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? WHY THE WEATHER ?

Dr. Charles F. Brooks,  
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discusses:

EASTER WEATHER

Easter is a time very definitely associated with the joyous awakening of life and coming of spring. The Easter eggs and baby chickens and bunnies, the new spring fashions prevalent, all indicate that Easter weather should be mild and sunny and flowery. It is odd that a day so identified with ideal spring weather really has such a large range of weather possibilities. In the first place, the date of Easter may vary by as much as five weeks, then again, the season itself is quite capable of introducing a further variation of perhaps three weeks more. Hence with Easter at its earliest and the season a late one, Easter weather may be that characteristic of March 1, with even zero temperatures in the northern part of the country. At the other extreme, Easter weather may be typical of the middle of May and perhaps uncomfortably warm. Last year, when Easter Sunday fell on April 1, temperatures far below freezing prevailed in most of the northeastern United States, and people went shivering to church. Had Easter come three weeks later last year, or about the time it occurs this year, it would have been favored with temperatures over 80 degrees in the same region. At all events, an unduly hot or cold Easter may be tolerated, the really unpardonable weather for Easter is the rainy day!

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