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? WHY THE WEATHER ?

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EASTER WEATHER

Sad to say, Easter is a day with a very wide range of weather possibilities. Frequently we fail to realize the ideal mild sunny spring weather considered appropriate for the festival. This is because the weather range of Easter is something over 8 weeks: five for the actual range of dates for Easter, and not less than three for the occurrence of unseasonable weather. Whatever the date or the state of the season, there is a good chance of rain.

Throughout most of the East 0.01 inch or more of rain or its equivalent in snow falls on from 9 to 12 days in April on the average. A little strip along the Pacific coast gets more than 15 such days with rain. The safest place for Easter finery seems to be southeastern California, where the average for the month is only one day with measurable rain. Nevertheless, insurance companies have now begun to safeguard Easter hats. The purchaser by paying an additional percentage on the price of the hat thereby becomes insured against rain during the daytime on Easter to the extent of the amount paid for the hat. Thus the rain-damage worry is removed; but we have yet to welcome inclusive policies protecting against wind damage to hats or covering bills for sickness after exposure.

(Tomorrow: Weather Repetitions)

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