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Thunderstorm frequency! Thunderstorms are most frequent this month in North America. For the earth as a whole there are 16,000,000 thunderstorms a year, resulting in 100 lightning flashes a second. The places of greatest frequency are: Java with over 200 a year; and Mexico, Brazil and the Belgian Congo with over 100 per year. They are least frequent, 5 or less a year, over the Pacific and South Atlantic oceans and within the Arctic and Antarctic circles. Over land thunderstorms occur mostly in late afternoon; but over the oceans in early morning.
