



Heredity (Classic Reprint)

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Forgotten Books. Paperback. Condition: New. 96 pages. Dimensions: 9.0in. x 6.0in. x 0.2in. Professor Pearson and his pupils have investigated the inheritance of stature in man. They proceeded by measuring, in a great many instances, the height of a father and one or more of his sons. The average height of all the men measured was about five feet eight inches. It was found that if one considered by itself the group of fathers measuring about six feet, the average height of their sons was about five feet ten. Further, if one took by itself the group of fathers measuring five feet six, the average height of their sons was about five feet seven. That is, tall or short fathers tended to have tall or short sons respectively, but the resemblance as regards stature was only partial. In other words, variations in stature were inherited, but only to a limited extent. Professor Johannsen of Copenhagen has carried out an investigation on similar lines with regard to the size of the seed in beans. Taking the seeds from a single plant, he separated the large from the small, and planted each lot separately. From the resulting plants, when ripe, he took the...



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