SMITH'S PLANETARY ALMANAC.

The year 2647 since the Foundation of Rome, according to VARRO.

The year 2641 since the beginning of the Era of NABON-ASSAR, which has been assigned to Wednesday, the 26th of February of the 3967th year of the Julian Period; corresponding, in the notation of chronologists, to the 747th; and in the notation of astronomers, to the 746th year before the birth of CHRIST.

The year 2670 of the Olympiads, or the second year of the 668th Olympiad, commencing in July, 1894, if we fix the Era of the Olympiads at $755\frac{1}{2}$ years before CHRIST, or near the beginning of July of the year 3938 of the Julian Period.

The year 2206 of the Grecian Era, or the Era of the Seleucidæ.

The year 1610 of the Era of Diocletian, and the year 2554 of the Japanese Era.

The year 1312 of the Mahommedan Era, or the Era of the Hegira, commences on July 5th, 1894.

Ramadân (Month of Abstinence observed by the Turks) commences on March 19th, 1893.

The 119th year of the Independence of the United States of America begins on July 4th, 1894.

The 28th year of the Confederation of the Provinces of the Dominion of Canada begins on July 1st, 1894.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE SEASONS.

Montreal Mean Time.

The Sun enters φ (0° Longitude) and SPRING begins March 20th, at 10h. 04m. morning.

The Sun enters 5 (90° Longitude) and SUMMER begins June 21st, at 6h. 09m. morning.

The Sun enters \simeq (180° Longitude) and AUTUMN begins September 22nd, at 8h. 33m. evening.

The Sun enters $\sqrt{3}$ (270° Longitude) and WINTER begins December 21st, at 3h. 13m. evening.

The Equinoxes happen when Spring and Autumn begin, and the Solstices at the commencement of Summer and Winter.

The Earth is in PERIHELION—nearest the Sun—at 10h.33m. evening on December 30th, 1893; in APHELION—farthest

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