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THE "PERFECT" CLIMATE

The "perfect" or "ideal" climate is frequently mentioned in the literature emitted by chambers of commerce and resort hotels, but it is a myth. Here is what Prof. R. DeC. Ward, the well-known climatologist, has to say on the subject:

"Every climate has some disagreeable features. Health resorts are never equally desirable at all seasons. It is probably safe to say that every climate has advantages of its own for some special purpose, but some climates have more disadvantages and some have fewer. A southern climate which has a mild and genial winter, and therefore provides abundant opportunities for an outdoor life at that season, is likely to be too hot or rainy or dusty in summer. A northern climate which has the advantages of cool summers is likely to be very cold and stormy and snowy in winter. A western seacoast in subtropical latitudes, with the attractions of equable temperatures, mild winters and cool summers, relatively small rainfall and few stormy days, may be too damp and too foggy for many invalids. Mountain resorts, often so useful in the treatment of lung diseases, may have the disadvantages of being too cool at night, too windy and dusty by day, or of having frequent severe local storms. 'Perfect' climates, then, do not exist."

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