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MAN-MADE LIGHTNING

Experiments are being made at a Pittsburgh laboratory to render aeroplanes safe in an electrical storm, and three million crackling volts of electricity are sent flashing round a model all-metal plane. Not a scratch. If the metal structure is completely enclosed, lightning's effect is nil. Here's a test that will interest car drivers, one of them sits placidly and pluckily at the wheel, while three million volts leapfrog over and under him. The flash travels along the car body and then jumps the wheel rim to earth. Well, that's hot motoring!