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Use of war balloons! Balloons became a recognized part of army equipment about 50 years ago. They are now used universally by all modern armies as an aid to observation. Their specific use is to enable observers to study the enemy territory, the disposition and movement of hostile troops and their fortifications. From their advantageous position they can also discover air raids by the enemy, especially when visibility is good. They are also used by the observers to report the progress and success of their own troops, and to spot artillery fire for the purpose of correcting the aim.
