



## The Journal of Experimental Zoology, 1921, Vol. 33 (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Excerpt from The Journal of Experimental Zoology, 1921, Vol. 33 The study of the free-martin by F. R. Lilhe ( 17 b) has thrown new light on the field of the biology of sex, demonstrating that sexual differentiation is controllable, at least to some extent, by a certain physiological factor. Lillie discovered that in the free-martin, the female of two-sexed twins in cattle, the sex-glands and sex-ducts are modified from the normal female condition to a sterile masculinized state; that in cattle twins an anastomosis of the umbilical blood-vessels exists between the two embryos, and that this anastomosis is responsible for the alteration of the female twin, the sex-hormones from the male twin being thus enabled to gain access to the female twin through the blood current and to produce a profound modification of her reproductive system. A histological study of the same material by Chapin ( 17) supported Lillie s conclusion that the free-martin is a modified female. As Lillie suggested ( 17 a), the possibility exists, however, that definitely planned experiments may enable us to regulate...



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