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Humidity! In summer we complain of the high humidity; in winter we might well complain about the low humidity indoors. In summer the humidity is much the same indoors and out; but in winter, it is generally much drier in heated homes than outside, except in air-conditioned houses. Let us say that the air outdoors has a humidity of 74% and the temperature is 25 degrees. This air taken inside and heated to 70 degrees will have a humidity of only 14%, much too low for comfort. One feels more comfortable with a higher humidity because then there is not so much evaporation from the body with the consequent cooling effect. There should be means to regulate the humidity as well as the temperature.