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? WHY THE WEATHER ?

Dr. Charles F. Brooks,
of Clark University,
says:

CLOTHES DRY BELOW ZERO

No matter how cold the temperature of the atmosphere, snow and ice evaporate almost constantly. Experience of Arctic explorers proves the fact under greatest extremes of cold. One of them tells us that thin plates of ice, made in a shallow dish, and suspended in the open air in exceedingly cold weather, disappeared in a few days, and that washed clothing hung out-of-doors under similar conditions, frozen stiff, dried perfectly in a week. Icicles that we commonly see forming from sun-melted snow or window-ice by day, invariably tend to become thin and sharp-pointed when melting stops, or over-night, as the dry, though cold air circulates about them. Likewise, ice on shady sidewalks slowly disappears, and childrens' slides deteriorate rapidly in dry weather, even when not in use.

(Tomorrow: Why Winter Indoor Air Is Dry)

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