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Summer solstice! If you plant a stick firmly in a vertical position, its shadow at noon today will be the shortest of the year, because the sun has reached its highest point in the sky, and from now on it will go southward again. An observation of this kind, said to be the oldest astronomical one, was made by the Chinese nearly 6,000 years ago. Places in the northern latitudes receive more heat today than on any other day of the year, but the earth as a whole does not for it is farther from the sun than in winter. Although our received heat is now at maximum, our highest temperatures will not occur until later in the summer after the ground has had a chance to warm up.
