

PREDICTIONS OF THE WEATHER.

Influence of the Moon.—The late Dr. Olbers, the distinguished astronomer of Germany who discovered the planets Pallas and Vesta, says, *as the result of careful meteorological observations for fifty years* in different countries, "I believe I have demonstrated that the influence of the moon upon the weather is so small that it is *totally lost* amid the great variety of other forces and causes which change the state of our atmosphere;" and that "its pretended influence on men, animals, or plants, is *all of it* due to illusion and prejudice."

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