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It was a nice drop of water for the garden, but unfortunately it's too much of a good thing. Abnormal rainfall has sent in the bill at last, and Woodford in Essex --- just on the outer ring of London --- is one of the many districts that have been badly flooded.

Our aerial cameraman took a flight over Ipswich --- a bad ~~ix~~ sufferer in the worst ~~months~~ floods for over 30 years.

The water came right in at the front door in many streets --- yes, they'll need that coal. Still, it's an ill wind --- it's nice when the police call for you in a boat. ~~Get out on the water?~~ Near Ipswich, Bramford Bridge was wrecked by the floods and half the village was isolated.

Australia's tragedy has been fire. These further pictures give a graphic impression of the relentless spread of the flames in the Victorian catastrophe. Tall timber crackles like brushwood in the grip of Nature's most ruthless destroyer. Kings of the forest burn like matchsticks. And what a trail of destruction ~~lies in the path of that water.~~ Buildings have crumbled and charred; treasured belongings ~~of these and millions of them~~ have been dressed in the shabby garments of desolation. ~~Wherever~~ Wherever that fiery finger touched, beauty and utility ~~was~~ transformed into ugliness and corruption.