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Silver thaw! America has supplied the term "silver thaw," in England known as "glazed frost." It is a coating of ice on all exposed objects which is often very beautiful but sometimes disastrous, as the extra weight may break branches from trees and cause telephone wires and poles to collapse. It is caused by rain forming and falling through a warm mass of upper air, and then entering a cold surface layer below the freezing point. All exposed objects having assumed the temperature of the cold surface air cause the rain to freeze as it touches them.
