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Hail! Hail is very infrequent in the equatorial and polar regions; but between these two regions (except over deserts) hail frequently occurs. It always occurs in connection with thunderstorms, but there are many thunderstorms without hail. Hailstones, no doubt, do form sometimes in the equatorial regions, but they are very seldom observed as they probably melt before reaching the ground. Damage by hail is so common in many places that hail insurance is usual, and often means are taken to protect exposed glass and other frail materials from being destroyed by this bombardment from the skies. -----