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Antarctic weather! Of late years the Antarctic continent has been explored as persistently as was the Arctic. It is natural to assume that the explorers in both regions encounter much the same climate and weather. That of the Antarctic is, however, more severe than the Arctic, due to its being a very large land mass, generally high, and crossed by high mountain chains. Even in mid-summer with a 24-hour day of sunshine the temperature does not rise to the freezing point. Most of the incoming heat from the sun is reflected away by the snow. Wind is the most annoying and tiresome factor. Explorers say that with no wind they are fairly comfortable without a coat while engaged in light exercise; but when the wind blows, it seems to force the cold air through all clothes right to the skin.