

VENNOR'S GENERAL FORECAST.

What are the Probabilities for the Autumn and Winter
of 1882-1883?

SPECIAL NOTE.

[LAST year, by some unaccountable mistake, my predictions for the Autumn of the year (1881)—correctly given in my Almanac of the previous year—were not sent down to my publishers, in Philadelphia, and instead, an old copy of those for the Autumn of 1880 was inserted and printed before the error was discovered. But as every one, who had in his possession the Almanac for 1881, had therein the correct version for the Autumn of that year, describing its unusually open and mild character, the mistake was let go as one that would be patent to all. Thinking this brief remark and explanation due to myself at the commencement of this issue of my annual predictions, and thanking the public generally for the kind interest they have manifested and the encouragement they have given me in my past efforts, I pass on without further preface to the consideration of the weighty subject before us.]

THE AUTUMN AND WINTER OF 1882-1883.

In attempting the forecast of this period, I labor under the great disadvantage of not having yet experienced the Summer weather of this year,—writing as I am from the tenth of June only. The cool, wet, and generally backward character of the Spring, however, has been closely observed, and as it is largely from this I deduce the general characters of the Autumn months, I must be content, since my book is demanded early.

SEPTEMBER.—Beautiful September is hardly, correctly speaking, an Autumn month, but it is in the month of passage to the Autumn, and its behavior, as regards the weather, is of interest to all, particularly to our tourists and travelers. It is in this month, in Northern sections, the forests first give indications of the approach of Winter. "Old Boreas," whose chilling breath begins to be felt in the evenings and nights, causes wraps, shawls and such-like to be very comfortable; yet the days are warm and brilliant; yes, and even hot, with mercury up again to very respectable readings (*vide* last September) over a large part of the United States and Canada. Such heat, however, in September, does not often occur,—it is exceptional.

This year I anticipate a glorious month for the *ninth* in the year. A brilliant dry month in the majority of sections, perhaps more particularly so in Northern sections,—but in general, fine. There will, however, be some sharp frosts experienced during the first and last week of the month; the latter, probably, immediately followed by wet weather—the commencement of the October rainy period. The month, on the whole, will be a favorable one, alike to the farmer, planter, and general traveler.