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Over-sea air routes! Tracks of regular ocean-going ships have, of course, long been mapped out; and ships now rigidly hold to them. But airplanes follow what is known as a "weather route". This is not a course laid out once for all, but the navigator of an ocean going airplane follows a course which is best for that particular trip. This course is where the best wind conditions and the best weather prevail. The great trans-atlantic clippers have a navigator on duty at all times. He keeps the ship away from winter gales, icing conditions and deep fog. Often pilots fly "on instruments"; that is, flying blind is often best to do.
