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? WHY THE WEATHER ?

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GLACIOLOGY

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Snow is ice in a particular form; or rather, an immense variety of forms. Hence when we speak of "ice and snow" we really mean "ice, including snow." Ice, snowy or otherwise, is one of the most remarkable minerals to be found on the face of the earth. It assumes so many shapes and does so many strange things that its study forms a vast and complex branch of science, known as "glaciology."

The story of its wonders would fill -- and has filled -- many big books. One of the reports of Scott's last expedition to the Antarctic was a huge volume devoted entirely to the forms of snow and ice found there. A Polish authority, Dr. Dobrowolski, has published a work of nearly a thousand pages on "The Natural History of Ice." In the year 1936 an International Congress of Ice Investigators is to be held at Helsingfors, Finland. At that meeting arrangements will probably be made to compile a great "ice encyclopedia" -- a digest of existing knowledge on the subject of glaciology.

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