AT THE SIGN OF THE APPLE.

I halted at a pleasant inn,
As I my way was wending—
A rosy apple was the sign
From knotty bough depending.

Mine host—it was an apple tree—
So smilingly received me,
And spread his choice and sweetest fare
To strengthen and refresh me.

Full many a gaily feathered guest
Came thro' the branches springing:
They lightly flew from bough to bough,
Their merry carols singing.

Beneath the shade I laid me down
And slumber sweet possessed me,
The south wind sighing through the leaves
With touches soft caressed me.

And when I rose and would have paid
My host so open-hearted,
He only shook his lofty head—
I thanked him and departed.

—Helen Walters Avery.

INDIAN SUMMER.

From the Scientific American.

No period of the year excels in loveliness the one sometimes known as "the fifth season." Beginning about the middle of October, it is often prolonged into December. Its characteristics are a calm, soft, hazy atmosphere, through which day after day the sun, shorn of his beams, rises and sets like a sphere of copper or gold, according to each beholder's degree of poetic perception. Sounds at great distances are distinctly audible. Objects, unless close by, are discerned with difficulty. All nature, as if to prepare itself against the blasts of winter, appears somnolent. The mornings are cool, with lowland fogs soon dissipated by the sun, and the atmosphere maintains a stillness which scarcely stirs the richly-tinted but rapidly-fading foliage.

The northern hemisphere enjoys the finest displays of this supplementary season, the geographic limits of which the records of meteorologists and climatologists enable us to define. Its characteristics are particularly noticeable in the far Northwest. Matthew Macfie, F. R. G. S., is authority for the statement that in Vancouver Island and other portions of British America there is a second growth of verdure lasting until after Christmas. This period annually beautifies the zone running through New England and Canada westward to Lakes Michigan and Superior, thence southwestward to Kansas and Nebraska, and, including Minnesota, the Dakotas, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Washington, Oregon, and Northern California, northwestward over British America to the Arctic Circle. While it does not extend into the lower limits of the United States, it is referred to by two or three of the historians of Mexico.

Formerly the smokiness, and the somewhat greater degree of warmth, were thought to be caused by mountain fires, or the burning of the vegetable decidua collected in the autumn for that purpose. The haze and increased warmth are due to the annual formation of what has been termed the "aerial Gulf Stream," or "vapor plane." This high current, generated in equatorial seas by ascending masses of vapor-charged air, flows northward through the upper atmosphere, oversweeps the Southern and Gulf States, and descends toward the earth or ocean as it approaches New England and Canada on its journey toward the polar circle. In the afternoon and night, when the earth throws off the heat received during the day, especially in the autumn weeks, when the temperature is declining and the capacity of the air to retain moisture is on the decrease, the presence of this mantle of vapor arrests radiation. The heat-absorbing power of this "blanket of aqueous vapor" has been clearly demonstrated by Prof. Tyndall. Covering the remaining vegetation and the harvests as with a shield, it protracts the grain-ripening period to meet the necessities of the higher latitudes.

The earliest explorers of America recorded their appreciation of the beauties of this season, but did not assign to it a specific name. Our pioneer historians, notably Jefferson, note its features as among the most fascinating exhibited by our climate, but do not designate it as "Indian summer" a name which now belongs to it by the common consent of the people of the United States, Canada, Australia, and a portion of Europe.

The first recorded appearance of the name "Indian summer," is found under the date of October 13, 1793, in the journal of Ebenezer Denny, an army officer stationed at Fort Le Bœuf, near the site of the present city of Erie, Pa. The term seems to have been already well known and clearly recognized. The New England tradition is that the term "Indian summer" is derived from the prevalence, at that time, of the southwest winds, which the Indians supposed to be sent as a peculiar favor from their deity, Coutanowoit, to whom, says the Rev. James Freeman, they believed they would go when they died,

A more logical reason is that, in many portions of the United States, it was the Indian's hunting season, not only on account of the plenty and perfect condition of the game, but because of the density of the atmosphere, which favored a close and unsuspected approach to the creature pursued. Among the Indians of the Northwest, it was the period between the gathering and storing of summer supplies and the selection of winter quarters in the haunts of large game. Hence, Indian summer in that region was the season of migration, its mildness being favorable for journeys. On being asked when they intended to go to their hunting grounds, their usual reply was: "When the Great Spirit sends us our fall summer." Persons whose imaginations are sufficiently vivid may find in the appearance of the November sun a resemblance to the Indian complexion.

According to the exhaustive researches of Mr. Albert Matthews, the term "Indian summer" first made its appearance in the last decade of the eighteenth century; was "established about twenty years after its earliest appearance; had spread to New England about 1798, to New York by 1809, to Canada by 1821, and to New England by 1830." Mr. Matthews states that it "is not merely an Americanism, but has become part of the English language in its widest sense, having actually supplanted in England expressions which had there been in vogue for centuries, and is now heard among English-speaking people througout the world; that it has been adopted by the poets; that it has qeen employed in a beautiful figurative sense, as applied to the declining years of a man's life; and that it has given rise to much picturesque if also to some fantastic writing."

This season is well defined in England. It is peculiar also to central Europe. In the old world as in the new it is characterized by dry fogs, a glowing sky, absence of heavy rain, and mild temperature. In different localities it is known by the names of various saints and religious festivals, all of which are celebrated in the autumn months of the calendar. In England its early name was "All Hallows' summer." In Wales and Belgium it is known as "St. Michael's summer," in Germany as "St. Gall's summer" and the "summer of old women," in Bohemia as "St. Wenceslaus' summer," in Sweden as "St. Bridget's summer," and in Lombardy as "St. Theresa's summer."

In Belgium, most gorgeous are the Indian summer displays in the vicinities of St. Hubert and in the celebrated old forest of Ardennes, which localities, at this season, doubtless taught Van Dyke, Rubens, and other Flemish painters their brilliancy of color. Among other European names for this period are "the after-heat" and "the red leaf."

In some portions of France it is named in honor of St. Denis, but is chiefly known as "St. Martin's summer," to keep in pious memory the bishop-saint who died at Tours in 397, having successfully brought to Christianity every person in the diocese. He changed an autumn festival in honor of Bacchus to a Christian celebration; and centuries after it became his own day in the calendar (November 11), it was still burdened with heathenen usages. To this day St. Martin is the patron of drunkards who are endeavoring to reform. Not only is "St. Martin's summer" the most charming period of the year in France, but it is identified with the good cheer and hilarity of the vintage, as well as with the abundance of the harvest and the chase.

This season's influence extends over Prussia, Austria, and Hungary. Its close marks also the passing of the miasma from the Pontine marshes. The beauty of Lakes Como, Maggiore, and Garda is never seen to better advantage than during this golden period. Covering the vintage time of Greece, it insensibly merges into the days which, immediately preceding and succeeding the winter solstice, were known to the Hellenes as the "halcyon days," because at that period the halcyon brooded. Their winter seas were then free from storms.

In Indian summer and all its cognates Nature discloses a brighter purpose than mere scenic display. In it may be recognized the gigantic and ever-active atmospheric forces, which not only temper the regions from which the sun makes an early autumnal retreat, but ordain fertility, verdure, and health over vast territories of the earth.

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Mrs. Cleffer has returned home from a visit to relatives.

Carrollton Items.

Mr. Louis H. Blizzard, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Pinkney Blizzard, near Carrollton Station, and Miss Adie Houck, of the same vicinity, were quietly married at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage in Westminster, at noon on Saturday last, Rev. Dr. Griffith G. Miller officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Blizzard will for the present make their home at the residence of the groom's father and mother until their new house, in course of erection, shall be completed.

Miss Adie Houck has sold her property near the railroad, containing nine acres, to Mr. John Cullison for $257. Mr. Cullison will shortly move from the old mansion near the railroad, which he now occupies, to the dwelling which he recently purchased of Miss Houck.

The great big November snowstorm of last Sunday came upon our people of this vicinity as a big surprise. Many of them were not prepared for such flakey visitors. The large flakes of snow as they fell upon the trees and shrubbery were too much of a burden to bear and broke the limbs from many trees, flattened rose bushes and snowball and lilac trees to the ground. The wind blew bundles of fodder in various localities of the corn fields which were hid from view by the white mantle of snow. On many level places the snow was from ten to twelve inches in depth. If thirteen is a bad number many persons of Carrollton vicinity will not forget the snowstorm of Sunday, November 13, 1904. May there be no more of the like this winter.

Mr. Edward Shaffer, near Carrollton Station, has recently had made to order by Mr. John Dutrow, builder, a large broadtread wagon as an addition to his farming utensils. The wagon is painted red and blue and if the bordering of the body was tinged with white the national colors would be complete.

Mr. William P. Blizzard has been appointed by those in authority sexton of Union Bethel Church of God. The church has been without a sexton for some time. Mr. Blizzard occupied the position years ago, but resigned. At the meeting of the eldership, recently, he was importuned to take charge of the church as sexton, and finally consented.

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Union Station	4 35	8 30	[illegible]	5 04	5 04	6 20
Penna. Ave.	....	....	....	....	....	6 24
Fulton Station	4 [illegible]	....	....	4 27	5 10	6 27
Wallbrook	4 43	....	10 33	4 30	5 13	6 30
Arlington	....	8 37	10 38	4 37	....	6 40
Mt. Hope	....	8 40	10 42	4 40	....	6 43
Howard's Mic	....	8 43	10 46	4 43	....	6 46
Sudbrook Park	....	8 45	10 48	4 46	....	6 48
Pikesville	....	8 47	10 50	4 48	....	6 50
Greenwood	....	....	....	....	....	....
Owings Mills	....	8 57	11 05	4 57	....	7 07
Glyndon	†509	9 09	11 15	5 11	....	7 19
Emory Grove	....	....	....	....	....	....
York, ar	....	....	1 25	....	....	....
Hanover, ar	....	....	1 10	....	....	....
Gettysburg, ar	....	....	1 45	....	....	....
Glen Falls	....	9 11	11 26	5 18	....	7 32
Finksburg	....	9 16	11 28	5 20	....	7 34
Carrollton	....	9 19	11 41	5 31	....	7 46
Westminster	5 36	9 45	11 55	5 47	6 03	8 05
Avondale	....	9 51	12 01	5 51	....	8 13
Medford	....	9 54	12 04	5 55	....	8 17
New Windsor	5 49	10 01	12 11	6 05	6 21	8 27
Linwood	....	10 06	12 16	6 11	....	8 34
Union Bridge	5 56	10 10	12 20	6 15	6 30	8 40
Middleburg	....	10 15	....	....	6 35	....
Bruceville	6 02	10 20	....	....	6 40	....
D. P. Creek	....	10 24	....	....	6 44	....
Rocky Ridge	....	10 28	....	....	6 50	....
Emmittsburg, ar	....	11 05	....	....	7 22	....
Loy's	....	10 36	....	....	6 53	....
Graceham	....	10 40	....	....	6 57	....
Thurmont	6 40	10 45	....	....	7 02	....
Deerfield	....	10 55	....	....	7 15	....
Sabillasville	....	11 0	....	....	7 21	....
Blue Ridge Summit	6 45	11 13	....	....	7 30	....
Highfield	6 45	11 15	....	....	7 32	....
Buena Vista Springs	6 48	1 19	....	....	7 37	....
Pen-Mar	....	11 22	....	....	7 50	....
Blue Mountain	....	....	....	....	....	....
Edgemont	7 00	11 35	....	....	7 56	....
Waynesboro, Pa., ar	7 20	11 50	....	....	8 12	....
Chambersburg, ar	8 05	12 27	....	....	8 48	....
Shippensburg, ar	....	12 55	....	....	9 15	....
Smithburg	....	11 26	....	....	7 55	....
Cavetown	....	11 30	....	....	7 58	....
Chewsville	....	11 43	....	....	8 01	....
Potomac ave	....	11 50	....	....	8 10	....
Hagerstown	7 30	11 55	....	....	8 15	....
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STATIONS.	Ac.	Ac.	TPs	Ac.	W	E
	A M	A M	A M	P M	P M	P M
Hagerstown	....	....	1 10	....	3 10	4 10
Potomac ave	....	....	1 15	....	3 15	4 15
Chewsville	....	....	7 24	....	2 23	4 22
Cavetown	....	....	7 8	....	2 28	....
Smithburg	....	....	7 30	....	2 30	4 28
Shippensburg, Pa	....	....	6 00	....	2 55	....
Chambersburg, Pa	....	....	6 20	....	1 45	3 22
Waynesboro, Pa	....	....	7 05	....	2 17	4 10
Edgemont	....	....	7 38	....	2 40	4 40
Blue Mountain	....	....	....	....	....	....
Pen-Mar	....	....	7 47	....	2 50	....
Buena Vista Springs	....	....	7 10	....	2 5	4 53
Highfield	....	....	7 53	....	2 55	4 55
Blue Ridge Summit	....	....	7 58	....	3 00	5 00
Sabillasville	....	....	8 04	....	3 05	5 05
Deerfield	....	....	8 18	....	3 09	....
Thurmont	....	....	8 20	....	3 25	5 20
Graceham	....	....	8 23	....	2 23	....
Loy's	....	....	8 26	....	3 26	....
Emmitsburg	....	....	7 55	....	2 55	....
Rocky Ridge	....	....	8 30	....	3 30	5 28
D. P. Creek	....	....	8 37	....	3 36	....
Bruceville	....	....	8 44	....	3 45	5 40
Middleburg	....	....	8 46	....	3 48	....
Union Bridge	5 25	6 05	8 52	12 10	3 53	5 47
Linwood	5 30	6 10	8 56	12 8e	3 58	....
New Windsor	5 37	6 18	9 04	12 16	4 05	5 55
Medford	5 52	6 28	9 17	1 06	4 18	....
Avondale	5 54	6 32	9 09	1 18	4 1	....
Westminster	6 00	6 40	9 [illegible]	1 15	4 25	6 10
Carrollton	6 19	6 57	19 30	1 30	4 38	....
Finksburg	6 31	7 07	9 40	1 41	4 48	....
Glen Falls	6 35	7 09	19 41	1 4	4 50	....
Gettysburg	6 28	....	....	....	....	....
Hanover	5 54	....	....	....	....	....
York, lv	....	....	....	....	....	....
Emory Grove	....	....	....	....	....	....
Glyndon	6 44	7 25	9 48	1 5	5 05	6 42
Owings' Mills	6 56	7 35	9 55	2 03	1509	....
Greenwood	....	7 43	....	....	....	....
Pikesville	7 05	5	10 03	2 14	1517	....
Sudbrook	7 08	7 48	10 0	2 7	1518	6 57
Howardville	7 10	7 50	10 10	2 9	1519	....
Mt. Hope	7 1	7 53	10 07	2 21	1521	....
Arlington	7 16	7 57	10 10	2 24	1523	....
Walbrook	7 22	8 05	10 15	2 30	5 39	7 07
Fulton Station	7 25	8 08	10 18	2 33	5 3	7 10
Penna. Avenue	7 33	8 1	....	2 36	5 41	7 13
Union Station	7 37	8 20	1 25	2 40	5 45	7 17
Hillen Station	7 42	8 25	10 30	2 4	5 50	7 22
	A M	A M	A M	P M	P M	P M

†Stops only to take on passengers for points west of Union Bridge.
‡Stops only to land passengers from points west of Union Bridge.

The Owl. Week Days.

Leave Hillen 11.25, p. m., Union 11.30, Pa. ave. 11.34, Fulton 11.37, Walbrook 11.39, Arlington 11.46, Mt. Hope 11.50, Howardville 11.53 Sudbrook