

fallible. The lights at that time are characterized by their grey and black tones, both in the sky and cloud intensities. The first area of concern of the entire global sphere is that junction between the horizon and the sky being more conspicuous because of the sharper zone of contrast and demarkation. With a slow but imperceptible increase of light one's vision is directed downward to those sleeping clouds below just beginning to receive their almost immeasurable rays of reflected light. These fracto-cumulus cloud masses are evenly spaced and extensive in distribution broken in continuity only by some far distant cumulus and other larger cloud masses. It would remind one of staring upward from the earth into the heavens on a moonlight nite into a sky of closely arranged cloud masses with the interstitial areas representing the ocean and the stars the white caps of the water surface. Occasionally a large and bold cumulus cloud would pass by, a monarch compared to the fracto-cumulus below but also inferior to the lords of all the clouds the towering anvil capped cumulus to present themselves later in the day.

Glancing directly below and with the light intensity sufficiently strong to discern all details, one beholds a color with the deepest of all blues nearly approximating the black or deepest blue of commercial washing bluing. This blue merges outward with imperceptibility with the lighter and more delicate blues of the distant horizon merging undifferentiated into the blue sky above.

The sea below does not take on the dreaded feeling that one would normally associate with such limitless expanses of water because the cloud masses have a tendency to break up the expanse into many isolated fragments which gives one the impression of land masses and earthly security in turn. Again there are many times, particularly when flying continuously above the clouds when the fear of the ocean, or rather the lack of land security, does not enter into your mind. Mechanical trouble in the purring moters would be the only thing that could cause one to refer to the omnipresent hazard of the ocean below.