occur without clouds? Sometimes a sudden fall of temperature will produce rain without forming visible clouds. more rain fall in March and April than in July and August? Because the changes in temperature are more frequent, and every fall of temperature in the air condenses its vapor.

then, is the weather not colder before a rain? Because this change in temperature is in the upper currents of air, and not on the surface of the earth. What is snow? Snow consists of the watery particles of the atmosphere frozen for the most part in a



Stratus Clouds.

crystalline form. Why is snow white? On account of the aggregate reflection of light from the sides of minute crystals.

Why are high mountain peaks covered with snow? Because the upper regions of the atmosphere are intensely cold. What is the cause of hail? If the rain-drops in falling pass through a current of air of low temperature the drops become frozen and



Nimbus Clouds.

fall as hail. What is sleet? If snow, in falling, passes through a warm current of air, it is partially melted and becomes sleet.

How far is the sun from the earth? Ninety-one million miles. What is light? Light is that mode of motion which is capable of affecting the optic nerve. It is the vibration of an