

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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