

# AN APPRECIATION OF THE ART

OF

## FREDERIC REMINGTON

BY

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

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Sincerely yours,

*Theodore Roosevelt*

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