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Climate and skin color! The color of the skin is due probably to climate and other factors, although never fully explained. The American Indian and the Eskimo are as dark as the Arab who lives in a warm, sunny climate. The American Indian of the tropics is no darker than the Fuegian who lives on the cold Patagonian steppes. The Tasmanian is a sooty black, while the Malay is a yellow-brown, and both live under practically the same conditions of sunshine. Hindoos of Caucasian ancestry have become dark, while races of the European branch have become white. It seems that color is the outcome of several environmental factors: climate, soil, diet, pursuits, and inherited character.
