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Winters of olden times! Writers have described them as almost unendurably dreary and severe. They were no doubt more unendurably dreary than our winters but not any more severe. One hundred years ago there were no surfaced roads, and towns and highways were unlighted. Saddle horses were best for travelers and pack-horses for merchandise. The roads were knee and hub deep with mud or filled with snow. Travelers were often mired in the mud or lost in the snow, as many forsook the highways for the less difficult fields, and were not found until the following spring. People carried lanterns because town lamps were few and burned feebly or were blown out by the wind.
