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Savannas! A study of the climate of the savannas and its effect upon the inhabitants shows how important climate may be in the cultural progress of those regions. Savannas are grassy but tree-dotted plains which lie in general between the equatorial rainy belt and the tropical deserts. The climate is warm, with rainy and dry seasons. Because of the prolonged dry season closed forests do not develop, and the growing season is short. This condition compels the inhabitants to industry and thrift. It is a noteworthy fact that the people of the savannas are more civilized than those of the forests because they must raise crops and otherwise provide for the dry season just as people of colder climates provide for the winter. -----