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Winter sleep! Some of our most common animals have a kind of advantage over humans. When food gets short in the fall of the year (or even in case of prolonged heat or drought in summer) they simply go to sleep. This sleep with some is very deep and they can hardly be aroused, with others it is less deep or even intermittent. The temperature seems to be concerned with this condition of hibernation (as the winter sleep is called) only in a secondary way; when it gets cold, the food supply is cut down. This view is supported by the fact that some go to sleep as early as the autumn equinox, and at high altitudes as early as August. Now they are all out foraging for food.
