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March winds! As winds are caused by differences in temperature, the strongest winds occur when there are the greatest differences in temperatures. This is the condition which prevails in the northern hemisphere in March; the Arctic region is then coldest after its long winter night, just as it is coldest anywhere just before dawn, and hence the greatest difference in temperature between the tropics and the Arctic occurs about now. March is the stormiest month, most places reporting their greatest average wind speeds this month. But higher instantaneous speeds may occur in summer in connection with thunderstorms or tornadoes. The records do not bear out the old proverb, "When March comes in like a lion, it goes out like a lamb." -----