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Towers of porous calcareous tufa, the largest 4.3 meters in height, rise above basal sand columns to about 6 meters above present south shore of Mono Lake, California. They were precipitated where calcium-rich artesian waters entered a once fuller alkaline lake, now lowered by evaporation and diversion of recharge waters to Los Angeles. See page 1009. [Preston Cloud, University of California, Santa Barbara]