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LION CHASES LAMB

The March lamb gamboled northward over the Atlantic states on March first, but was forthwith chased away by the March lion roaring into civilized regions from the wilds of the northwest. In meteorological terms, an intense low on the northern track brought mild weather along the Atlantic seaboard and cold weather at the same time in the mid-west, shortly spreading over the east.

Now people in the middle Atlantic states are expecting March to go out like a lion. Those in the north Atlantic states and Maritime Provinces are more or less at odds, but with a lamb-like ending generally expected. Mid-westerners are hoping for the lamb, after such a blustery beginning.

But one or more of these groups is practically certain to find the exception "that proves the rule," for it is unlikely that the end of March will see pressure areas just so placed as to give the middle Atlantic states cold windy weather, and the Northeast and Middle West balmy weather, on the concluding day of the month. In any event, there is no known manner in which the particular position of the early March storm can produce an opposite situation just 30 days later.

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