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CRIPPS'S CORNER,
FOREST ROW,
SUSSEX.

Dear Fisher.

I like blowing off steam to you, and expect you to take no notice of it. In nature today there is a letter about the inheritance of acquired characters which seems to me extremely weak. The age of the father at the birth of a child is correlated with the age of the father at marriage, I suppose. Again a man who married late has a better chance of rising in the world, and this gives his son also a better chance of rising. I know from experience the advantage of being the son of an eminent father!! Hence the comparison made in the Enquiry should be between propalities of

of like age at marriage, what
I will bet 10 to 1 was not
the case. I wonder if this is
sound, as I am apt to go wrong
in statistics. One could say that
the statistical method is
excellent for solving such a problem,
and one rejoices to see a beginning
made; but etc etc. I hope
some statistician like you will
go for the blighter. I can't
- and won't!

Yours truly,
L.D.