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CHRISTMAS WEATHER PROVERBS

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It is a plausible thesis that a good many quaint superstitions, containing not an atom of truth, are worth keeping alive because they are picturesque. The publication of the astrological Man of the Signs at the front of almanacs is sometimes defended on that ground. What about the following perfectly fallacious Christmas weather proverbs?

"If Christmas Day on Thursday be,
A windy winter ye shall see;
Windy weather in each week
And hard tempest strong and thick;
The summer shall be good and dry,
Corn and beasts shall multiply."

"If ice will bear a man before Christmas, it will not bear a mouse afterward."

"A warm Christmas, a cold Easter; a green Christmas, a white Easter."

"If it snows during Christmas night, the crops will do well."

"Thunder during Christmas week indicates that there will be much snow during the winter."

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