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Frozen rivers! Nothing is thought of rivers that freeze regularly every year; but much is made of the event when a river freezes only occasionally, because it marks a season of unusually cold weather and the date becomes important in local climatic history. The winter season of 1813-14 was such a one in England, when the Thames River froze over and walking across on the ice became an adventure. There was a week of festivities, and a grand walk was made from London to Blackfriars bridges. All activities were pursued on the ice as at a land fair. The chronicler adds that gaming in all its branches threw out different allurements, while honesty was out of the question.