

Dr. Olbers, the distinguished astronomer at Bremen in Germany, who has discovered some new planets, and prophesied the coming of many comets, would hardly have bothered his brain, honest man, about the influence of the moon, if he had been a Canadian. His sentiments on this subject, in the "Annales de Chimie et de Physique," are excellent. I shall give a few of them here, as a proof of science and American Indians agreeing.

"The moon enlightens our nights, draws the earth a little from its elliptic orbit, occasions a small oscillation in the earth's axis, produces the tides of the sea, and a similar but less motion in the atmosphere. Besides these demonstrable effects, many have believed, from time immemorial, that the moon exercises a considerable influence upon the health of mankind, upon animals, upon vegetation, and upon chemical products. Experience only can throw light upon this subject; and long and well-conducted experiments have been made. As to the influence of the moon upon the *weather*, the result deduced from one series of meteorological observations, is always contradicted by another series. We cite, for example, Howard, who, after careful observation, believed he had discovered that the barometer was usually lowest, that is, the air was more dense, at the time of *new*