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Peculiar hailstones! The typical hailstone is roughly spherical and consists of concentric layers of ice and snow. Hailstones of very unusual shape fell at Washington during a severe storm. Some of the stones had diameters equal to that of a quarter-dollar and many had the shape of triangular pyramids with spherical bases. It is thought that these pyramids were the result of the bursting of some of regular spherical pattern. This was because the apexes of the pyramids formed the centers of the original stones and the bases the outsides. During their farther descent they collected ice and rime, forming very irregular outer layers.
