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Damage by lightning! How much damage is done by lightning when material objects are struck depends upon the material. In general, objects of high conducting power are injured least, and those of low conducting power most. There are two ways in which metals are damaged: first, by being melted if the charge or current actually enters the metal; and second, by being broken, bent, or torn from their attachments. Objects which are poor conductors, and these include trees, are damaged by an explosive effect brought about, it is believed, by the contained moisture being turned into steam, by a decomposition forming gases, or by internal electrical repulsive effects.
