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AIR-COOLING POSSIBILITIES

The new methods of cooling buildings are likely to have far-reaching effects on the habits of mankind. With the air of offices and homes at Delhi kept at an ideal temperature the year round, will it still be considered necessary for the Indian Government to migrate annually to Simla? The summer climate of Washington, with its notorious ultra-tropical hot spells, is already mitigated by cooling plants in the Capitol, the White House, the newer public buildings, a score of theatres and shops, and a few apartment houses. Summer sessions of Congress have therefore become practicable, and a summer White House in a northern clime is a less imperative necessity than it was a decade ago.

Artificial climate may, indeed, play a large part in shaping future civilization, just as natural climate has helped to mold modern civilization. The physiological, mental and moral traits of posterity may be profoundly affected by the progress of air-conditioning.

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