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Forecasting! Nearly three hundred years ago Otto von Guerike, inventor of the famous "Magdeburg hemispheres", made with the aid of a barometer what was probably the earliest weather forecast. He noticed that his barometer indicated a sudden drop of the air pressure and accurately predicted a severe storm. There is no single instrument so useful in forecasting the weather as the barometer. By noting whether the pressure is rising for fair weather or falling for storm, together with the wind direction, very good weather forecasts may be made, especially if the indications are pronounced.
