





**THE RULING PASSION**  
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HUMAN NATURE

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I'll be selling him gladly."



## G PASSION

when he was eight years  
ht out a small fiddle, for  
sent to Albany, and pre-

lle, Billee? Dat's for you! You  
on dat. When you kin mek' de  
play on de *violon*—lak' dis one—

ew the bow across the strings and  
medley of the jolliest airs imaginable.  
ook to his instruction as kindly as could  
expected. School interrupted it a good  
play with the other boys carried him away  
ut, after all, there was nothing that he liked  
better than to sit in the little cabin on a win-  
vening and pick out a simple tune after his  
her. He must have had some talent for it, too;  
was very proud of his pupil, and prophe-

Billee of 'Ose Ransom," the  
people at the hotel,  
"you know  
lay



"Den you play on de *violon*—lak' dis one—listen!"



