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TORNADO FREAKS

Every tornado season adds its quota to the list of remarkable feats performed by the whirling winds. In a destructive tornado that passed through the city of Nashville, Tennessee, on the evening of March 14 of the present year the following effects, among others, were noted by the official in charge of the local weather station:

A cornstalk was found driven endwise through a piece of weather boarding.

A 2 x 4 inch timber plunged through a panel door without causing the slightest splitting or splintering. The timber exactly fitted the opening.

A 1 x 6 inch plank was forced through the trunk of a sturdy young tree, splitting the latter in half.

A high-tension tower was bent to the ground in a tangled mass without breaking loose from its concrete moorings.

In connection with the usual explosions of buildings, due to the sudden reduction of the atmospheric pressure outside, the official notes that in some cases people were blown out with the walls, landing in the adjoining yards.

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