

efficiency. Most striking are the rotary plows, of which (again according to incomplete statistics) about 150 were in use last year.

In the cities the street-cleaning agencies are getting ready for a similar campaign. A generation ago a proposal to appropriate \$25,000 for a winter of snow-removal work in New York City was pronounced too extravagant for serious consideration. During the winter of 1925-26 the same city spent \$4,500,000 for such work.—*C. Fitzhugh Talman, in Why the Weather? a Science Service Feature.*

CLINE'S "TROPICAL CYCLONES"

"Dr. Cline states that the omission of Monthly Weather Review Supplement No. 24, containing Mr. Mitchell's contribution to tropical hurricanes from the Bibliography of his book, 'Tropical Cyclones,' was due to the fact that the matter for his book had been completed and submitted for publication before Supplement No. 24 appeared, otherwise it would have been in the Bibliography."

A FAMOUS STORM

The destructive gale in the British Isles, late in October, has brought out the following account of an earlier severe storm.—ED.

One of the most celebrated weather events in all history was the "Great Storm" of November, 1703, which raged over much of Europe, and was especially severe in and about the British Isles. Daniel Defoe wrote a book about it, and it is referred to in the well-known lines of Addison—

So, when an angel, by divine command,
With rising tempests shakes a guilty land,
Such as of late o'er pale Britannia past.

Throughout the south and west of England the destructive effects of the wind were quite without precedent for that part of the world. Hundreds of buildings were ruined, and there was vast destruction of trees. Defoe places the loss of life on land at 123, while hundreds more were injured. The losses at sea were far greater. More than 8,000 seamen perished, including some 1,500 men of the Royal Navy. The first Eddy-stone lighthouse was destroyed in this storm. Its architect, Winstanley, had expressed the hope of being in the building during the worst gale it should ever experience, and his wish was tragically accomplished. He had gone to the lighthouse the day before to superintend some repairs, and he never returned.

Much information concerning the storm has been gleaned by an English meteorologist, Henry Harries, from an examination of contemporary log-books of British men-of-war. It appears to have been quite comparable in violence to the worst hurricanes of the tropics.—*C. Fitzhugh Talman, in Why the Weather? a Science Service feature.*

A CATERPILLAR WEATHER PROPHET(?)

One of the most familiar kinds of caterpillar is the larva of the moth *Isia isabella*. It is part black and part yellow. You will find a colored