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Mr. C. E. Seitz,  
Blacksburg, Va.

Dear Mr. Seitz:

If I remember correctly I have never sent you a report of the work done by Mr. Glenn or as a result of Mr. Glenn's visit to Goochland and Powhatan Counties.

When I made my second visit to Goochland County in the kitchen improvement work I found that in six homes complete systems of water works being put in, this means not only running water in the kitchen but a hot water tank and bath room fixtures. In six homes barrel water works have been installed, and in each case there is a sink and a drain board. In one home a pitcher pump and sink has been installed. This makes thirteen kitchens with running water in Goochland County alone.

I have just had a letter from Miss Sally Guy Davis, the Home Demonstration Agent in Goochland County, saying that Mr. C. C. Gathright who lives at the Court House is very anxious to have some help from your department as he has a spring at the foot of the hill, and he thinks he can use a ram in this to furnish his water supply.

On my final visit to the kitchens in the improvement contest in Powhatan County, I found as a result of Mr. Glenn's visit that five homes had put in water. These are all barrel systems, and consist of sink, drain board, etc. In all of the homes where they have put in water force pumps are used. In a number of cases a pipe connects directly with the barrel, and in one or two barrels are filled with a hose. In addition to the sinks already mentioned, one kitchen has a sink where there was none before, and another housekeeper has added a drain board to the sink she already had.

As a result of Mr. Glenn's work in Mecklenburg County I find that five kitchens are now equipped with running water, all of them using the barrel system. In addition to the sinks in connection with these water systems, sixteen other sinks have been put in and sixteen drain boards. Some of these drain boards were put in where the housekeepers have previously had sinks, but no drain boards.

I think it is worth your while to make a trip to Mecklenburg County to see the home-made basins and the home-made sinks. They are the finest things I have ever run across in all my experience. Miss Sallie Garrett has made a little concrete basin in her kitchen work table about the size of a small wash stand. When she wishes to drain water over vegetables she has a little ten cent sprinkler which she places in the hole from which the waste water flows and the water runs slowly over her vegetables. When she wishes to wash her hands or vegetables, she uses a large cork to stop up the outlet.

Miss Annie Garner has a concrete lavatory on one side of her kitchen which is a work of art. I hope to get some photographs of these two basins.

Mrs. Satterwhite also has a basin made of concrete, or I suppose you might call it a sink in connection with her barrel water system, which is most interesting. This has a wooden frame which holds it in place. Miss Garrett's basin is built in her table, Miss Garner's on a rock foundation. The sinks are dish pans imbedded in concrete most of them having drain boards on both sides and are certainly most ingenious devices. I certainly hope we can get some good photographs of these devices for they are most original.

I am sending a copy of this to Mr. Glenn.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs) M. M. Davis.

State Agent.

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