

precedent in our experience; we had even, perhaps, a recollection of a few *snowy* April days in a certain far-away north land, but these things belonged to a past state of existence; we had had cloudless skies for two months now, and, having come to consider



them as our due, we felt justified in resenting a change. Someone meekly ventured a reminder that we had been told that the peasants' hope of a full crop rested on this "latter rain"; but he was silently ignored, and the anxious watch of the skies proved