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Waterspouts! Sea-going vessels do not take chances with waterspouts; they evade them. Waterspouts are whirling masses of sea, air and cloud. The sea is often agitated to a foam and is sometimes carried up to the cloud, and the cloud often reaches down like a huge tongue to meet the sea. In formation they resemble a dust whirl or tornado. They frequently occur in groups, sometimes as many as 15 or 20. They are accompanied by thunder and lightning and rain which is often excessive. Hail and snow occur with the more active ones, when the winds are violent. Steam vessels can usually avoid them, but sailing vessels with their high masts and big spread of canvas are often capsized or badly damaged when unfortunate enough to ~~run~~ run afoul of them.