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Gulf Stream! So-called, but its water really comes from the Caribbean Sea. It flows around the west end of Cuba and via the Florida Strait out into the Atlantic Ocean, hardly mixing any of the Gulf water with it at all. After leaving the Florida coast it flows northeastwardly and at about the middle of the Atlantic loses its identity as it fans out and mixes with the Atlantic waters. Its importance climatically is that it adds to the warmth of the Atlantic, making all the countries in northwestern Europe warmer for their latitudes than any other place in the world.
