

OTHER SIGNS OF RAIN.

<p>The hollow winds begin to blow, The clouds look black, the grass is low ; The soot falls down, the spaniels sleep, And spiders from their cobwebs peep ; Last night the sun went pale to bed, The Moon in halos hid her head ; The boding shepherd heaves a sigh, For, see, a rainbow spans the sky. The walls are damp, the ditches smell, Clos'd is the pink-eyed pimpernell ; Hark ! how the chairs and tables crack, Old Betty's joints are on the rack ; Loud quack the ducks, the peacocks cry, The distant hills are looking nigh. How restless are the snorting swine, The busy flies disturb the kine ; Low o'er the grass the swallow wings ; The cricket, too, how sharp he sings ;</p>	<p>Puss on the hearth with velvet paws, Sits, wiping o'er her whiskered jaws ; Through the clear stream the fishes rise And nimbly catch th' incautious flies. The fire-flies, numerous and bright Illum'd the dewy dell last night ; At dusk the squalid toad was seen, Hopping and crawling o'er the green, The whirling wind the dust obeys, And in the rapid eddy plays ; The frog has chang'd his yellow vest, And in a russet coat is drest. Through June, the air is cold and still ; The mellow blackbird's voice is shrill. My dog, so alter'd in his taste, Quits mutton-bones, on grass to feast ; 'Twill surely rain ; I see with sorrow Our journey must be put off to-mor-row.</p>
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ECLIPSES.

There will this year be three Eclipses of the Sun and two of the Moon.

— On the 9th January and 6th June.—Eclipses of the Sun, invisible at Quebec.

— On the 22nd June—Eclipse of the Moon, total, and visible at Quebec. Commencement at 1h. 45m. morning. The Moon totally obscured by the earth's shadow at 2h. 50m. Middle, 3h. 33m. The moon will set totally eclipsed at 4h. 7m. End of the Eclipse at 5h. 19½m. Duration, 3h. 33m. Digits eclipsed, 16° 42m. beginning on the Moon's northern limb.

— On the 30th November—Eclipse of the Sun, visible at Quebec, total and central in many places on the continent of North America.

Commencement at 1h. 15½m. evening. Conjunction at 2h. 2½m. Middle, 2h. 29m. End, 3h. 43½m. Total duration, 2h. 28m. Digits eclipsed, 9° 21' on the southern limb of the Sun's disk. The line of the total Eclipse will begin on the Russian territory in about 63 degrees of North latitude, and thence extend along the range of the Rocky Mountains to the river Arkansas ; from thence, diverging to the East, it will pass over the Mississippi and the Southern States, and strike the Atlantic near the meridian of Charleston, cross to the Bermudas and end between the Azores and the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

— On the 15th and 16th Dec.—Eclipse of the Moon, visible at Quebec. Commencement on the 15th at 10h 38m. evening. Middle on the 16th at 0h. 7m. morning. End on the 16th at 1h. 36m. Total duration, 2h. 58m. Digits eclipsed, 8° 6' on the Moon's southern limb.

TIMES OF HIGH WATER AT NEW AND FULL MOON ON THE ST. LAWRENCE.

Seven Islands Bay	1 h. p. m.	Portneuf	2½	Traverse	4½
Caoui	1½	Green Island	2½	Lower end of Orleans	5½
Manicouagan	1½	Brandy Pots	3½	Quebec	6
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The tide in the stream runs tide and quarter tide, and is half an hour later or earlier according as a strong wind blows with or against it.