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Climate influences labour not only by enervating the labourer or by invigorating him, but also by the effect it produces on the regularity of his habits: Thus we find that no people living in very northern latitude have ever possessed that steady and unflinching industry for which the inhabitants of temperate regions are remarkable. In the more northern countries the severity of the weather, and, at some seasons, the deficiency of light, render it impossible for the people to continue their usual out-of-door employments. The result is that the working classes, being compelled to cease from their ordinary pursuits, are rendered more prone to desultory habits, the chain of their industry is, as it were, broken, and they lose that impetus which long-continued and uninterrupted practice never fails to give. Hence there arises a national character more fitful and capricious than that possessed by a people whose climate permits the regular exercise of their ordinary industry. Indeed so powerful is this principle that we perceive its operations even under the most opposite circumstances. It would be difficult to conceive a greater difference in government, laws, religion, and manners, than that which distinguishes Sweden and Norway, on the one hand, from Spain and Portugal on the other. But these four countries have one great point in common. In all of them continued agricultural industry is impracticable. In the two Southern countries labour is interrupted by the dryness of the weather and by the consequent state of the soil. In the northern countries the same effect is produced by the severity of the winter and the shortness of the days. The consequence is that these four nations, though so different in other respects, are all remarkable for a certain instability and fickleness of character. //

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The Effects of Climate

The author ascribed that climate affects the activities of people. Individuals who live in the coldest regions always experience the effects of climate. Cold weather affects out-door activities and the industrial production. Comparatively, individuals who live in the warm regions enjoy the industrial production and out-door activities. This boosts the national character of the warm regions' people. Moreover, countries across the world have different natural features. Some countries experience cold weather and others go through dryness. Thus, countries are vulnerable to different natural changes.

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