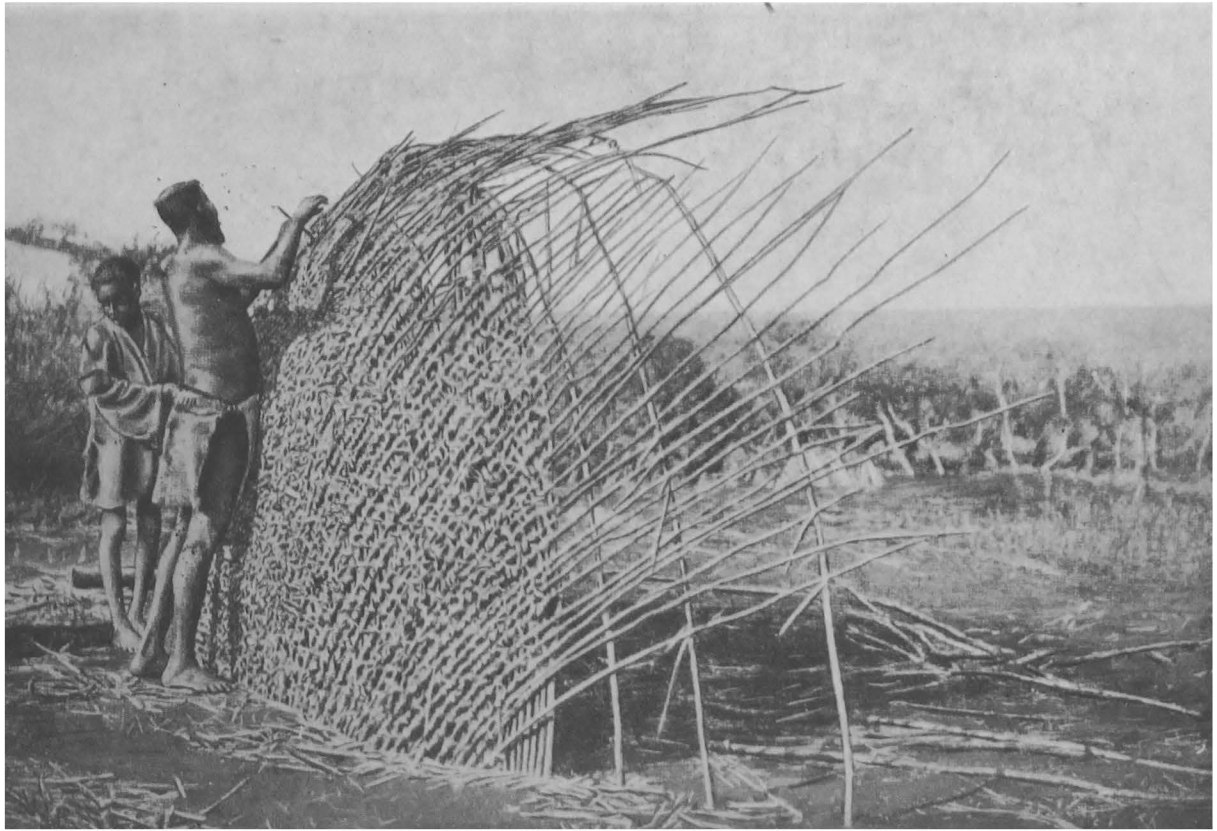


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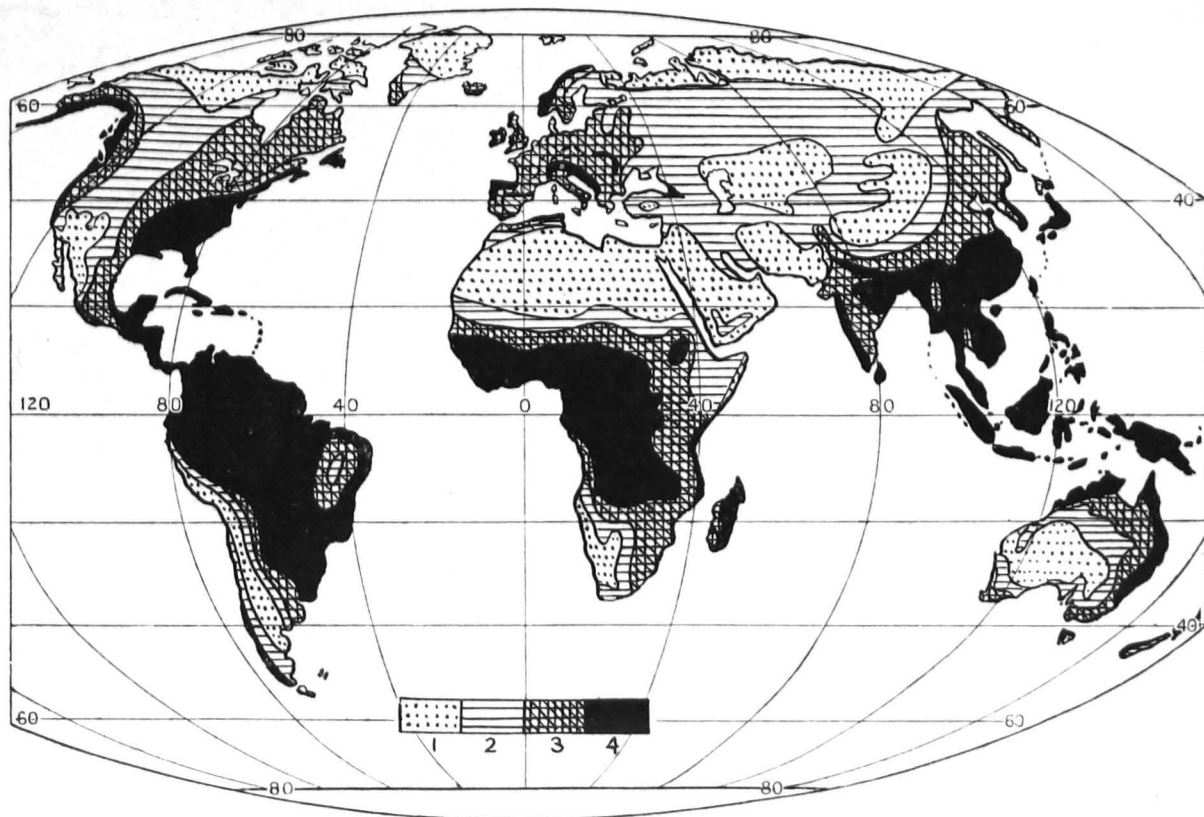
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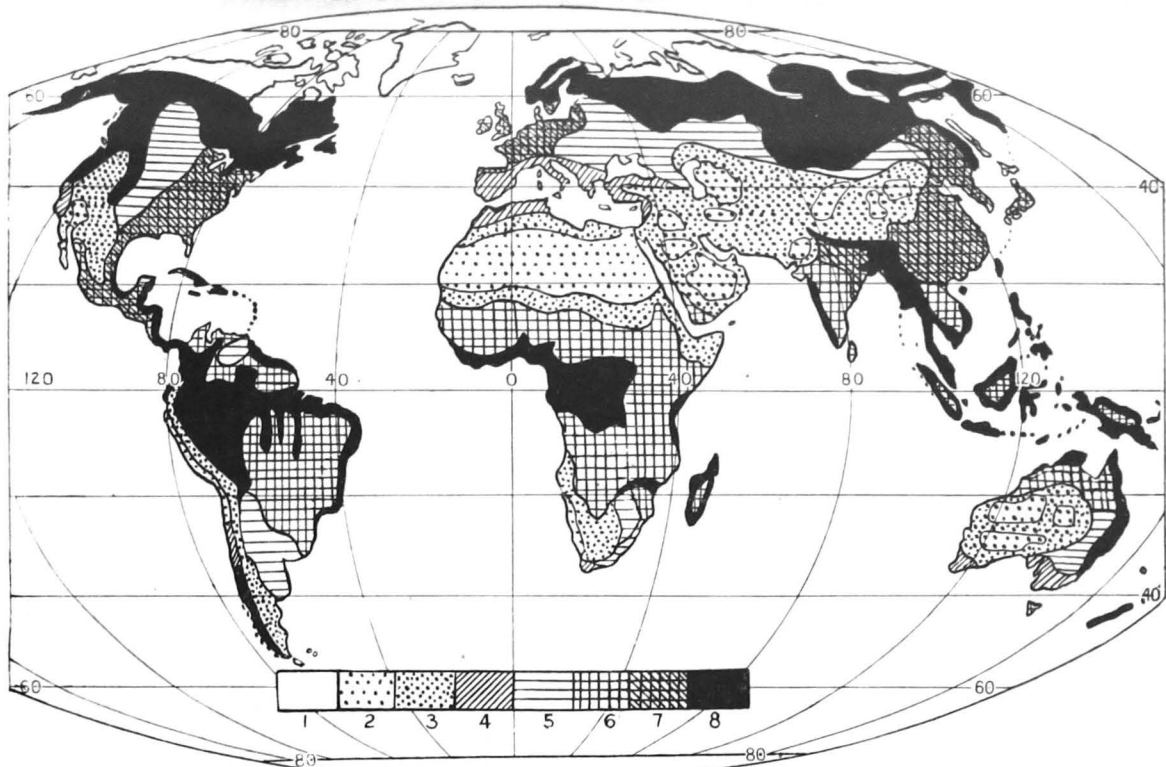
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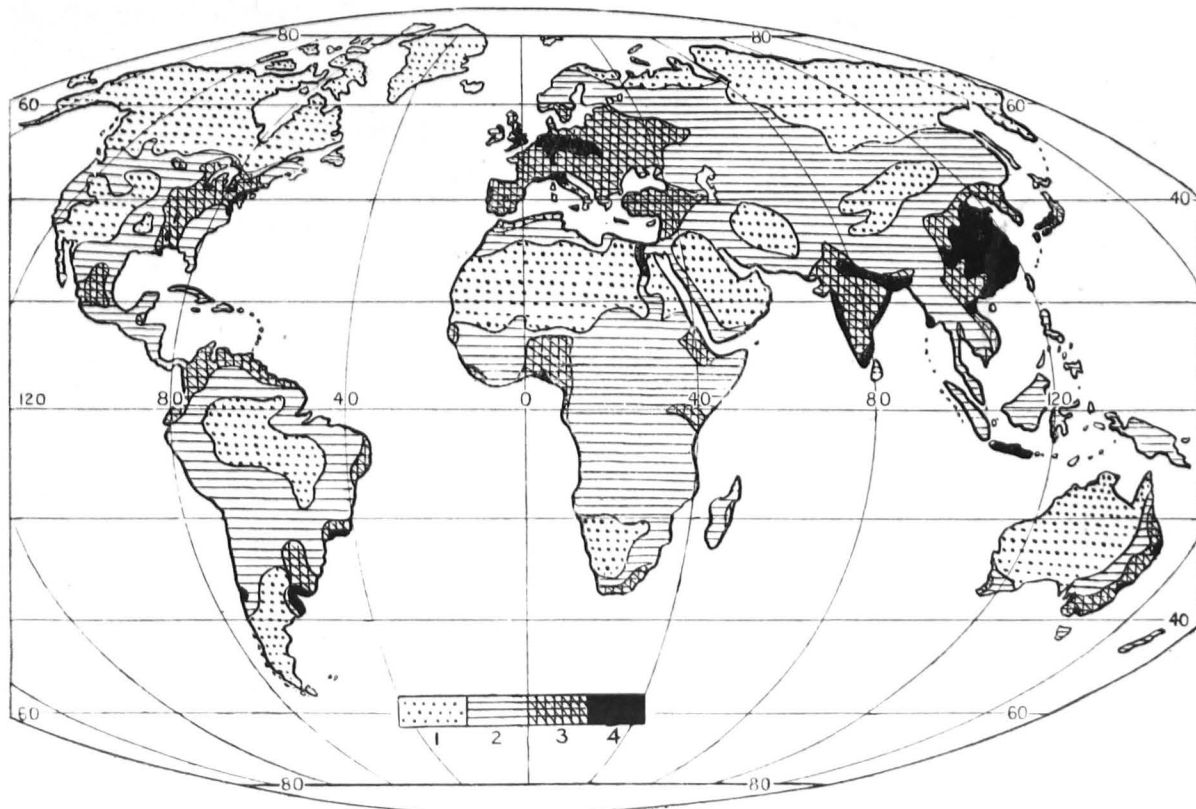
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| 2. Deserts.                          | 5. Grass-lands.                       | 8. Temperate and tropical forests.                  |
| 3. Scrub-lands and poor grass-lands. | 6. Savannas; often park-like scenery. |   |



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