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? WHY THE WEATHER ?

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KENTUCKY WEATHER SUPERSTITIONS

Upwards of five hundred superstitious sayings and beliefs relating to weather prevalent in various parts of Kentucky are recorded by D.L. and L.B. Thomas in their book "Kentucky Superstitions." A large proportion of these prevail in other parts of the world, and many are very familiar. Others are decidedly unfamiliar: e.g.:

If birds gather in multitudes on the ground, there will be snow.

If a bob-white says "Bob" only once - i.e., does not repeat his first note -- there will be rain.

If you take the last piece of bread on a plate by accident, you may look for rain.

Yellow butterflies in the fall show that within ten days there will be enough frost to turn the leaves the color of the butterflies.

Red corn is a sign of a hard winter.

It is between eleven and one o'clock on February second that the ground-hog's shadow is significant.

The sun never shines on Good Friday.

If there is enough rain on Easter Sunday to wet a pocket handkerchief, there will be a good crop that year.

If snow sticks to the sides of houses and trees there will be snow again in 48 hours.

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