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Past climates! The evidences as to the character of past climates are many, but none is more interesting or perhaps more reliable than that presented by the rings of trees. Wet years are distinguished from dry years by the width of the rings. Standing trees are cut down, and a cross-section is polished in a way to bring out the rings vividly. These are studied and correlated with the instrumental records, and from that start the past climates are interpreted. The firs of Oregon are good for two centuries, Vermont hemlocks for three centuries, Arizona pines for five centuries, and the giant sequoias of California for 3,000 years. Trees used in buildings by Indians also give additional evidence.
