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CRIPPS'S CORNER,

FOREST ROW,

SUSSEX.

Dear Fisher.

I think it will answer very well to tell your audience what you are doing at the Lab., and, I hope, some words as to future possibilities. I take a less sinister view of the word 'practical' to what you do!

I suspected that all that was intended was the difference between thinking and doing. I don't believe party politics — and that is what politics generally means — ever entered the head of whoever framed these words.

I know I have the "Pillowed"
Somewhere, so return yours. Spring
cleaning is one of the curses of
modern civilization, as things
often get shifted. You mean, I
take it, that ordinary medical
inspections could give valuable
comparative results. It does
seem to me, in regard to mental
tests, ^{it would be advantageous.} if examiners could actually
go back to the answers given
10, 20, or years previously for
the purposes of comparison. Even
if environment counts for much,
it would be instructive.

I generally trouble you with
one of my facts, and here is
a new one. I put it in the form

of hastily written questions, to
which I want no answer.

Can there be identical twin ova
before fertilization? I presume
this is possible. Can there be
also identical twin spermatozoa?
I should think this probable. It
so the one set fertilizing the other
would form identical twins of a
different type to that ordinarily
spoken of. But I guess this event
would be so rare as to be negligible.

But the two identical twin ova
might often be simultaneously
fertilized, giving rise to semi-
identical twins. Would they be
necessarily of the same sex?

If so, because of their existence,
— because ordinary ^{twins} ~~sets~~ of the
same sex would include them —

Non-identical twins of the same
sex would be more like sibs
of the same sex than twins of
different sexes would be sibs of
different sexes. Such a comparison
could be made in characters
independent of sex. I wonder if
you are saying what bosh!.
If so, keep it to yourself!

Yours sincerely

L. Darwin.