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The blue sky! It was not until 1871 that the now accepted explanation of the blue color of the sky was proposed by Lord Rayleigh. The light from the sun shines upon all parts of the atmosphere, and meets with obstructions; that is, air particles and dust. He explained that light from the sun is composed of all colors of the rainbow, from long-waved red to short-waved blue, and that air particles are not large enough to screen the red but they do screen the blue. Blue light is then copiously reflected and scattered, while the red passes on. The light, then, that reaches us from the sky is the blue light that is reflected to us from the finer floating particles.
