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Umbrellas and the weather! There is an old Chinese proverb which says: "Though the weather be fine, take your umbrella." In that country umbrellas were used in practically their present form for a thousand years. They were first introduced into England from Italy early in the 18th century. There they were first used by women; men scorned them as denoting effeminacy. Their use, as the name implies, was for a protection against the sun, but their value as a protection against rain soon became evident. When there is a forecast for rain, it is prudent to carry an umbrella. Dr. Johnson humorously says: "When fine, take your umbrella; when raining, please yourself." -----