

motionless at the bottom of the glass and coiled together in a spiral form ; if rain may be expected, it will creep up to the top of its lodgings and remain there till the weather is settled ; if we are to have wind, it will move through its habitation with amazing swiftness, and seldom goes to rest till it begins to blow hard ; if a remarkable storm of thunder and rain is to succeed, it will lodge for some days before almost continually out of the water, and discover great uneasiness in violent throes and convulsive-like motions ; in frost, as in clear summer-like weather, it lies constantly at the bottom, and in snow, as in rainy weather, it pitches its dwelling in the very mouth of the phial. The top should be covered with a piece of muslin.

#### UNLUCKY DAYS.

The following list of the "evil days in each month" is translated from the original Latin verses in the old Sarum Missal :—

- JANUARY.** Of this first month, the opening day  
And seventh like a sword will slay.
- FEBRUARY.** The fourth day bringeth down to death ;  
The third will stop a strong man's breath.