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CRIPPS'S CORNER,

FOREST ROW,

SUSSEX.

My dear Fisher.

I am now an idle man, so I bore my friends with letters, to which I expect no answers. I am really glad that you did not answer my last.

You may care to glance at Enchord, and then throw it away. See p. 291. Is not the coarseness of high grade defectives as to the care of disease quite enough to account for the greater amount of congenital syphilis ^{in narrow aspects?} Doctors seem wholly incapable of statistical argument. Dr. Potts, who writes a *proverbi* article, is a very nice man, but as silly as they

are made. Syphilis is decreasing,
while mental defect is increasing.
Syphilis is more prevalent in
towns, and mental defect in the
country: - at least I believe so.
It would be interesting to compare
the incidence of syphilis and
defect in different towns. Dorchester
(plenty of sailors) Alderbury, Portsmouth,
& some central towns. The same
with alcoholism. I fear that
Dr Turner of Colchester is out to
prove environmental causes.

Nathan said my letter was
too long; but I won't cut it
down. It would be no use
tho' I am not surprised.

Now no answer

Yours sincerely

Li-Darwin