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The lightning flash! Seeing is believing, but one can not always see things exactly as they are, because of the great speed of the action. For instance, the lightning flash to the eye seems to be merely a vivid stream of light. A rotating camera, however, reveals that the flash is composed of from one to a dozen strokes. The flash may last an appreciable part of a second, but the time of an individual stroke is much smaller. Each stroke is composed of a down-moving streamer from cloud to ground, and is immediately followed by a much brighter return stroke upward, from ground to cloud, along the same path.
