

"Every pocket-book should have blank pages headed, 'The Weather,' for each month of the year. It is obvious that by a little study and attention any one may soon become weatherwise—at least sufficiently so for ordinary purposes.—*Steinmetz.*

"We would strongly recommend any of our readers, whose occupations lead them to attend to the 'signs of the weather,' and who, from hearing a *particular weather adage often repeated*, and from noticing themselves a few remarkable instances of its verification, 'have begun to put faith in it,' to commence keeping a note-book, and to set down without bias all the incidents which occur to them of the recognized antecedent, and occurrence or non-occurrence of the expected consequent, not omitting also to set down the cases in which it is left undecided; and after so collecting a considerable number of instances (not less than a hundred), proceed to form his judgment on a fair comparison of the favorable, the unfavorable and the undecided cases; remembering always that *the absence of a majority one way or the other would be in itself an improbability*, and that, therefore, to have any weight, the majority should be a very decided one, and *that* not only in itself, but in reference to the neutral instances. We are all involuntarily much more strongly impressed by the fulfilment than by the failure of a prediction, and it is only when thus placing ourselves face to face with fact and experience that we can fully divest ourselves of this bias."—*Sir John Herschel.*

The above considerations are worthy of the utmost attention, and to give those who read this Almanac an opportunity of judging of the correctness or unworthiness of any of the statements it contains, we have added twelve memoranda pages, and would consider ourselves favored by the results of any observations our readers may make. These may be addressed Henry G. Vennor, Geological Survey, Montreal.