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The sea! From the standpoint of weather science the seas are great evaporating pans -- prime sources of water vapor whence we get clouds, rain and snow. Everyone who has beheld the vast ocean has experienced its power on the imagination, inspiring both fear and confidence. Ancient man believed that the sea was first and that all other things rose from it. Even a Greek philosopher taught that the sea was the origin of all things. In our own hemisphere the Aztecs believed that all creation, even the gods themselves, first lay concealed in the depths of a great sea. Modern science believes that ages ago a star came so near the sun that a portion of it was detached and formed the earth and all the planets.
