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Wind speed! It is interesting to note that the first attempts to measure wind speed were made in the best possible manner: that is by observing the speed at which light bodies such as soap bubbles, feathers, and so forth were carried along by the wind. This method has its limitations, but it gives true wind speeds. The first instrument to measure the speed was in the form of a square plate hanging by one of its edges and placed broadside to the wind. The angle which it made with the vertical was a measure of the speed or force of the wind. It is believed that more instruments have been devised to measure wind speed than any other physical quantity.