of short brains And lengthy tail; that high and low degree, The hind and peer have but one pedigree; No flattering doctrine this to you or me. In course of ages, in more recent times, In spite of all his errors, follies, crimes— We need not be exact about the date— 'Tis known that man rose to a higher state And there remains for some few thousand years; No further evolution since appears. A problem hard, however, here occurs— "Man is the glory of the Universe," And "wonder" also, thus our author says, At least in substance, slightly changed the phrase. All this is not denied, but who so bold The novel, daring theory to hold, That when the Evolution's course was run The power had finished all it could have done; Or that when Evolution ceased and ended A perfect man was made not to be mended. The knotty point or question then is this-We state it briefly but in terms precise— Our speculative friends are bound to show Why Evolution did no further go; Why the said process stopped just where it did, Of further changes was there no more need. Since none of all our learned friends appears To solve these points, now patent for some years, The reader is requested to attend While we attempt an answer to that end; Attempt, remember, for there is much doubt, Complete solution can be well made out.

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