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THE FIRST HURRICANE OF THE SEASON

The first full-fledged tropical hurricane of the season to invade American waters was reported north of the Lesser Antilles Sunday night, August 21, having presumably originated somewhere in the neighborhood of the Cape Verde Islands a few days earlier. It appears to have steered clear of land along its course and it recurved well off the American coast, sweeping thence to the northeast, where it gave rough weather along the transatlantic steamer lanes.

Last year the program of West India hurricanes began a month earlier, with a severe storm late in July, which did much damage in the Bahamas. It was a "banner year" for tropical disturbances on the North Atlantic, the season ending with the storm of October 20-28, which wrought ruin in Cuba and subsequently caused damage in Bermuda.

West India hurricanes occur chiefly from August to October, though they have been known to occur as early as May and as late as December. The sailors' rhyme about the hurricane months runs --

"June -- too soon;
July -- stand by;
August -- look out you must;
September -- remember;
October -- all over."

This hardly does justice to October, as there is a high average frequency of hurricanes during the first half of that month.

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