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SOME RAIN

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There are regions of the world where, during a portion of each year, it rains almost every day. This is the case in the greater part of British India during the season of the southwest monsoon.

Of course, as is true in nearly all civilized countries, India possesses a meteorological service, which issues daily forecasts of weather. Speaking of these forecasts the other day in London, Sir Reginald Mant, a former Indian administrator, mentioned the suggestion that he once made to the director of the Indian Meteorological Department. He proposed that during the monsoon months, when it rained nearly every day, the forecaster should have a standing prediction of "some rain." If there was moderate rain the forecast would obviously be right, while if the rain was torrential, as it often is in India, he could say that he was prophesying in American — "SOME rain."

It appears that the Indian meteorologists never acted on this suggestion.

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