

The Weak Spot.

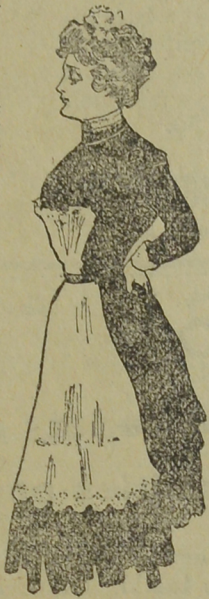
If you are sitting in a restaurant where waitresses are in attendance, you will note now and again some young woman put her hand to her back, and straighten herself up, while her lips are tightened as if by pain. It's backache. Yet all day long she must be on her feet, lifting, carrying, hurrying.

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and common folklore. In fact, it must be admitted that even intelligent and well informed people have been known to accept the theory.

The idea that the weather is affected by the changes in the moon is still held with great vigor in England, and one of our proverbs is, "So many days old the moon is on Michaelmas day, so many floods after." If it rains on St. Swithin's day, we are told to expect rain for forty days after. An equally wise prediction is that if Christmas comes during a waxing moon we shall have a very good year, and the nearer to the moon the better, but if during a waning moon a hard year, and the nearer the end of the moon so much the worse.

Another belief is that the condition of the weather depends upon the day of the week on which the new moon chances to fall. New moon on Monday, or moon day, is everywhere held as a sign of good weather. Friday's new moon is much disliked, while Saturday is unlucky for the new and Sunday for the full moon.

In Scotland the farmers believe that a misty moon is a misfortune, and an agricultural maxim among them teaches that

If the moon shows like a silver shield,
You need not be afraid to reap your field,
But if she rises haloed round
Soon we'll tread on deluged ground.

Another weather guide connected with the moon is that to see "the old moon in the arms of the new moon" is reckoned a sign of fair weather, and so is the turning up of the horns of the new moon. In this position it is supposed to retain the water which is imagined to be in it and which would run out if the horns were turned down.

The country people in Scotland foretell the changes of the weather from the changes in the appearance of the new moon. If she "lies sair on her back," it is a sure sign of bad weather, or when her horns are pointed toward the zenith.

At Whitby when the moon is surrounded by a halo with watery clouds the seamen say that there will be a change in the weather, for the "moon dogs" are about. There is also a belief prevalent among sailors and seafaring men that when a large star or planet is seen near the moon or, as they express it, "a big star is dogging the moon," this is a certain sign of stormy weather.—Exchange.

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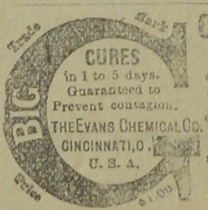
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