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Averages in climate! One of the easiest of mathematical operations is to find the arithmetic average of rainfall or temperature of a place. It has been called the "delusive average." All averages must be used rather carefully. To say, for instance, that the average annual rainfall of a place is 42 inches, does not mean much unless the variations from that figure are also given. The greatest rainfall for the year may be 50% above the average or 61 inches, and the lowest may be over 50% below the average or only 18 inches. This represents an actual case and indicates a variation of 43 inches.
