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? WHY THE WEATHER ?

Dr. Charles F. Brooks,
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discusses:

WEATHER HEALTHFUL LAST QUARTER 1923

During the last quarter of 1923 the populous portions of the United States and Canada experienced unusually favorable weather from the general health standpoint. There was a considerable deficiency of cold windy weather, snowy days and rainy days. In consequence, there were long periods of quiet sunny weather with the diurnal changes set on a moderate plane of temperature. We usually had the temperatures appropriate for our own latitudes for those months and were not struggling most of the time with cold air imported from more northern latitudes as is so often the case in late fall and early winter. To the windswept and occasionally snow-bound people of the Great Plains, Rocky Mountain and Plateau regions, however, the past three months have been trying, especially since the last of November, when winter became well established.

Elsewhere winter did not really begin till the second week in December, when the first killing frosts occurred in all but the coastal districts of the southern half of California, and when the first biting winds swept over the eastern United States and Canada 30 to 40 or more degrees Fahrenheit colder than the southerly winds immediately preceding them. The trying weather of winter had arrived.

(Tomorrow: Day of Intensest Sunlight)

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