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The mystery of the cyclone! Before the days of rapid communication, cyclones (whirling storm areas) were not understood or even recognized, and even today scientists are working hard for a better understanding of them. There are a few basic facts which have been observed over and over again. The cyclone is a whirling storm, sometimes nearly circular but more often elliptical in form, and from one to two thousand miles in diameter. The air pressure is lowest at the center and increases outward in all directions. The winds at the surface blow spirally inward with velocities greatest near the center. The temperatures are higher in the eastern than in the western half. Cyclones are more frequent and active in winter than in summer.