

LUNAR INFLUENCE ON VEGETATION.*

Imitation has been declared to be the sincerest form of flattery. Two years ago, a copy of SMITH'S PLANETARY ALMANAC was sent to the compiler of an English Annual. Prior to that date, there was nothing concerning "Lunar Influence on Vegetation" in the book in question. Last year when I received a copy, I found it contained calculations suitable for England, and instructions on seed sowing somewhat similar to my own. I do not wonder at the imitation, but rather at the failure to copy more generally, since any person who has tried gardening under the old hap-hazard plan, and then under the plan which takes into account the effect of Lunar Influence, must, in the course of a very short time, become thoroughly convinced of the efficacy of my system.

From a number of Testimonials recently received, I cull the following :—

A good many in this district have been experimenting on your times for planting. All make favorable reports. One man tells me that he could never raise good potatoes until he followed your directions, since when he has never failed.

Illinois.

G. W. R.

I do a good deal of planting by your dates, but have never tried any large crops. In my rose cutting beds there are now some labels marked "Smith," and I now cannot do my gardening without your dates.

K. R.

Georgia.

I cannot do without your Almanac. I planted by its dates last year and was very successful. I planted Primula seed by your dates last spring, and have now (Dec.) fifteen very fine plants in full blossom; they are the wonder of everybody.

E. M. S.

Mass.

As far as possible, I observed the signs and times for planting and sowing, and had a very fine garden in spite of drouth, which was complained of by others.

W. S. W.

Wisconsin.

I find your Almanac very useful. In following it with regard to transplanting and clipping of plants, I find great improvement in growth and a multiplicity of flowers.

F. O.

Mass.

* For additional facts and experiments concerning the correctness of this theory of natural science, see VENNOR'S ALMANAC for 1884 (price 50c.) and 1885 (price 25c.) and SMITH'S PLANETARY ALMANAC for 1886, 1887 and 1888, price 25 cents each, post paid.