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Anytime

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Deserts of snow and sand! In spite of their apparent opposite aspects, some very striking similarities of the cold and hot deserts have been observed. They are both almost destitute of vegetation, wood, water and animals. Both are noted for their monotony: there is the monotony of silence except when broken by the howl of the wind, and, in case of the cold desert, the cracking of ice, and the monotony of the cold and glare in the one, and heat and glare in the other. In both, man and beast suffer from thirst due to the excessive evaporation from the lungs. In the hot deserts there is no moisture to be had except at the oases, while in the cold deserts there is plenty of snow, but eating that leads to inflammation of the throat and to digestive disorders.
