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TORNADO FEATS

The repertory of the tornado's feats is varied enough to fill a big book. Some of its recent performances, as recorded in the newspapers, were rounded up the other day by R.E. Splaine, of New York. For example:

In March 1933 four youngsters were drowned in Mississippi when their homes were picked up from their foundations and blown into a river.

On March 27, twenty-seven giant oil-derricks, including a steel tower, were left a twisted mass of ruins by a tornado that scattered the little oil-field shack town of Selman City, Texas, all over the countryside -- injuring twenty persons and causing thousands of dollars' damage to property.

A tornado that struck Tennessee and adjoining states in March, 1932, blew a man out of sight and tore a baby from its mother's arms and dropped <sup>it</sup> into a well, where it was drowned.

At Dalton, Georgia, during the same period, an unidentified white man was blown to the top of a tree; the wind driving a piece of wood through one of his arms. He hung suspended until daylight, when he was rescued and taken to a hospital, believed to be fatally injured.

In a tornado that struck Nashville, Tenn., May 14, 1932 an automobile was blown through the side of a barn without puncturing a tire.

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