

### THE SEASONS.

How beautiful are nature's thousand hues !  
 First comes the virgin Spring, with emerald set,  
 And cheeks of glowing childhood ; Summer next,  
 With all her gay and gladsome trappings on,  
 Rejoicing in the glory of her growth,  
 And brading roses in her foliage ;  
 And next, maturer Autumn, soft at first,  
 Yet oftimes sad in her departing rays ;  
 Tis hoary Winter meets her on the heath,  
 And breathes destruction on her yellow cheek.

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### COMMENCEMENT OF THE SEASONS.

Spring—Sun enters ♈, March 20.

Summer—Sun enters ♋, June 21.

Autumn—Sun enters ♏, September 23.

Winter—Sun enters ♏, December 21.

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### ECLIPSES IN THE YEAR 1839.

March 15th.—The SUN will be Eclipsed, at 10 m. past nine, in the morning—to us invisible.

Sept. 7th.—The SUN will be again Eclipsed at 17 minutes past 5, in the evening—to us invisible.

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### THUNDER AND LIGHTNING.

To determine the distance of Lightning, count the number of *Seconds* between the *flash* and the *clap of Thunder*, and allow rather less than a *quarter of a mile* for each second.

The middle of the room is the safest situation in a Thunder Storm, and lower rooms are more safe than upper chambers.

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### THE FORCE OF LIGHTNING.

A person may be killed by lightning, although the explosion takes place at the distance of twenty miles, by what is called the backstroke. Suppose that the two extremities of a cloud, highly charged with electricity, hang down