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Water in the air! In times of drought, when the land is parched and cattle are dying of thirst, we naturally think that there is little or no moisture in the air. If every particle of moisture were rained down it would amount to about one inch on the level. But clouds never rain themselves dry; there is some moisture in the air, even over deserts. It amounts to over a million million tons, or about one-quarter of one per cent. of the total air mass. Near the surface the air is wetter than it is aloft, and may amount to as much as five per cent. of the surface air. The warmer the air the more moisture it can contain. Therefore there is more over the equatorial regions and less and less to north and south.
