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Summer floods! Floods are normally expected in spring, late winter, or even in early summer in those regions whose rivers are fed by the melting of snow on high mountains. The summer flood is not a normal phenomenon; it is sometimes called a "flash flood," and may occur almost anytime in the summer. The cause is a fall of excessive rain, not for an hour, but for 24 or 48 hours. An instance was on July 7-8, 1935, when 7.90 inches of rain fell near Ithaca, N.Y. Under such circumstances the rise of creeks and rivers, whose flow is ordinarily insignificant, is so sudden that precautionary measures can not be taken.

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