**Term:** Habit-taking  
**Quote:** A realist, such as I am, can find no difficulty in the production of that first infinitesimal germ of habit-taking by chance, provided he thinks chance could act at all. This seems, at first blush, to be explaining something as a chance-result. But exact analysis will show it is not so.  
**References:** The Monist, 3, p. 560; CP 6.612  
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