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America's blizzards! When a zero-cold gale of wind comes from the north or northwest, filled with snow cutting the skin like a knife, the phenomenon is called a "blizzard". This term is of English origin, but its application to the kind of storm just described began in the United States about 1880. This storm is peculiar to the western states, and one of the worst such storms of record occurred in January, 1888; it extended from the Dakotas to Texas and resulted in 235 deaths. In some places, the thermometer dropped to 40 degrees below zero. Children froze on their way home from school, and travelers were suffocated by the fine snow which may either have been precipitated or picked up from the surface by the wind.
