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Rainfall in hurricanes! Water waist-high, or more exactly, 29.6 inches of rain, was recorded on one of the mountain stations in Puerto Rico on Sept. 13-14, 1928, after the passage of a hurricane. Fortunately, amounts as heavy as this are more or less restricted in area, and the water never really lies on the ground that high, because run-off and seepage reduce it considerably. Almost every hurricane is accompanied by torrential rainfalls. It has been estimated that a single hurricane passing over Puerto Rico in 1899 left behind rainwater estimated at 2,600,000,000 tons. This amount in the form of a cube would measure about 4,360 feet (four-fifths of a mile) on a side.
