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What about the earth's heat? It would be fine to just pump the heat from the earth's interior and warm our house with it. Indeed, hot springs in some places rise to the very surface, which one might think would furnish a cheap and convenient source of heat. But experience in using hot springs or tapping the earth's interior for heat has taught us that it is not cheap. The trouble with getting heat below the surface is that the appliances are costly to install and to keep up; and it has been found that steam from surface hot springs is mixed with corrosive gases, the removal of which costs more than to generate steam from coal.

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