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? WHY THE WEATHER ?

Dr. Charles F. Brooks,  
Secretary, American Meteorological Society.  
says:

WEATHER UNINFLUENCED BY MOON

The moon and the weather  
May change together,  
But a change in the moon,  
Does not change the weather.

The doggerel is absolutely true. One of the commonest of all mistaken weather beliefs is that a change in the moon will bring a change in the weather. Let there be a drought and wiseacres assert "When the moon changes it will rain." Let there be a protracted rainy spell and one hears told with complete confidence that the moon will change on such and such a day, and with it will come clearing skies and fine weather.

The absurdity of the belief is easily demonstrated scientifically. The moon's influence on the larger earth and its atmosphere is very slight indeed. Beyond its pulling power which is a chief cause of the tides, and its pleasant illumination at night, it has practically no effect at all. Furthermore, an examination of the weather records demonstrates that changes in weather occur just as many times in between changes in the moon as during them, and that "highs" and "lows" come and go regardless of the satellite.

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(Tomorrow: Autumn Dews are Heavy.)  
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