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Ice jams and weather! Fire and water cause tremendous losses every year. Frozen water too must be placed high among destructive agents. Ice jams are usually associated with thawing weather; but when freezing weather occurs accompanied by high wind (in the right direction) vast masses of ice are broken up and torn loose from their moorings in our lakes and rivers. These miniature icebergs sweep down rivers with awful power; and wherever there is a narrow place they pile up, forming ice jams. As more ice borne by rising waters follows, these ice jams become higher and higher, often freezing fast to bridges and other structures. Finally the crushing and tearing forces become so immense that the jam gives way, carrying everything with it.
