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Sturtevant and the genetics of snail coiling

By a masterful thought experiment, Sturtevant demonstrated the power of applying genetics to embryology. To do this, he applied Mendelian genetics to the study of snail coiling.

Original paper:

Sturtevant, A. H. 1923. Inheritance of direction of coiling in Limnaea. *Science, New Series*, 58: 269–270.

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