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Haze at sea! Most people think of low visibility at sea as caused by fogs, which is often the case. But in the eastern Atlantic, from Africa to the Cape Verde Islands, there is a haze which often occurs, and because of this the early mariners called that area "the Sea of Darkness." This haze is caused by fine dust brought by the trade winds off the Sahara Desert. In one instance, the haze extended over 1500 miles north and south; the air was filled with a red dust so fine it could not be swept from the decks of ships, and caused the sun to appear bluish or greenish.
