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Source of rain! The corn crop of the world is dependent upon moisture evaporated from ocean surfaces hundreds of miles away from the corn-cribs waiting to be filled. One can easily realize this by noting the damp sea breeze and the comparatively dry land breeze. The ocean surface is two and one-half times that of the land, and two hundred times that of all lakes, rivers and swamps. It has been estimated that if the water of all the lakes in the world were spread over the land, the depth would only be one-fifteenth of the annual land rainfall. There is, of course, evaporation from moist land surfaces, which does add to the water vapor supplied by the oceans.
