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Animal Coloration; An Account of the Principal Facts and Theories Relating to the Colours and Markings of Animals

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