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Whirling winds! There are only a few winds which blow in a practically straight line. Most winds are of the whirling type, that is, they belong to a system which blows around a common center. Readily observed are small dust whirls, and the more formidable tornado with its characteristic funnel-shaped cloud. Winds most generally experienced in the United States and Canada are from cyclones (general storms) but these are so immense, 1500 miles in diameter, that, although the winds blow spirally inward, they do not seem to have a circular path to an observer at any given place. Stream lines of the air flowing in a storm system have been carefully plotted, and they are far from being straight.
