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Harvesting and shipping ice! A tale of getting rich by harvesting and shipping ice from his own ice pond is told of one New Englander. He shipped ice to Martinique and South America, and is credited with having introduced iced table drinks to the equatorial world. In the first half of the nineteenth century there was an active ice trade between New England and the Far East; New England ice was known as far as India. February is the month for the ice harvest. Ice can not form until the whole mass of water is cooled down to 39 degrees, which is the temperature of greatest density. As it cools lower than 39 degrees, it gets lighter and stays at the surface, and freezes at about 32 degrees. -----