Climate and agriculture! Climate dictates in a general way what may grow in certain areas. Thus in uncultivated regions forests occupy the rainy regions, while in the driest areas deserts prevail. Between these two extremes there are steppes or prairies for grazing, wet enough to raise grass but not for forests. Nature also dictates in a general way what man shall grow profitably. Man, however, often employs many devices to help out nature: he irrigates where water is insufficient, screens his crop to retard too rapid ripening, builds fences to protect against high winds, etc. But in general he must grow what is most suited to the climate of his area.