

Why do statisticians commonly limit their inquiries to Averages?

F. Galton, Natural Inheritance, 1889.

“It is difficult to understand why statisticians commonly limit their inquiries to *Averages*, and do not revel in more comprehensive views.

Their souls seem as dull to the charm of variety as that of the native of one of our flat English counties, whose retrospect of Switzerland was that, *if its mountains could be thrown into its lakes, two nuisances would be got rid of at once.*”