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J. T., of N. Y.—Mr. Gillespie's idea in comparing the flying of a bird to a vessel sailing on the wind was, that when the forward edge of the wing is the higher and the bird is moving forward, the resistance of the air operates to keep the bird from falling, in the same way that the resistance of the water holds a vessel from drifting to leeward.

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