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The immense value which the struggle for existence, and natural selection as its consequence, possesses for the development of organic nature, has been recognized more and more during the thirty years since its first discovery by Darwin. However, this struggle has usually been conceived