

A PERPETUAL WEATHER TABLE

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The following table constructed by the celebrated Doctor Herschel upon a philosophical consideration of the attraction of the sun and moon in their several positions as to the earth, and confirmed by the experience of many years actual observation, may, without doubt suggest to the observer, what kind of weather will probably follow the moon's entrance into any one of her quarters, and so near the truth, that it will be very seldom found to fail.

	SUMMER.	WINTER.
If it be a new or full moon, or the moon enters into the first or last Quarter, at the hour of 12 at noon, or between the hours of 2 and	Very rainy.	Snow or Rain
4 - - - - -	- - - - -	Fair and Mild
4 to 6 - -	Changeable	Fair.
6 to 8 - -	Fair, if wind N. W. Rainy, if S. or S. W.	Fair and Free If N. or N. E. Snow or Rain
8 to 10 - -	- - - - -	If S. or S. W.
10 to midnight	Ditto.	Ditto
Midnight to 2	Fair.	Fair and Free Hard Frost unless wind S.
Forenoon.	2 to 4 -	cold, with frequent showers.
	4 to 6 - -	Rain.
	6 to 8 - -	Wind and Rain
	8 to 10 - -	Changeable.
10 to 12 -	Frequent showers.	Snow if E.

From the above Table it will be seen that the nearer to either the moon's periodical changes (i. e. within two hours before or after it) the more fair the weather is in summer; and nearer to noon that the changes take place, the reverse is expected. Fair weather may also follow when either of the periodical changes occur during the afternoon six hours, viz. from ten, but this is mostly dependant on the wind.--The moon's entrance during all the hours after midnight except the two is unfavourable to fair weather. The like may nearly be observed in winter. Every farmer ought to preserve a copy of this table carefully to regulate his pursuits, by its indications. Such a conduct might materially promote his comforts and his success, while in no case would it disturb his prospects, or destroy his