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Latitude and climate! Everybody knows that latitude is the most important factor governing climate. But this is so only in a general way. For instance, in January the 30-degree temperature line runs through Iceland eastward to the northern part of Norway, and then southeast to Bulgaria. Thus for over 2000 miles the mean January temperatures are the same in a nearly north and south direction. Again, the 30-degree below zero line in January begins in northern Canada about 1500 miles south of the Pole, runs northward nearly crossing the North Pole, and then southward about 2000 miles into Siberia. -----