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Degree days! If one feels that one has burned more fuel this winter than last and goes to see the coalman about it, he will probably call for his statistician. This gentleman will consult his tables and charts and probably show that one should have burned more because the number of degree days was greater than last winter. A degree day is the number of degrees difference between the average temperature of a day and 65. For example: Suppose the average temperature for last January was 30: the difference between that and 65 is 35, and since there are 31 days in January the number of degree days is 31 times 35, or 1085. This number may then be compared with the number of degree days last January, and the coal man wins.