

OCTOBER. The third and tenth, with poisoned breath,
To man are foes as foul as death.

NOVEMBER. The fifth bears scorpion-sting of deadly pain ;
The third is tintured with destruction's train.

DECEMBER. The seventh's a fatal day to human life ;
The tenth is with a serpent's venom rife.

A CURIOUS STONE BAROMETER.

Travellers tell us of a stone found in the northern part of Finland, which serves the inhabitants instead of a barometer. This stone, which they call ILMAKIUR, turns black, or blackish gray, when it is going to rain, but on the approach of fine weather it is covered with white spots. Probably it is a fossil mixed with clay, and containing rock-salt, nitre, or ammonia, which, according to the greater or less degree of dampness of the atmosphere, attracts it, or otherwise. In the latter case the salt appears, forming the white spots.