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MRS. RANSIER'S LETTER.

Miscellaneous Sunny Suggestions From Sunshine Headquarters.

Among the guests that were a little late at our rainy day card party but none the less welcome when arrived, is a letter from J. P. Giltner, of Kentucky, who says:

"I may be a little late to your Postal party, but shall hope for a welcome nevertheless. Let us look at the second verse of poem number II. (Here everybody get their Farmer of February 24, and look).

The eave spout gushes its frothy streams,

Whence the rain barrel fills and overflows

Its sides, and the slate roof blacker Through the murk and mist; the gleams

From room to room, housewife goes Unshut, and peers through the sodden pall.

Now I think the author intended to have added "seems" after "black-

er" in line 3, or was he like Hamlet who knew not "seems"?

Though it seems that "seems" was slighted, yet poor "gleams" in the following line has even worse treatment. It looks to me as if gleams

was like the general who could neither retreat, advance or stand still. Now let's substitute "and" for "the"

before gleams and see if the poem will not be improved."

Here is the verse in the original copy:

"The eavespout gushes its frothy streams
Whence the rain barrel fills and overflows
Its sides, and the slate roof blacker
gleams
Through the murk and mist; the
housewife goes
From room to room, lest the win-
dows be
Unshut, and peers through the sod-
den pall
Without; and the rain beats end-
lessly
With mist like a wet cloak over all."

There is another verse I did not give you before; here it is:

"The herdsman lowers his broad hat
brim
To a sheltering slant, and the rain
drops fall
From the beaded edge of the low-
ered rim
To the oilskin coat that envelops
all
His length; the guiding collie stops
To shake from his sides the glis-
tening drops
That mats the mass of his silken
locks."

Please right here get your March 7th Farmer and out Joe Lincoln's poem, "Kind-er Like a Stormy Day" right in after this No. 2 poem. It acts like an antidote to the dismal, dolorous, doleful, dangerous, damaging spirit-dampness that precede it.

In a further chat Mr. Giltner says, "My favorite authors are Scott

and Hemans. I like Ivanhoe, Mar-
mion and Bride of Lammermoor
more than Scott's other works. I
hardly think the poems of Mrs. He-
mans have been fully appreciated."

An encouraging caller is Jonas C. Williams, of Warren County, whose words are a sunbeam to us. He writes:

"I am a constant reader of The Progressive Farmer and Cotton Plant, and might say 'paid up subscriber.' [That sounds good, doesn't it Mr. Farmer-Cotton Plant?] I always read with interest the Sunshine column. Enclosed you will find a few stamps. You may enter my name on the list of Sunshiners. I feel in my heart that you are doing a great and noble work and pray our Heavenly Father's richest blessings upon you. I think The Progressive Farmer a most excellent paper."

Thank you, brother. If there were lots more like you, there would be no empty stockings in our bonnie land. I am sure as soon as our Sunshine Society is better known there will be many to help fill them by another year instead of there being little feet without any stockings to fill.

From Mrs. Johnnie Outland and Mrs. B. R. Edgerton, of Wayne, comes a beam, sending us the names of some shut-ins, and saying: "We write for Constitution and By-Laws of Sunshine Society. Mrs. Ransier, we are glad you are doing what you are. We believe the Lord will bless your work. We wish you much success in your work."

Yes, dear sisters, the Lord is blessing me when I get such letters as yours. And the work, is it not His? Surely the blessing follows or rather accompanies, if we just keep heart.

Now, where do you think our next caller is from? You never could "guess" or "reckon"—from "way across the "big pond," over in Holland.

Mrs. C. Gercrands, writes and wants to join our Birthday Circle. She says: "I think that is a very pleasant idea indeed, especially for lonely Sunshiners as I am here. Please, may I send you my address and date of birth, and when I report the letters may I enclose Dutch stamps as yearly dues? Faithfully yours in Sunshine or Shade,

MRS. C. GERCRANDS,

Drabbe Vlamingstarst 53 Delft,

Holland.

Date of birth, 22nd May, 1876."

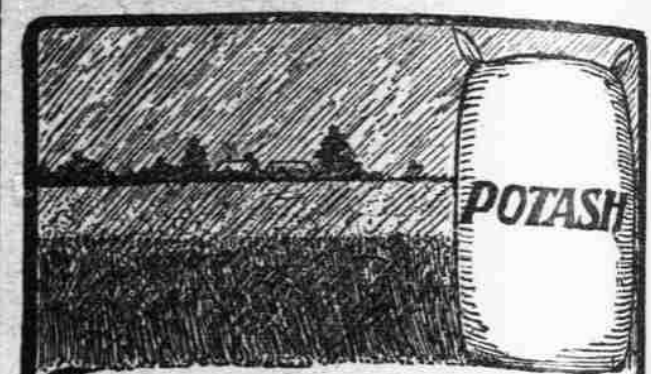
Dear Sunshiners, who will write to her and welcome her into our Southern Sunshine Circle? And if she sends stamps, who of you will buy? Who of you would like to exchange some of Uncle Sam's for one of the little Dutch engravings?

All, each and everybody, call again.

This party has awakened our sleepy 'Shiners who were napping, and everybody seems so pleased that we are planning for another card party soon.

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