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Cloudbursts! These rank high as an exhibition of the tremendous forces of nature. Imagine a mass of water of sufficient volume and velocity to strip a mountain side of its trees and carry down rocks as big as small houses with mud and debris enough to form a dam. This was the result of one cloudburst in the mountains of California, which was described as coming in several waves. The first wave, curiously enough, was announced by clouds of dust caused by the oncoming flood breaking off points of dusty earth and also by a great roar; it brought down a load of trees. The second wave bore rocks, one of which measured 8 by 12 by 16 feet; and there were others larger. The remaining waves carried mud.

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