

storm is. There is sense in this, in that there would be no circle were the air not hazed with moisture. The thicker the moisture, of course, the fewer the stars that can be seen within the circle, and the nearer the storm.

RAIN SIGNS FROM BEASTS.

Asses braying more frequently than usual ; hogs playing, scattering their food, or carrying straw in their mouths ; oxen snuffing the air, looking to the south, while lying on their right sides, or licking their hoofs ; cattle gasping for air at noon ; deer, sheep or goats leaping, fighting or pushing ; cats washing their face and ears ; dogs eagerly scraping up earth ; foxes barking ; rats and mice more restless than usual.

RAIN SIGNS FROM BIRDS.

Sea and fresh-water fowls, such as cormorants, sea-gulls, moor-hens, etc., flying from sea or the fresh waters to land, show bad weather at hand. Geese and ducks picking, shaking, washing and noisy ; rooks and crows in flocks and suddenly disappearing ; the raven crying in the morning ; crows very clamorous at evening ; birds forsaking their food and fly-