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? WHY THE WEATHER ?

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HOW TO CONTROL WEATHER

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Many and varied are the prescriptions for controlling the weather. Among those put forth in lighter vein is that of the nautical Munchausen who told us how, when his ship was becalmed, he raised a breeze. He caused all the matches on board to be thrown overboard with the exception of one solitary match. Then, standing in an exposed location, he filled his pipe and struck the remaining match; whereupon a violent wind arose and blew the match out.

And now we hear that the Doniphan (Nebraska) Herald, proclaiming a "rain week" (whatever that may be), recently published the following rules for rain-making:

1. Wash your car.
2. Plan picnics and wear your best clothes.
3. Leave the car, the washing and the baby outdoors overnight.
4. Put the bedding, the curtains and the carpets out for an airing.
5. Farmers, cut your hay, stack it and leave it uncovered.

How many people halfway believe that if you carry an umbrella it won't rain?

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