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PREFACE

The facts dealt with in the following pages are intended to show that the doctrine of the non-inheritance of acquired characters does not always hold good. They are neither numerous nor exhaustive, but typical of a large group of phenomena, and indicate what may occur in regard to use-inheritance rather than what generally occurs.

Though the title may be open to objection because the cases adduced are not strictly those of use or function, but the results of habit, the idea of the contents is sufficiently conveyed, and the title thereby justified.

The names given to certain muscles, and referred to in the text bearing on them, are those employed in veterinary anatomy.