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Ocean weather observing! Taking weather observations on land is at times no easy task with blowing snow or rain and low temperature conditions; but at sea, even if one is a good sailor, the task is much harder. There the observer, even in good weather, must take observations under more difficult conditions. For instance, he must follow a pilot balloon with a theodolite, with a heaving deck beneath his feet. He must make weather maps below, steadying himself, perhaps, by the stanchions. Special barometers which do not "pump," and theodolites made especially for sea duty are furnished him, but with these and the ever-present seasickness his lot is not a merry one.
