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? WHY THE WEATHER ?

Dr. Charles F. Brooks,  
of Clark University,  
discusses:

WINTER WEATHER AND HEALTH

A recent statistical study made by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company shows a clear correlation between low temperatures and the frequency of colds among its employees in New York City. The colder the weather, the greater the number incapacitated. Similarly, a committee of the National Research Council, studying the atmosphere and man, found the coldest days in New York followed by a distinct increase in the death rate of the city.

Leonard Hill, an English investigator, has pointed out that cold, dry, windy weather is much more wholesome than chilly, foggy, calm weather. "In 1909 Glasgow experienced fogs which appear to demonstrate clearly their effect in increasing the death-rate from respiratory disease; the death rate for that period comparing unfavorably with seven other towns in Scotland where the conditions of life were similar and where the temperature was the same, but where, owing to their geographical positions, they had not fog when Glasgow had it."

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(Tomorrow: The Ideal Climate)

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