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Thunderbird! An Indian was not supposed to give a scientific explanation of natural phenomena, so he explained thunder and lightning in a way that seemed plausible to him. The Thunderbird occurs in the mythology of several peoples, among whom are our own Indians. In the state of Washington there is an irregular basaltic rock on which may be seen the face of the legendary Thunderbird. The local Indians believe that to shake this rock would cause rain by exciting the wrath of the Thunderbird. Thunder and lightning were supposed to be caused by the flappings and flashings of this bird.