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in Canada Balsam which mad  
philosophical Instrument makers insist on  
putting between the ~~object~~ lenses of the object  
[...] lasses of our Telescopes - These are the  
primary or ultimate sources of [^][the great rivers of] the Congo  
Zambesi and Nile - By their union  
streams of from 20 to 30 yards broad are  
formed and these again converge into  
three [^][or four] great lines of drainage = Large  
Lacustrine rivers = extant specimens  
of those which in prehistoric times  
abounded in Africa - The Lakes and  
Lake rivers are not sources [^][no large river begins in a Lake]but they  
serve [Bosoa = great] somewhat the same end as  
the cisterns made to regulate the supply  
of water in our artificial canals  
the natural valves of the watershed  
The Lakes and the lacustrine rivers  
unite in the important object  
of holding back the sudden flushes  
which otherwise would follow the  
Tropical rains - In other cases [of this][country]  
[...] mall insignificant rivers  
suddenly swell = a perfect  
wall of water rushes down without  
warning and in the memory of  
persons still living whole car[...] vans  
of slaves in the chains have been  
swept away before they could escape  
to higher ground in the immediate  
vicinity - Without the ~~determining~~[restraining]  
machinery of natural valves and [^][Friction]  
Riverein [^][to[...] ns] lakes broad above and  
[^] narrow below - a seven days Tropical  
rain would make the grand old  
Nile assume the character of a  
mountain torrent and rush up  
with a "bore" compared to which