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On the evening of May 30, a severe storm swept over portions of Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri, developing locally two or more whirlwinds of limited scope,—but of terrific violence. The severest of these appears to have formed on the Salina river, Kansas, crossing the country to Solomon river, then northeastward into Nebraska. Much of the country traversed has been but recently settled, and in the absence of complete telegraphic communication, it is impossible to form a connected idea of the destruction wrought by them. Forty or fifty persons are reported killed and wounded; and many houses were wrecked at points so situated as to make it certain that no single whirlwind could

have done all the mischief. Even when a definite line of disaster can be traced on the map, it takes a curiously zig-zag direction; and local reports describe the main course as having been diversified by many remarkable loops and curves.

In their general features, the whirls substantially repeat those of the whirlwind that wrecked the town of Richmond, Mo., just a year before. There was the same sort of funnel-shaped cloud, with its terrific rotary motion and irresistible suction, sweeping across the country with a writhing motion, leaving in its track a looped and sinuous line of ruin and death. Whatever came within its range was lifted bodily, torn to pieces, and scattered broadcast over the country. Nothing was blown down; every-