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HOT WEATHER BRAWLS

Hot weather is notoriously conducive to quarrels. Not, however, the hottest weather. People can be too hot to fight.

Prof. E.G. Dexter has studied the relationship of brawls to temperature in New York City. He found that cases of assault and battery, as recorded on police blotters, were 68 per cent. above normal for men and 100 per cent. above normal for women when the mean daily temperature was between 81 and 85 degrees; i.e., on days when the mercury crept well into the nineties in the afternoon and remained above 70 at night.

For still higher temperatures the record shows a marked falling off in these hostile encounters. When the daytime maximum gets up to 100 or more, the irate spirit may be willing, but the flesh is weak, and the patrol wagon is seldom called for.

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