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great force to these tribes. Their friendship has not been of a vacillating or uncertain or uncertain kind, but has never failed under the most trying circumstances, and even when cold and hungry they have refused to follow the well-fed Sioux in their career of either idleness or hostility. During the winter months, after the close of navigation, they are almost entirely cut off from the civilized world, being over four hundred miles from the nearest town of any size, from whence, in time of need, supplies could be drawn. "