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WEATHER AND FORGETFULNESS

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A Japanese meteorologist, K. Hisazuka, has recently carried out a novel investigation, of which he writes as follows:

"As a measure of mental laxness the ratio of the number of articles left in the city cars to that of the total passengers was calculated for each day. From January to December, 1933, the daily passengers amounted to about one million and a half, while the daily number of articles left was some two hundred in Tokyo. The correlations of the ratio with the meteorological elements were studied and the relative humidity was found to be the most effective factor."

Sudden increase of humidity and the decrease of the atmospheric pressure generally precede an increase in forgetfulness.

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