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A cold wind! There is a cold wind that blows off the Alps down through the gaps in the mountains and over the Mediterranean coasts. It is known as the "Mistral" on the southern coast of France, and it is said that the Gulf of Lion is given that name as those winds are often very violent there, as well as cold. It is told that a large British three-decker warship caught in a gale there was struck by such a heavy sea that she was thrown on her beam-ends, and for a moment it was thought she was lost. She righted, however, but was found to be completely disabled, with nearly all the bolts of her iron knees broken. It was described by one witness as "the most terrific scene I ever beheld."-----