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Forest fires! There is a very close connection between weather and forest fires. The U.S. Forest Service maintains weather stations and trains their men in accurately measuring all factors important in forest-fire prevention or fighting, among which factors is the weather. The two natural elements which conspire to destroy forests by fire are lightning and dry duff (the mat of leaves and twigs) which when ignited allows the fire to spread from log to log. Some other contributing factors are topography, temperature, wind and moisture. The state of visibility is important in that it affects the ability of the foresters to detect fires from their lookouts. Weather is watched by the forester as much as by the seaman or farmer.
