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Airplanes and meteors! Stories have been told of how airplane pilots have had terrible times dodging meteors. It is difficult to imagine how these stories arose. Meteors look larger than they really are, and if close to the horizon may look nearer than they are. They enter the atmosphere at a tremendous speed, averaging 26 miles a second. This is amply sufficient to create enough heat by friction to render them incandescent and to entirely consume most of them before they reach the earth. Fragments that do reach the earth present evidence, by reason of their fitting together, that some may have burst apart in the air.

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