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Rainfall and climate! Rainfall, next to temperature, is the most important climatic factor. The effect that rainfall has on climate, making it beneficial or otherwise, depends not only on how much falls, but also on how distributed through the year and on the form in which it falls, rain or snow. In some parts of the world 10 inches of rain is all that is needed for good wheat crops because it comes at just the right time of the year. In other parts heavier rains, while amply sufficient to raise crops, make harvesting a hazard. One scheme of climatic classification is based upon a combination of temperature and rainfall, high temperature and abundant rainfall, high temperature and dryness, being two of the subdivisions.
