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Early meteorology! Professor Cleveland Abbe was prominently associated with the beginnings of practical everyday forecasts in America. While in charge of the Cincinnati observatory, sponsored by the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, he issued the first American weather forecasts from studies of current weather maps. In the meanwhile, Prof. Increase A. Lapham of Milwaukee petitioned the Chicago Academy of Science for storm warnings for the benefit of Great Lakes commerce, which was forwarded to Congress. The Congress created the Weather Bureau to operate under the Army's Signal Service, and offered Prof. Abbe the chief position under the commanding army officer.
