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LIVING BAROMETERS.

CREATURES OF THE LOWER ORDERS THAT FORETELL WEATHER.

Animal Instinct or Something Else Which Tells Bugs, Birds and Beasts When There is Going to Be a Storm—A Frog That Climbs a Ladder to Give Warning.

The spider is a good example of the living barometer. Close observation of the work on its web castle will soon enable one to forecast the weather. When a high wind or a heavy rain threatens, the spider may be seen taking in silk with great energy—that is, shortening the rope filaments that sustain the web structure. If the storm is to be unusually severe or of long duration, the ropes are strengthened as well as shortened, the better to resist the onset of the elements. Not until pleasant weather is again close at hand will the ropes be lengthened as before. On the contrary, when you see the spider running out the slender filaments, it is certain that calm, fine weather has set in, whose duration may be measured by their elongation.

Every 24 hours the spider makes some alteration in its web to suit the weather. If these changes are made toward evening, just before sunset, a fine clear night may be safely counted upon. When the spider sits quiet and dull in the middle of its web, rain is not far off. If it is active, however, and continues so during a shower, then it will be of brief duration, and sunshine will follow.

These various indications may be witnessed and studied to the best advantage in the open air. But you need not always go outdoors to watch the spider barometer. There are few houses where the crafty creature does not find an obscure corner wherein to swing its sign-board, "Flies taken in and done for here." Watch these places, and when you see the spiders coming out on the walls more freely than usual you may be sure that rain is near.

There are individuals who would not keep a stock of spiders about their premises for the express purpose of prophesying the weather from their movements, and the enmity felt by the good housemaid for this particular species of animal is notorious. Those individuals can study the movements of their own domestic animals. Cats and dogs are given to scratching and other uneasy movements on the approach of rainy weather, and their fur looks less bright and glossy. Horses and cattle stretch their necks and sniff the air. Sheep become frolicsome or turn their backs to the wind and quarrel frequently. Goats bleat incessantly and leave the hilltops for more sheltered spots. Pigs run uneasily about, carrying straw to the sty, and no longer wallow in the mud and mire. Fowls huddle together in the farmyard with drooping wings, and the air is filled with the clamorous cackle of geese and ducks. Those who live in the country and spend much time in the open air have the advantage of observing the movements of wild animals and of feeling keenly in their own persons the operations of the changing atmospherical conditions. Moles become more active in digging, stoats and weasels become unusually restless and uneasy, and the hedgehog fortifies his cave against the coming storm with an unerring provision which has earned for him a most enviable reputation as a weather prophet.

Wild birds make still better objects of observation, because in the "large air" their actions are easily noted. Crows and swallows remain near home when a tempest is brewing; sea gulls no longer venture out to sea, but hover over the fields or fly inland when wind and rain are near; swallows fly low and skim the water, and the robin broods melancholy in the bush or seeks the shelter of a neighboring roof. These are only a few of the many creatures of the fields and the air which enable a man who has eyes to see to forecast the weather during the next few hours. The explanation of all this is to be found in the exceeding sensitiveness of most animals, especially those which are more or less wild, to atmospherical conditions. They are all constantly making forecasts after their own manner, and, as we have hinted, they are far more trustworthy than any devices of man toward this end.

Several ingenious attempts have recently been made to turn this unerring instinct to some commercial use. A number of very unique living barometers have been put upon the market. The cheapest, and the one which will probably become the most popular, is the frog barometer. A small green frog is found in Germany which always comes out of the water when cold or wet weather is approaching. These frogs are caught and kept in glass jars furnished with a tiny ladder and half filled with water. The frog weather prophet sits high and dry on the top of his ladder for several hours before a storm and climbs down to the bottom when the weather is to be fair and clear. Other remarkable weather prophets are leeches, and we have heard of a old meteorologist who adjusted his barometer in such a way that the leeches would ring a little bell whenever a storm was approaching and would remain silent when the weather was fair or settling fair. These creatures will also indicate the weather in the same way as the green frog referred to. If kept in a jar filled with water, they will climb up the sides when it is about to rain and gather round the top.—London Standard.

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HORSE TALK.

J. H. Nichter now owns Morrison, 2:21 1/4.

The 6-year-old mare Robina, by Wilkes, recently died from pneumonia. Beulah, the dam of Benzetta, 2:06 3/4, will be bred to Onward, the sire of Benzetta.

J. R. Finkle of Pittsburg has purchased the best chestnut trotting mare Mocking Bird.

The fine covered track at Meadville, Pa., recently destroyed by a windstorm, will be rebuilt.

Baron Franz von Erlanger has applied to the Jockey club for a jockey's and trainer's license.

Trainer E. Cochran of Mount Pleasant, Pa., has charge of the pacer Hayden, 2:13 3/4, by Artillery.

The pacer Clifford, 2:13 3/4, will be stable companion to Roan Wilkes, 2:07 3/4, the coming season.

John R. Gentry, 2:00 3/4, and Robert J. 2:01 1/4, now wintering at Somerville, N. J., weigh 935 and 930 pounds each.

The fast mare Straight Line, campaigned through the north by Roy Miller, is owned by Mr. R. H. Plant of Macon.

Maurice, W. B. Barrick's Brooklyn Handicap candidate, is voted to be one of the best looking horses at the Brooklyn track.

If Trevillian, 2:08 3/4, and Charles Nolan's Falkland, 2:13 3/4, are trained in Europe this year, W. B. McDonald will handle them.

C. H. Pratt, an oil magnate of New York, has bought several farms near Phenixville and will, it is said, establish a large stock farm.

Stamboul, 2:07 3/4, champion of the last national horse show, is seen often on Seventh avenue, New York. It is said he can speed a two minute gait.

The California racing clubs have agreed that there shall be no summer racing and that during this season of the year trotting meetings shall be given. The foreign book is abolished.

WHAT WOMEN WEAR.

Extremes in color, violent contrasts, startling effects, are frequently seen in dresses made specially for wear at places of amusement.

A new cape is made of velvet and moire. The round yoke is fitted smoothly over the shoulders. From this the cape proper extends below the waist line.

A stylish walking costume of cloth has satin ribbon put on in scallops all around the lower edge of the skirt. These scallops are about the size of a small tea plate.

In making up waists of india silk it is the sheereast waste of time and material to buy cheap qualities. They scarcely pay for the time expended on them and are never satisfactory.

Collarettes and neck dressing of various sorts are universally worn. The up to date woman has a variety of them and uses all her spare change in supplying herself with all of the novelties in this line.

A pretty waist finish is a bolero jacket trimmed round and round with rows of gimp, from which fall tiny tassels or sequins. The rows are just far enough apart so that the drops clear the upper edge of the next row.

A favorite theater headgear is made over a skeleton frame and is a sort of cross between a headdress and a bonnet. There is a band over the front, also over the back, each one covered with flowers, ribbon or closely curled plumes.

A novelty in a cape is made of black velvet lined with ivory and pale blue brocade. The neck finish is made of loops of black velvet ribbon so closely set that they touch each other at the outer ends, forming a cape of loops. Up around the neck stand other loops, making a ruche.—New York Ledger.

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TO LET.—On Lower Queen St, shop and large cellar, suitable for all kinds of produce. Apply at this office. 74-

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