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Spring equinox! Some ancient monuments still standing indicate certain astronomical relations, as, for instance, fixing the direction of the sun's rising and setting at the solstices (June 21 and Dec. 21). This was done by sighting along two stones, Equinox is midway between the solstices. Today the sun rises due east and sets due west; and at both the North and South Poles, it is seen all day long just at the horizon. Spring Equinox marks the beginning at the South Pole of the long winter night, and at the North Pole of the six-month day. It is the beginning of spring, and marks the passing of winter's severity and the coming of the gentler spring for all in the northern hemisphere.
