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Falling leaves! In temperate and cold climates leaves die due to a deficiency of light and heat. A layer of corky tissue forms across the base of the leaf stem. The leaf is then weak at that point and is easily broken by the wind or even by its own weight. In some trees, such as the oak and beech, this weakening layer is not well developed and many of their leaves stay on until spring. Some trees do not shed their leaves simultaneously but little by little throughout the year, and hence look perennially green.

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