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Calms! We are sometimes asked: "Are there places with no winds?" A quiet atmosphere means no winds and no up-and-down currents. To realize this there must be no differences in temperature, as that is the primary cause of wind. Absolute calm is seldom realized anywhere for long. There are, however, three zones which are called, "belts of calm." One is the equatorial belt of calms where there are frequent calms but also light, variable winds and even thunderstorms and squalls. The other two, called "horse latitudes," are located at 35 degrees north and 30 degrees south latitude. In these regions calms are also frequent but there are light variable winds a good deal of the time; and, in contrast to the equatorial belt, the skies are generally clear.