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Winter thunderstorms! Mention of thunderstorms in winter was made occasionally by the old chroniclers. In February, 1444, the lightning accompanying a thunderstorm was so intense as to set fire to the belfry of St. Paul's, London, the belfry of the Monastery of the Cross at Waltham, and on the same day but at different times three other churches were set on fire. Since thunderstorms are due largely to vertical currents which are induced mostly on the hottest hours of the hottest days in summer, it can readily be seen why they are infrequent in the wintertime.
