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Lightning! Statistics seem to indicate that there is more danger from being struck by lightning in the country than in cities. In the country the greatest danger is on the plains. This is because buildings with high chimneys and exposed points are struck first, while on a plain a man may be the highest point for the lightning to hit. In forests and groves the highest trees are usually hit, while in cities steeples and high steel buildings take most of the lightning load. However, steel structures and well-rodded wooden buildings are comparatively safe. In the country stay away from high trees, especially oaks, and if on a plain lie down in a depression for the greatest safety.
