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Soil losses! The latest wholesale loss of precious topsoil occurred in New England, New York and New Jersey, caused by the September hurricane of 1938. Some topsoil is lost with every rain. While it is almost imperceptible on a single farm, it is enormous for the country as a whole. In the September hurricane, however, the loss of the soil rivalled in dramatic effect the destruction of forests, telephone and telegraph wires, houses and so on. In cost the soil loss was as great as all other losses combined. The soil at that time was particularly vulnerable, having been prepared for fall seeding and laid bare by harvesting; it was quickly reduced to a semi-fluid condition which the winds and rains quickly carried away.
