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THE WEATHER IN SHAKESPEARE

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An Englishman, D. S. Hancock, has recently collected and turned over to the Royal Meteorological Society, in London, 642 references to weather in the works of Shakespeare. The number does not seem large to anybody who has looked for similar references in Bartlett's huge Shakespeare concordance. A great many Shakespearean quotations on the subject are very familiar: e.g.,

"no enemy
But winter and rough weather."

"It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven."

"For the rain it raineth every day."

"Do you see yonder cloud that's almost in shape of a camel?"

"When the wind is southerly, I know a hawk from a handsaw."

"Sits the wind in that corner?"

"Blow, blow, thou winter wind."

"He might not beteem the winds of heaven
Visit her face too roughly."

"At Christmas I no more desire a rose
Than wish a snow in May's new-fangled mirth."

"Be thou chaste as ice, as pure as snow."

-- and others that everybody knows.

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