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Climatic changes! Not referring to the great climatic changes in the remote past, most people believe that the climate has changed, even within their own memory. Scientists have gotten into the habit of saying that climate has not changed since the beginning of systematic observations, meaning that it has not changed in the long run. A study of a long period of observations reveals that the belief in comparatively recent and small changes is sound; but the changes are temporary. There may have been a sequence of from five to eight years of warm summers or cold winters with either very light or heavy snows. If they occurred in youth they left an impression which may be magnified by the passing years.