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? WHY THE WEATHER ?

Dr. Charles F. Brooks,
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advises:

OBSERVE THE WEATHER

Observe the weather. Get into the habit of noticing the sky and its clouds, the temperature, the barometric pressure and the humidity, and make note of the phenomena which accompany their various combinations. Learn the meaning of the rising and the falling barometer. If the daily weather maps are available watch the travels of the "highs" and "lows" across the continent, with their isobars, the lines of equal pressure, and their isotherms, the lines of equal temperature. See how they control the weather as you experience it. Even a familiarity with the ancient weather adages is helpful, if you are certain that you have culled only those based on science and discarded the many which are untrue.

Gradually the meaning of the weather signs will become familiar, and presently you will find yourself prophesying immediate change of weather with a much closer approach to accuracy.

(Tomorrow: Calendar Difficulties of the Weather Man)

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