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Regimes of rainfall! The seasonal distribution of rain at any place is called its "regime of rainfall". There are many of these in the world more or less different, but all are variations of six chief types. (1) The equatorial type, with two periods of maximum rainfall near the equinoxes; (2) the tropical, which is like the equatorial but farther from the equator the two seasons of rainfall merge into one in the summer half of the year; (3) the monsoonal with the greatest rainfall in summer similar to (4) the continental westerlies, which prevail over most of the United States and Canada; (5) the oceanic westerlies, with rain the year round; and (6) the Mediterranean, with rain mostly in winter.