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NATURE'S SAND-BLASTS

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Apropos of the recent dust storms, Ewing Jones, of the U. S. Soil Erosion Service, calls attention in a current article to the fact that sand shifting and swirling dust have had varied effects besides the destruction of valuable farm lands and the covering of cities. After 11 years service, telegraph wires along the Trans-Caspian Railway were removed because their diameter had been diminished one-half by sand blast corrosion. Destruction of the wooden telegraph poles through the San Bernardino Pass in Southern California is so rapid that the Southern Pacific Railway has been forced to protect them with piles of rock or with short supplementary poles on the windward side. According to Dr. W. J. McGee, the Casa Grande ruins of Arizona were reduced to their present dilapidated state largely by the sapping of their walls by sand drifts.

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