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Variability of climate! This refers to the variations which all have noticed in the space of a few years: a certain year or a certain season will be much colder, warmer, drier or wetter than the average. In this respect climate varies more than any of the other natural conditions of man's environment. For instance, the average annual precipitation at Washington, D.C., has varied from 18.79 inches in 1826 to 61.33 inches in 1889, and the snowfall alone from one inch in 1931-32 to 49.8 inches in 1899-1900. January is usually the coldest month, and the lowest temperature averages varied from 16.5 degrees in 1893 to 35.8 degrees in 1890. These great seasonal changes are most noticed by the farmer.
