Crops.
Cotton is liant and diseased from incessant rains. A half-crop cannot be produced. Corn flourishes on high lands, but is yellow and half-drowned in the bottom. The planters are melancholy. Their prospects are gloomy in the extreme. May their crops exceed their expectations.

Yours &c.

HANS

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LETTER FROM VERONA.

A recent Lecture to the Printer—Verona and Its Female College and Collegiate Institute—Prosperity due to Liberal Advertising. Health of Verona and the Country.

Editor of Standard:

Before plunging in medias res, your Correspondent would read a gentle lecture to the Printer. It is usual for those who write to leave punctuation to the printer and hence it is seldom follows copy in this respect. Hans complains that the types have re-spelled for him not less than half a dozen words, and changed the punctuation of as many sentences. In no instance has an improvement been made, for the orthography of the manuscript was that of Worcester, and the punctuation according to Wilson. Hans never puts his work to his periods and yet in the Standard they have assumed curial appendages, and have thus been converted into commas. When Hans wishes to use the apostrophe, he will do it correctly and not leave it to be misemployed by the Printer. In a word, Hans wishes to spell and punctuate for himself. Occasionally, typographical errors will occur through inadvertence, but they will be overlooked by the intelligent and looked over by the ignorant.

Verona takes especial pride in her facilities for Education. Her citizens are fully alive to the importance of cultivating the youthful mind. In this, however, the wise and good ever feel an all-absorbing interest. Behold the unparalleled prosperity of her Female College and her Collegiate Institute! In less than three years the Female College has grown to maturity, and to-day is a successful rival of many similar institutions founded twenty-five years ago. In its able and faithful Faculty, its active and efficient Trustees, and its polite and accomplished Principal, it is unparalleled. Better facilities for an education, solid and ornamental, can nowhere be found. Her halls are ever filled with pupils eager to develop their intellectual faculties.

Not a year has elapsed since the Collegiate Institute sprang into existence. Yet it gives evidence of such vitality and vigor, that its permanent prosperity may be safely predicted. Already its rigid discipline mildly administered, its course of study, and method of instruction have endeared it to its patrons and secured a deal of praise for the Principal and his fair Assistant. The sons as well as the daughters of Verona and the surrounding country have ample opportunities of education. The prosperity of these institutions is due to their advertisements in the Standard and other papers. Their merits, however great, must be known to be appreciated. In no way can they be much better or more widely known than through the press. Hence may be seen the wisdom of judicious advertising.

The people of Verona have usually been favored with health. In consequence of its high situation the salubriety of its climate is proverbial. Since Christmas, however, the people, old, middle-aged and young, have been afflicted with what is called epizootic or horse influenza. Biopeds have suffered far more than the quadrupeds; chickens more than dogs and cats; and men, women, and children more than mules and horses.

More anon.

HANS.