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ous forms of utility to the human race. Riches, he declared to be the most sordid conception of the human intelligence; while law was the loftiest. But of all forms, he maintained that the essential one was the propagation of species—that it was the true motive of all the ceremonial of civilization—that the maternal instinct was the chief force which had led to civilization, and would continue to advance it, and that the paternal instinct, which was largely developed only in man, was the next driving force. He further held that the obligation on the man was morally as strong in the case of illegitimacy as in the case of legitimate children. It was sheer cowardice, he declared, which prompted a man to disown one. I remember the heat—I might almost say ‘passion’—with which he maintained this view—due, possibly, to the fact, which he mentioned, that he was the last of his family, and, so far as he knew, had not a relative in the world. He often declared he was ‘as lonely as Adam.’

“When we started at the bar, his powers