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A FOG CAUSED BY HAIL

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A fog of unusual origin is described in the Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society. A rather severe hailstorm, accompanying heavy rain, thunder, and lightning, visited about twenty miles of territory in and around New London, Groton, Niantic, and Waterford, Conn., near 6 p.m. July 10 last; a very hot, humid day. Stones were as large as an inch and a half in diameter and for a few minutes covered the ground like snow.

Almost immediately after the hailing ceased, the sky cleared, and the sun, hot as ever, so rapidly melted the ice that a thick cold vapor, described as denser than any of the fogs along the Connecticut coast, evolved and hung low over the landscape. Vision was restricted to a few feet, and motorists along the Boston Post Road, already halted by the glazed surfaces, had to wait another thirty minutes while the fog lifted or evaporated.

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