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Snow crystals! Minute details of their structure can not be seen by the naked eye, and, therefore, could not have been discovered before the invention of the microscope. However, the existence of snow or ice crystals might have been inferred, as it is now known that solar halos and other light phenomena are caused by the sun shining through ice crystals. Snow crystals were discovered, or first observed, about 1800 by Scoresby, the noted scientist and Arctic explorer, and were thought then to exist only in the Polar regions. Later, about 1855, they were observed in England, Mr. W.A. Bentley, a Vermonter, spent a lifetime making over 2000 microphotographs of snow crystals, no two of which are alike.
