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Inches and tons! These measures seem far apart in application, but the amount of rain that has fallen in any particular instance may be expressed in either unit. For so many years we have been told that so many inches and parts of an inch have fallen that we are no longer impressed. But if the same amount is expressed in tons, then we are properly awed. Recently there fell in Washington, D.C., in one day, 2.5 inches of water, an unusual amount that caused no particular comment. That rain expressed in tons amounted to 283 tons per acre - a square piece of land only 208 feet on a side. One inch of rain evenly distributed over an acre weighs 113 tons.
