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in support of my view. There is a considerable body of evidence tending to show that the offspring produced by crossing different varieties tends to revert to the type from which these varieties are descended. Thus Tegetmeier states that 'a cross between two non-sitting varieties (of the com'mon fowl) almost invariably produces a mongrel that be'comes broody, and sits with remarkable steadiness.' Mr. Darwin gives several cases in which such hybrids or mongrels are singularly wild and untameable, the mule being a familiar instance. Messrs. Boitard and Corbié state that, when they crossed certain breeds of pigeons, they invariably got some young ones coloured like the wild C. livia. Mr. Darwin repeated these experiments, and found the statement fully confirmed.

So again the same is the case with fowls. The original of the Domestic Fowl was of a reddish colour, but thousands of the Black Spanish and the white silk fowls might be bred without a single red feather appearing, yet Mr. Darwin found that on crossing them he immediately obtained specimens with red feathers. Similar results have been obtained with ducks, rabbits, and eattle. Mules also have not unfrequently barred legs. It is unnecessary to give these cases in detail, because Mr. Darwin's work on 'Animals and Plants under Domestica- 'tion' is in the hands of every naturalist.

Applying the same test to man, Mr. Darwin observes that crossed races of men are singularly savage and degraded. 'Many years ago,' he says, 'I was struck by the fact that in 'South America men of complicated descent between Negroes, 'Indians, and Spaniards, seldom had, whatever the cause might 'be, a good expression. Livingstone remarks that "it is un-" accountable why half-castes are so much more cruel than '" the Portuguese, but such is undoubtedly the case." A 'native remarked to Livingstone—"God made white men, '" and God made black men, but the devil made half-castes!" 'When two races, both low in the scale, are crossed, the progeny seems to be eminently bad. Thus the noble-hearted 'Humboldt, who felt none of that prejudice against the inferior 'races now so current in England, speaks in strong terms of 'the bad and savage disposition of Zambas, or half-castes