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? WHY THE WEATHER ?

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NEW ENGLAND WEATHER

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Writing of New England in the new second edition of his "Weather Proverbs and Paradoxes," Dr. W. J. Humphreys explains why that part of the United States experiences more variable weather than any other. "The majority of all cyclones," he says -- "that is, general and widespread storms -- that enter the United States anywhere or start within its boundaries -- and there are many of both kinds -- leave by way of New England. During winter, therefore, the stormiest season, balmy spells with southerly winds (the winds that precede a cyclone anyhow) are of brief duration and provocative of many a grouchy comment.

"Naturally, too, the occasional fine day brings out an unusual number of women on their shopping tours and social rounds; that is, in New England they throng the streets on 'weather-breeding' days. Hence the local proverb:

When women in throngs do roam,
The morrow they stay at home."

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