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Temperate zones! "Temperate" is hardly the word for the climate in most parts of these zones, for the extremes of summer and winter are certainly not temperate in many areas in them. The average annual temperature of the temperate zones lies somewhere between those of the frigid and torrid zones. There are many areas in the so-called temperate zones where the summer afternoon temperatures often rise higher than those within the tropics, as the interior of continents; and also where the cold of winter rivals that of the polar regions, as in northeast Siberia where the temperatures go lower than in any other place in the world where human beings live.
