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WHY WE HAVE
INDIAN SUMMER

It Does Not Occur as Regularly as
Many People Argue—About
One in Four Years

Why and what is Indian summer? There is more of tradition and less of fact about Indian summer than any other season of the year. Indian summer seems to be an accident of nature, pure and simple—and it has just the same chance of being repeated from year to year as any other accident, and no more!

The facts about Indian summer briefly are these:

The latter part of September is, as every one knows, noted for its severe wind and rain storms. People call these the "equinoxes" and other names. The storms are often very destructive. The sun has crossed the meridian and the temperature is beginning to go down. The influence of the sun on general weather conditions is now known to be very great. Therefore, at the time when the season of warm weather is changing to a season of colder weather, it is only natural that there should be more or less storm-and-stress in the atmosphere.

When we have several days of high winds and heavy rains it is also natural that the temperature should go down. As with all things of nature, the winds and the rains soon exhaust themselves and a dry period of sunshine succeeds.

The contrast between the cold, dreary, rainy, wind-blown days and bright, sunny, dry days is most marked, of course. And it is especially marked in the autumn. The air is dry and filled with smoke and dust, which makes it hazy in the extreme. Besides that, as the period is immediately following a severe atmospheric disturbance, there is little, or no, movement in the air and the tendency of the air-currents is downward from great atmospheric heights rather than horizontally across the face of the earth. Such is the explanation for the condition we call "Indian summer."

The experts of the weather bureau, however, made an investigation of the subject and they found that in a period of 41 years there had been but 9 years when there was a really marked Indian summer! In 12 years there was a slight change that could be called by that name, and during eight years there was absolutely no time that could be termed unusual enough to be noted. During the remainder of the years there was more or less of a change, but it was not worth recording. Weather experts declare that the same kind of weather as is experienced in the fall and called Indian summer could and does occur at any other time of the year.

Some very pretty stories have been woven about the period which has been called Indian summer because of an old Indian legend dealing with it. It seems, according to this, that a great Indian named Mudjekewis, with his nine brothers, subdued a chieftain known as Mammoth Bear and captured the Sacred Belt of Wampum. Because he was the leader in the expedition, although the youngest of the brothers, Mudjekewis was given by the gods the government of the winds and was renamed Kabegun—"Father of the Winds." He had four sons and on one of them, Shawondasee, he bestowed the government of the south winds. Shawondasee was rather a lazy sort of a man who liked best to take his ease and live a calm, peaceful life. He always kept his eyes toward the north, however, and the Indians all believed that it was his sighs of contentment that caused balmy southern airs to blow which make Indian summer.

In England Indian summer is generally known as St. Martin's summer, and in Germany and other sections of Europe it has other names.

AMAZING APPETITES

Some Remarkable Feats Performed by
Hearty Eaters

A man living in Massachusetts, before entering on an egg-eating contest, was known as the champion fried egg-eater of the Berkshires. He had a record of 22 eggs, and the wager was on the contention that he could easily make away with 25. When he had eaten 17, however, he was seized with an attack of acute indigestion, and he had to stop. This man also had a record of 54 ears of green corn.

At the beefsteak dinners of many political clubs astounding records are made in the consumption of viands. Some of those who take part think nothing of eating 10 and 12 pounds of meat at the sitting.

At a clam-bake eight baskets of food were eaten by one diner. This basket included a leg and a breast of a chicken, 25 clams, 2 ears of corn and four potatoes. This record was declared accurate and authentic.

A Rhode Island farmer had a record of half a bushel of walnuts of which he was extraordinarily fond. He used half a small bag of salt while eating them.

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But now British Columbia looms upon the horizon as a producer of tobacco of a most superior quality. Fifteen years ago in the Okanagan Valley it was first attempted but with varying success. Seven years ago a local company formed at Kelowna putting in 50 to 70 acres, and so successful was this company in growing a superior leaf that it has given impetus to a new commercial product which will in a short time become one of vital importance to the Rocky Mountain Province.

Leaf for cigar purposes constitutes the principal crop, the varieties being Cuban or Havana, Comstock Spanish, Wisconsin and Sumatra.

There is money in growing tobacco. A good average crop of Havana runs to about a thousand pounds per acre, worth say 25 cents a pound to the producer. Wisconsin and Comstock Spanish yield heavier, fourteen to eighteen hundred pounds per acre, and bring the producer from 15 cents to 20 cents a pound. This would make a range of profits average from \$125 to \$175 an acre.

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