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Heredity counts for much, for more than we reckon in these matters. We breed horses and cattle with careful study of the principle; the prize bull and Derby winner are the result. With mankind we heed it little, or not at all....What is genius? None can tell. But may it not be the result in character of the conflict of violent strains of heredity, which clash like flint and steel, and produce the divine spark?

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