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Foehn wind! The Chinook wind of the eastern Rockies, noted for its ameliorating effect, has its counterpart in the Foehn wind of Switzerland. These winds are alike in that they are formed the same way and have the same general physical characteristics. The Foehn is a southerly wind, and is a visitor of the valleys of Switzerland trending north and south. It makes itself known in winter by raw, cold gusts; then there is a calm followed by the warm, dry wind which attains often gale velocities and lasts from two to three days. Fire patrols go from house to house to see that fires are out, because the dryness of the wind is a fire hazard. In spring the wind is very welcome because it quickly disposes of the snow and ice. -----