

yellow and finally white. The rotating propeller of the plane registers these same changing colors. The sun finally reaches the upper limits of the lower sea-hugging fracto-cumulus clouds. The higher ones first appearing as if being turned on by a switch and finally the lower ones are engulfed in that sea of clouds that formerly gave the impression of supporting a common height. This lightning of clouds would suggest the gradual awaking of the animal world or better the progressive appearance of stars with the development of twilight and darkness. As soon as the sun's rays strike the water surface shadows spring into being, some unbelievable in quality and others quite normal but real. The usual reflection is one of deception. The shadow becomes a black blotch upon the bottom of a deep blue swimming pool with the clouds riding upon the surface of the water. This darker shadow has the power of bringing out the greenish blue quality of the water and gives it that apparent factor of depth to an otherwise opaque body. When the cloud shadow comes to rest upon the glazed path of the direct sun reflection both the cloud and the shadow take on their true perspective. The shadow rests on a black area upon the water and the cloud assumes its normal relation with the water in regard to height. The direct sun reflection suggests a hammered copper plate reflected in the sun with its metallic luster. It differs only in the lack of the color proper.

Except for the usual white dots the only other surface attraction is the linear strands of yellow beads, presumably plant in nature and conforming to the direction of the wave movement.

The ice-flow like arrangement of the fracto-cumulus now take on a more definite alignment with parallel rows of clouds and suggesting at times the formation of a ship convoy. This system of clouds will gradually give way to the more complex fracto-cumulus cumulus type of cloud mixture with the alto stratus or lenticular formation binding the heterogeneous forms together. Finally they become so amalgamated as to defy proper description.