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Indian Summer



By ELMO SCOTT WATSON

WHEN and what is Indian summer? Here is a case, indeed, where "doctors disagree," for there are many theories as to the origin of the name, the reason for it and the time when it occurs. Most people will agree upon the fact that it means a period of warm weather in one of the three months of September, October or November and that it is characterized by three peculiar elements: By a warmth greater than preceding days or weeks, by tranquillity of the atmosphere and by smoke and haze. But when an attempt is made to predict a definite time for the appearance of Indian summer, then divergence of opinion begins.

Consult the dictionaries and you will find that one such authority, the Standard, says, "A period of warm, dry, calm weather in late autumn with hazy atmosphere." But Noah Webster goes into more detail as follows: "Indian summer: In the United States, a period of warm weather late in autumn, usually characterized by a clear sky, and by a hazy or smoky appearance of the atmosphere, especially near the horizon. The name is derived from the custom of the Indians to use this time in preparation for winter by laying in stores of food, or from their belief that it is caused by a wind blowing directly from the court of the southwestern god." However, he expands upon the theme by giving two quotations, one from Freeman and the other from the National Intelligencer, in regard to this season. The first quotation from Freeman, is as follows:

The southwest is the pleasantest wind which blows in New England. In the month of October, in particular, after the frosts which commonly take place at the end of September, it frequently produces two or three weeks of fair weather, in which the air is perfectly transparent, and the clouds, which float in the sky of purest azure, are adorned with brilliant colors. This charming season is called the Indian summer, a name which is derived from the natives, who believe that it is caused by a wind which comes immediately from the court of their great and benevolent god, Cautantowit, or the southwestern god.

The explanation from the National Intelligencer also is based upon an aboriginal custom. It says:

The short season of pleasant weather occurring about the middle of November is called the Indian summer, from the custom of the Indians to avail themselves of this delightful time for harvesting their corn. It is a bland and genial time, in which the birds, insects and plants feel a new warmth. The sky in the meantime is generally filled with a haze of orange and gold, intercepting the direct rays of the sun, yet possessing enough of light and heat to prevent sensations of gloom or chill, while the nights grow sharp and frosty and the necessary fires give cheerful forecast of the social winter evenings near at hand.

So here are two authorities disagreeing on both the time—one says October and the other November—of Indian summer and the reason for the name. Perhaps the earliest known reference to the term was that made by a Frenchman, St. John Crevecoeur, in 1778 when he was living at Pine Hill, Orange county, N. Y. In an essay, "A Snow Storm as It Affects the

Long "I" All Right

Casual readers of poetry sometimes get a mental shock when they discover the noun "wind" rhymed with such words as "blind" or "find." But, according to the Mentor Magazine, the trouble is not with the pronunciation of the old-time poets, but with that of modern readers. The noun belongs to a group of words which for many centuries have been pronounced with a long vowel. The group includes kind,

When the Acorns Drop

There's a whisper on the hilltop and a murmur in the wood, There's a dream of golden glory everywhere; On the beech a russet cover, on the elm a mottled hood, While the walnut lifts her branches brown and bare, Oh, the crows hold their meeting in the old oak's top, And ho, for Indian summer when the acorns drop!

There's a bloom upon the meadow like the ghost of summer flowers, But the forest and the valleys are adumbr'd in the mists of autumn rain, And on hillside and in hollow throughout all the misty hours Descend the rustling drops of autumn rain, Oh, the squirrel's at his feasting in the old oak's top, And ho, for Indian summer when the acorns drop!

When the chestnut and the hazelnut put on a richer brown, And the blackbirds all are gathered in a flock, When mallow-in-the-marshes buttons up her yellow gowns, Then it's time to heap the fodder in a shock, Oh, autumn's on her waning; better gather in the crop! And ho, for Indian summer when the acorns drop! —Cornelia R. Doherty.

American Farmer," printed in 1782, he called it "l'ete Sauvage," a free translation of which would be "Indian summer." In this essay he said, "After the fall of leaves, but before any snowfall, comes a rainy period. Great rains at last replenish the springs, the brooks, the swamps and impregnate the earth. Then a severe frost succeeds which prepares it to receive the voluminous coat of snow which is soon to follow; though it is often preceded by a short interval of smoke and mildness, called the Indian summer. This is in general the invariable rule: Winter is not said properly to begin until these few moderate days and the rising of the waters have announced it to man."

The origin of the term, which is most widely known, occurs in a book printed several years later than Crevecoeur's essay. This was Dr. Joseph Doddridge's "Notes on the Settlement and Indian Wars of the Western Parts of Virginia and Pennsylvania From 1763 to 1783." Doddridge traces the term back to early colonial times when Indians still were a menace to the backwoods settlers.

All during the summer, settlers in the more harassed sections had to live behind stockades in constant dread of Indian raids. When the chill blasts of winter came on, everyone breathed a sigh of relief. No longer would the Indians attack. The severity of the winter would prevent that danger.

The hemmed-in settlers now took to the open, going to their log cabins outside with the joyful feeling of men released from prison.

It happened sometimes, however, that the welcome inclement weather gave way to a few days of unseasonably warm weather. This was called Indian summer because it gave the Indians another chance to wage destructive warfare against the colonists once more.

blind, mind, rind, behind and the verbs bind, wind, find. The New Standard dictionary gives both pronunciations, the one with the long vowel being indicated as the pronunciation used by poets.—Detroit News.

When Birds Sleep

Very few laymen can understand why a tree-perching bird does not fall off the slender branch when it goes to sleep and becomes unconscious. The answer is that it cannot, according to Mr. Richard Kearton, the well-

known ornithologist. The bending of the knees in the act of sitting down, he says, tightens the muscles of the toes in such a way as virtually to lock the sleeping bird to its perch, and it cannot leave until they are straightened and the muscles of the toes are relaxed.

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