

cause one is fixed with reference to December twenty-fifth, the other with reference to March twenty-fifth, and between these dates occurs the disturbance due to leap years.

Hence it followed that three times in the period from 1890 to 1940, though it happens only once in twenty-eight years in the long run, the fall term ends at its earliest possible limit, while the winter term begins at its latest possible date, and thus it is that we may enjoy an occasional long vacation at Christmas. In fact, *whenever, in a leap year, January first occurs on Wednesday*, the winter vacation will include three weeks.

There is a precisely similar variation in the length of the summer vacation, which is less noticeable only because, on account of the length of the summer, a single week counts for less. It takes place as follows: Four times in twenty-eight years, when January first of a year not a leap year occurs on Wednesday, the summer vacation will include fourteen weeks instead of the customary thirteen. We all enjoyed this unusual but well-earned increment of rest during the last summer.

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SUNRISE.

The eastern sky lights up anon,
 A pale gleam mounts on high
 And pencils pictures in the dawn,
 Upon the easel of the sky.

In rainbow hues the colors blend;
 The leaden clouds are turned to gold,
 And by their new born brightness send
 The growing light from fold to fold.

While yet the changing colors show,
 And darkness takes its flight,
 Upon the waiting world below,
 The King of Day sends forth his light.

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