SKETCHES from THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S BUSY LIFE.

26th PRESIDENT of the U. S.

Theodore Roosevelt's Father.

Theodore Roosevelt is the youngest American citizen who has ever been called to the head of our nation. He was born in New York City, October 27, 1858, his father, after whom he was named, being a prominent merchant a patriot, a philanthropist, and a moving spirit in the Civil War. The elder Theodore Roosevelt went to Washington after the first Battle of Bull Run and warned President Lincoln that he must get rid of Simon Cameron as Secretary of War, with the result that Mr. Stanton, the organizer of victory, took his place. When the war was fairly under way it was Theodore Roosevelt who organized the allotment plan, which saved the families of eighty thousand soldiers in New York State more than $5,000,000 dollars of their pay, and when the war was over he protected the soldiers against the sharks that lay in wait for them, and saw to it that their just claims were promptly settled. Theodore Roosevelt, New York possessed leading business, financial and philanthropic institutions of position and influence largely as the result of his personal efforts. Three were four children born in the Roosevelt family, of whom Theodore was the second. Three died in infancy, leaving a single survivor, a sister, Anna Roosevelt, who was married in 1886 to Captain Cowles, of the United States Navy.

The President's Early Boyhood.

He was a puny, sickly child, and for many years of his early childhood and boyhood was "weakened, pampered boy" who was forbidden to take part in the sports of his lads of the street. When he entered the Columbia Medical College, in New York, he was a mere shadow of a man, and his friends were seriously alarmed for his health. He was obliged to withdraw from college for a time, and was sent to the Adirondacks, where he lived in the open air, and began to take an interest in athletics. He was well above the average height, but had no reason to be ashamed of his physical prowess.

Never for a waking moment was he idle. It was either study or exercise. In addition to his regular studies and special courses he took upon himself the self-imposed task of mastering and made a success of it. He was a democrat in his tastes and simple in his mode of living. Theodore Roosevelt was graduated from Harvard in 1880 with high honors. In spite of several study, his health was so much improved and he had so enjoyed a trip to a foreign journey in search of information, pleasure and adventure, that he distinguished himself as an enthusiastic climber ascending the historic Matterhorn and many other mountains. He was made a member of the Alpine Club of London.

Begins Study of Law.

On his return to America he studied law, and in the fall of 1881 he was elected to the State Assembly from the Twenty-first District of New York, generally known as Jacob Riis's district.

By re-election he continued in the body during the session of 1883 and 1884. He introduced important reform measures, and his entire legislative career was made conspicuous by the courage and zeal with which he assailed political abuses. As chairman of the Committee on Cities he introduced the measure which took from the Board of Aldermen the power to confirm or reject the appointments of the Mayor. He was chairman of the noted legislative investigating committee which bore his name. In 1884 he went to the Bad Lands in Dakota, near the "Pretty Buttes," where he built a log cabin, and for years alternated between cattle ranching and hunting. He was also a member of the New York Civil Service Commission from 1889 to 1895.

Police Commissioner in New York.

Mr. Roosevelt was appointed by President Harrison Police Commissioner of New York, and was in office from May, 1895, to April, 1897. He was the most conspicuous member of the Board, and was the most active in the reform movement. He was the most active in the reform movement. He was the most active in the reform movement. He