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CRIPPS'S CORNER,
FOREST ROW,
SUSSEX.

Dear Fisher,

Thanks for your paper
which I have not had time
to read again though I
shall enjoy doing so some
day.

You must read the
"Builders of America"
Huntington & Whitney
They deal at great length
with the point I mentioned
before when quoting from
Woods. On the face of it
they prove that natural
selection is acting in a
beneficial manner and

especially amongst the graduates
class. They admit, I think,
that this class is being
wiped off the face of the
earth and I do not feel
that their conclusions are
as hopeful as they make
out. They think that in
all classes the successful
have the big families.
I don't think they prove
it. Social ambition is one
of the main causes of
limitation and this will
be less affected the more
the top is reached.

I have been in bed
for 2 or 3 days with a
cold and have amused
myself by thinking of a

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Gnaffe's neck. How can
the animal lengthen it?
That is the part where the
vertebrae exist.

Just one other question
if the whole of the population
were arranged in order of
merit last January and
again next January how
many would be in the upper
half next Jan who were
in the lower half last Jan?
Did you not make a rough
shot at this figure
sometimes? If so I should

Like to know what was your
guess?

Yours sincerely

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