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BREAKING A DROUGHT IN SPAIN

The story comes from Spain that during a recent drought in the Sierra del Moncayo region the peasants resorted to a novel method of obtaining relief. Not long before the drought set in the government had established a meteorological station in this region, equipped with the usual instruments for observing the weather. Some rustic wiseacre suggested that the lack of rain was due to these scientific contrivances. The idea took such a hold on the mind of the community that one dark night a party of young men visited the station and demolished all the apparatus, devoting, it is said, particular fury to the autographic rain-gauge.

Hardly (so the story runs) was the work of destruction finished when a terrific thunderstorm broke loose, deluging the fields with rain; the first to fall in nearly three months. The peasants were so much pleased with the results of their exploit that when a representative of the meteorological service came to repair the instruments he met with violent opposition and had to abandon his mission

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