



Fig. I. Halo, May 1st, 1935, 11 a. m. Wide-angle lens Tessar $f/8$, foc. $1\frac{1}{8}$ in. Exposure time and stop not noted.

The Contax and Cloud Study at Manila.

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Clouds are both the despair and the delight of a true meteorologist, especially if he combines in himself the sense of what is artistic and beautiful and the strong "curiosity bump" of the scientist. The multiplicity of cloud is like unto the variety of human character, almost infinite. No sooner does the weatherman pride himself that he has at last found a suitable classification and has learned the import of certain cloud types, than — lo and behold! — an interesting exception confronts him. It is the writer's firm belief that the clouds still hold back from us many a secret which they are willing to share with the eager investigator, secrets which may be of precious value especially for weather forecasting, if only we are willing to take the trouble patiently to pry them out of nature.

The differences between individuals of the same species of cloud is tantalizing and suggestive, but far too delicate and too varied to be taken in by the glance of an eye, stored in the memory or jotted down in laborious language in a note-book; they must