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The prevailing wind! We often hear people from different parts of the country discussing the prevailing winds of their homes. The exact person will inquire: First, the direction from which the wind blows the greatest number of miles in a certain period; and Second, the direction from which the wind blows the greatest number of hours in a like period. The latter is the correct definition. To illustrate: the wind may, in one month, blow northwest 12 days at 15 miles per hour; and the remaining 18 days blow from the southwest at 6 miles per hour. Southwest would be the prevailing direction, although the greatest number of miles came out of the northwest.
