

I see I have begun 4
sentences with
Now!

May 4 - 31

CRIPPS'S CORNER,
FOREST ROW,
SUSSEX.

Dear Fisher.

I received two "Quality
Reviews" as an advertisement. It
cost me nothing, and I therefore
felt no compulsion to read it.
Then it occurred to me that I
had better give it to someone,
and get a little credit by doing
so. Now you begin to see my
little game. But to gain full
credit, I felt I had to show I
had looked at it. Now there is
one point on which I think we
don't see quite eye to eye. In
our Outline, I think you put in
that "the Society is strongly opposed
to redistribution by means of
taxation...". Now I have been
slowly drifting more and more to
tolerate or even approve of such

a method of improving the lot of
the poor - though my ideas are
still very shaky. Now in this
Quarterly there is an article ^{by Keynes} on
high wages, which I thought might
irritate you nicely. It is true that
I neither like him nor trust
him, in spite of his being my
niece's brother-in-law. But he
is very clever, and won't go far
off the line for any reason.
Hence it occurred to me it might
do you good to read it. Then
read my cousin J. Wedgwood's
article, if you have not previously
thrown this production into the
fire in disgust. Please finally deal
with it in that way, for I don't
want to see its face again, and
do not write - for I am, I think,
going to bore you with another
letter tomorrow, on a subject - as to
which we may possibly agree!
Yours sincerely
J. Darwin

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CRIPPS'S CORNER,
FOREST ROW,
SUSSEX.

Dear Fisher.

Thanks for your interesting letter. I am glad to hear of your German edition. I do not see why this new part should not form a preface. It is, I think, very important. Let me know if financial or other difficulties stand in the way of the German edition.

I agree that blending would stop selection if the mutation rates are high enough. You may be right about my father's views. I incline to think, however, that

you have a clear idea of a
mutation, which he could not
have had if, as I suppose, the
idea of the transmission from
generation to generation of quite
unaltering hereditary elements
had never even occurred to his
mind. I remember when about
1890 I was thinking over Galton's
ancestral law, I used to puzzle
myself as to how it was
conceivable that the average
quality of the race could be
transmitted from generation to
generation as well as particular
individual qualities, this being
necessery if reversion to the mean
takes place. The broad view of-

the transmission of material genes
would, I believe, have interested
my father somewhat, as well as
all the deductions you draw from
it. But you may be right in
thinking that he saw matters
more clearly than I suppose.
I shall keep your letter & think
over it. It may well be that
I did not see it in those days.
I think I agree with what you
say about reversion to the mean.
No more today.

Yours sincerely
D. Darwin