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MANUFACTURED WEATHER PROVERBS

Proverbs, like Topsy, are supposed to be of spontaneous origin. There is one case on record, however, in which several very apt and instructive "proverbs" were deliberately manufactured to fill gaps in existing weather lore. The author was Dr. W. J. Humphreys, of the United States Weather Bureau, who is responsible for the following:

A summer fog for fair,
A winter fog for rain;
A fact most everywhere,
In valley and on plain.

When fog goes up the rain is o'er;
When fog comes down 'twill rain some more.

When the ~~rain~~ ^{moor} is dry
The rain is nigh;
When the ~~morning~~ ^{morning} morn is wet
No rain you get.

Thene'er the clouds do weave
'Twill storm before they leave.

When the stars begin to hide
Soon the rain will betide.

When the forest murmurs and the mountain roars
Then close your windows and shut your doors.

Curls that kink and cords that bind,
Signs of rain and heavy wind.

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