

**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.