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Wet-bulb temperature! When people feel too hot or too cold, they often look at the thermometer to see why they feel uncomfortable. Probably they should consult the wet-bulb thermometer, which is an ordinary thermometer with a piece of wet muslin wrapped tightly once around its bulb. As evaporation takes heat, this thermometer reads lower than the ordinary thermometer (called the dry-bulb). The difference between the wet- and dry-bulb thermometer depends upon the degree of humidity; the drier the air, the greater the difference. So it is better to consult both the dry- and wet-bulb thermometers; and when their readings are very close together, it means the humidity is high and one had better rest a while, because perspiring, which gives comfort, is retarded by high humidity.-----