

# Problems of Sex

## CHAPTER I

### THE NATURAL HISTORY OF SEX

JUST as maternal love is no prerogative of mankind, but emerges in the human mother with the organic momentum of her million of ancestral motherhoods, so the sex-impulse must always be thought of as part of our great pre-human inheritance. We hasten to say that in another sense human love in any of its expressions is always something distinctive as compared with love among animals, since to man—a rational creature in some measure conscious of his own history, capable of reasoned discourse, and with at least the potentialities of a social person within him—all things became new, including the primary impulses and emotions, the raw materials of morality, the springs of conduct which he inherited from his pre-human ancestors.

But the point of view we wish to begin with is that these sex-impulses, which are at once the glory and the shame of mankind—and this increasingly throughout the ages—have an inconceivably long history behind them, and