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INDIAN SUMMER

The type of weather associated with the name "Indian summer" is familiar to everybody living in the northern United States and southern Canada, and it is, perhaps, the most delightful weather to be found anywhere on earth. The days are sunny and warm for the season, but not too warm for vigorous outdoor exercise; the air is calm or gentle breezes blow from the south or southwest; the landscape is veiled in a soft haze, and the smell of smoke and leaf-dust pervades the air.

The weather itself is an undeniable fact, but the common belief that just one spell of it occurs every autumn is a delusion. Some years we have little or none of this wonderful Indian summer weather, while in other years it occurs at intervals through the autumn and even in the early winter. The idea is, however, so firmly fixed in people's minds that Indian summer is a single definite event in Nature's program that when two or more spells of this weather occur in the same autumn you often hear discussions over the question of which spell is the "true" Indian summer.

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