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Wind and vegetation! It is well-known that evaporation increases as the wind speed increases, and therefore wind is a great drying agent in the case of all vegetation. As wind generally increases with elevation, the taller the plant the more drying it must endure. Therefore, in a windy country or exposed places, low plants as grasses do best. Wind thus limits the heights to which plants grow, because the higher they grow the greater becomes the drying action due to wind and the more water is lost by transpiration, or evaporation from the leaves. It may be noticed that trees standing alone have the largest part of their crowns on the lee side; likewise the tallest trees in a grove are on the lee side.
