
Elements of Genetics

Many students who are interested in human heredity are bored by extensive discussions of plant and animal genetics. The new book, "Elements of Genetics," is particularly well adapted to such individuals. Especial attention is paid to human traits, and an exceptionally long list is discussed at some length. The author is careful not to be dogmatic in his classification of the modes of inheritance of the traits discussed, and yet at the same time to avoid cumbersome technicalities.

Interactions of heredity and environment are ably presented in an interesting manner. Attempts to induce mutations in animals by feeding lead, alcohol and various chemicals are discussed. Comparatively little space is devoted to chromosomal aberrations and none to biometric techniques. The final chapter is an up-to-date discussion of eugenics. A glossary of genetic terminology is included.

The book is attractively bound and printed upon a good grade of paper.

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Elements of Genetics, by Edward C. Colin. 386 pp. Philadelphia, The Blakeston Company, 1941. \$3.00.