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Ocean weather in December! The weather in December usually furnishes thrills for the ocean traveler in crossing the Atlantic. It is one of the stormiest months of the year over all parts of this ocean except in the tropics. Storms of considerable dimensions are frequent along the northern and middle steamship lanes and they are accompanied by rain, snow, sleet and high seas. But while these are the average conditions, trips are frequently made without experiencing very bad weather. Tropical storms are not to be feared, but occasionally the continental type of storm is met in the Gulf of Mexico. Fog conditions are not so bad as in summer, but during this month they frequently extend to and beyond Cape Hatteras.
