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*Truth Effects: The Darwinian Revolution and its Impact on Pragmatism*

The paper explores the connections between Darwinism and pragmatism, not only from an historical point of view. I focus my analysis on the notion of result, or practical effect, which is the core of the pragmatist doctrine, and I try to demonstrate that it directly springs from the Darwinian method of observation and research. In Darwin's view, the species is a *product* of evolution, i.e. something in the way of an outcome, and something which is in a process of constant becoming. Genealogy, in Darwin's language, means the necessity of starting from the end, i.e. from the effects we can observe, and reconstructing their origin in a fallible way. The same principles inspired Peirce's abduction. For the genealogist, origin and destination can diverge, and in any case the origin is always reconstructed *a posteriori*. Darwin, therefore, should have entitled his masterpiece: «The species as a result», in a pure pragmatist spirit.