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Equinox! Today the sun rises exactly in the east and sets exactly in the west. If there are no clouds, it will be visible exactly 12 hours, or a little longer due to refraction or bending of the rays in the atmosphere. Expecting equinoctial gales or storms on this date shows how great is the power of tradition. Storms are occurring, no doubt, at many places, but they are not due to the circumstance of the equinox, which is simply the time that the sun in its journey south is on or crossing the equator. If available, examine the weather map on this day and see where the storms are in the United States and Canada.

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