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? WHY THE WEATHER ?

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THE COOLED-AIR REVOLUTION

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The new methods of cooling indoor air are likely to revolutionize the habits of mankind. White people will be able to live in the tropics without losing their health and energy. It will no longer be necessary for the government of India to migrate bodily to the "hills" with the advent of the hot season, and Baguio will lose its utility as the summer capital of the Philippines. The United States capital, where already many public buildings are air-cooled, will not fade from the political map in the dog-days. One of the American engineering journals recently suggested that air-conditioning ought to be suppressed because it was going to make it feasible for Congress to remain in session all summer; and there is too much law-making already.

Unfortunately the farmer's crops cannot be protected from overheating by this new art. Crops will remain at the mercy of the weather until the time comes -- perhaps fifty years hence -- when substitutes for the things now produced by the slow, wasteful and precarious methods of agriculture are all manufactured within the walls of buildings.

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