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A Visit to Darwin's Home at Down.

Darwin's house at Down was lately visited by a correspondent of a Vienna paper. He found it surrounded by high-ivy clad wall. A pretty servant girl informed him that, in accordance with Mrs. Darwin's wishes, everything about the house had been left as it has been for years.

Mr. Parslow, Darwin's butler, who lives on an annual pension from his master of £50, informed him that Darwin was very sociable, fond of a joke, kind to his servants and attached to his children. None of his servants stayed with him less than five years, and his cook, now an old woman, was engaged when a young girl. Darwin had ten children, of whom two daughters and fives sons are still alive. Sometimes, when the cousins of these Darwins came from London, Mr. Parslow said, he had to take care of thirty pairs of children's shoes.

One time when there was a water famine, Darwin got a horse and wagon and had loads of water brought from a great distance for the poor of the village. He always got up at 6:30, rapidly ate his breakfast, and then studied until his family had breakfasted, whereupon his wife read him newspapers. The rest of the day he spent in his study. Mr. Parslow also stated that Darwin succumbed to a disease of the stomach which caused early in his life by a prolonged attack of seasickness.