

favorable period, when everything will likely make rapid growth, Winter be forgotten and Summer be thought to have arrived; I look for a cool reaction, with unsettled, stormy weather, the thermometer sinking from sultry Summer heat down to the frost line.

JUNE:—Will also have its periods of low temperature and backward weather, intermixed with sultry, hot terms, the latter of brief duration.

JULY:—A month of mean, rather than extreme temperatures. Some sultry terms, of course, with heavy thunder storms; altogether an average July, with a good deal of precipitation in northern sections. An entirely different month from the hot, dry July of 1887.

AUGUST:—Will probably distinguish itself by giving us "the" hot spell of the Summer of 1888. Temperatures during this heated term will doubtless run up as high as the highest reached in July 1887, when many places touched 100° in the shade and over. A fine, hot Summer-like month, a great contrast to much of the weather experienced during August, 1887. Even August, however, is likely to have one or two of the cool reactions, anticipated as proving a marked feature of the Spring and Summer of 1888.

SEPTEMBER:—A month with more than the usual number of storms, especially around the Equinox, when killing frosts are probable.

OCTOBER:—The first part mild and pleasant. A marked cool term towards the middle, lapsing into fine, warm, "Indian Summer" weather. Last part of the month cold and disagreeable; with frosts, sleet and snow flurries.

NOVEMBER:—Opening in all likelihood with a brief spell of marked "Indian Summer" weather, things will take a sudden change, and heavy rains, sleet and snow reduce the temperature rapidly. The rest of the month will be Winter-like, with a good deal of snow and some pretty low temperatures near the end.

DECEMBER:—Winter will now set in generally, and appear as if it had "come to stay," with severe cold and some heavy snow storms, somewhat similar to the December of 1886.

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