

DECEMBER.

The Sun on the 22d of this month enters the constellation Capricornus, or the Goat, being the 10th sign of the Zodiac. Astronomically speaking, the sun on the above day arrives at the Tropic of Capricorn, a parallel of the earth's surface over which the sun passes at its greatest southern declination, or 23° 23' south. Pan, the heathen deity of the woods, while feasting on the banks of the Nile with some of his companions, was attacked by the Giant Typhon, and escaped by diving into the water,—while there his body became metamorphosed, the lower part into a fish, and the upper part into a goat. Jupiter, to commemorate this exploit, placed him in the shape of a goat among the constellations.

In the commencement of this month the weather will be clear and frosty. On the 15th snow will begin to fall, and on the 18th there will be good sleighing. A brilliant Aurora Borealis will be observable on the 20th. The heaviest snow storm known in the Upper Province will take place on the 26th, which will block up the roads leading to Kingston for two days.

Third Quar. 1d 5h 4m morn. Full Moon, 22d 6h 59m evening
New Moon, 8d 7h 50m morn. Third Quar. 30d 10h 30m even.
First Quar. 14d 10h 41m even.

D M	D W	MISCELLANY.	Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon r & s
1	T	Peace signed between England and United States, 1814	7 30	4 30	morn
2	F	Sun fast 10m 9s	7 31	4 29	0 25
3	S		7 32	4 28	1 32
4	B	2d Sunday in Advent	7 32	4 28	2 42
5	M		7 33	4 27	3 54
6	T	Sun fast 8m 30s	7 34	4 26	5 11
7	W	Milton born, 1603	7 34	4 26	6 31
8	T	Sun fast 7m 37s	7 35	4 25	sets
9	F		7 35	4 25	5 25
10	S	Moon in perigee	7 36	4 24	6 39
11	B	3d Sunday in Advent	7 36	4 24	7 58
12	M	Sun fast 5m 46s	7 36	4 24	9 19
13	T		7 37	4 23	10 35
14	W	Washington died, 1799	7 37	4 23	11 49
15	T	Sun fast 4m 20s	7 37	4 23	morn
16	F		7 37	4 23	0 58
17	S	Sun fast 3m 21s	7 38	4 22	2 6
18	B	4th Sunday in Advent	7 38	4 22	3 13
19	M		7 38	4 22	4 21
20	T		7 38	4 22	5 26
21	W	St. Thomas. Sun enters Capricornus	7 38	4 22	6 31
22	T	Shortest day.	7 38	4 22	rises
23	F		7 38	4 22	4 48
24	S	Sun and clock coincide. Moon in apogee	7 38	4 22	5 47
25	B	Christmas Day	7 38	4 22	6 48
26	M	St. Stephen	7 37	4 23	7 52
27	T	St. John Evangelist	7 37	4 23	8 56
28	W	Innocents Day	7 37	4 23	10 1
29	T	Sun slow 2m 37s	7 37	4 23	11 5
30	F		7 36	4 24	morn
31	S	Sun in perigee	7 36	4 24	0 11

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