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Cloudbursts! Clouds become familiar to all of us as fogs. As everyone knows, fogs do not "burst." Very heavy rains over a watershed which converges into a narrow canyon may bring down there an enormous and destructive quantity of water. It is believed that this condition may be intensified by an up-rushing volume of air holding water suspended for a while, so that when the whole column collapses the rainfall is intense. It is probable that the term, "cloudburst" arose from such circumstances. The intensest rain on record is 1.02 inches in a minute at Opid's Camp, Calif., and the heaviest for 24 hours is 46 inches at Baguio, Philippine Islands.