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African tornadoes! Off the west coast of Africa occur violent thunderstorms which are locally known as tornadoes. They occur most frequently in May, but also occasionally at other times of the year during periods of great heat. During the formation of the storm there is an oppressive stillness, even insect life is quiet. Soon the sky thickens and the wind begins to blow, driving a heavy, arch-shaped, black cloud before it. It is the wind squall which usually occurs during the first part of any thunderstorm. Heavy rain falls, accompanied by lightning and sharp peals of thunder and a fall in temperature. The african householder builds himself a low, light, inexpensive home that he can easily replace or mend after visitations of the tornado.