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? WHY THE WEATHER ?

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WHERE SPRING IS IN FULL BLOOM

Hop on the next southbound train if you are tired of waiting for spring to reach you. If spring this year is a month later than usual at your home, within 500 miles you can reach a place where it would be on time for your calendar. What do you miss? Green grass is visible from New York southward. Maples tinged with red may be viewed in the latitude of Philadelphia, and poplars are becoming green. Other trees are showing signs of life at Baltimore, though they have been very slow in starting. The reddening of maples was viewed in Washington about a month before Baltimore was favored.

Washington is in full bloom. Even ten days ago pear trees, magnolias, forsythia, and Japanese cherries began to beautify gardens and walks, and the elms came into blossom. In Richmond trees were in leaf. The advancement of the vegetation in Washington is almost incredible to anyone from no more than 300 miles farther north. The green forest front is marching northward through Virginia. Washington warms up easily in spring. It is in from the coast, of low elevation, and generally free from a blanket of chilly air. Some weeks ago when the first balmy airs awoke the trees Washington's temperature went 15 degrees higher than Baltimore's. Recently, however, the dividing line has been farther north. One day with a temperature of 75 in Washington, 72 in Baltimore and 70 in Philadelphia, Atlantic City had to make the most of 52, New York 50, Boston 40, interior and northern New England and eastern Canada 32 to 38, Chicago 38, and Michigan cities the 40s. North of latitude 42 the cold air sticks like glue. Warm winds may blow above and bring rain, but so long as the sun does not shine the ground air stays cold.

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