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ABSTRACT

R. A. Fisher's 1922 paper on mathematical statistics was the most influential work in this field in the 20th century, despite the facts that its author had no notable background in the subject and the paper was ignored upon publication. Where did Fisher get the ideas? How did he come to write this epochal work? These and other questions will be considered and some new answers suggested, and a possibly useful moral is wrung from the tale.
