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SPRAY BOWS

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The rainbows formed in spray, whether that of waves, waterfalls or lawn-sprinklers, have a special charm for the lover of Nature; perhaps because they seem like something heavenly that has come down to earth, so that it is almost within grasp of the observer. Tennyson's Sea Fairies tempt the mariner with the pageantry of such bows:

"And the rainbow lives in the curve of the sand;
Hither, come hither and see;
And the rainbow hangs on the poising wave,
And sweet is the color of cove and cave,
And sweet shall your welcome be."

Best known of cataract spray bows are those seen at Niagara, which have been admirably photographed by both ordinary as well as color photography, and successfully painted at least once; viz., by Church in the big picture of the Falls hanging at the Corcoran Gallery, in Washington.

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