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Sun and weather! It is often said that the sun is the source of our weather. This is so, weather being simply a manifestation of solar energy. But the earth, after receiving this energy, does certain things with it. It absorbs some and reflects some. Both absorption and reflection take place as soon as the sun's rays strike the upper limit of the atmosphere. The air and clouds and the earth's surface all absorb some and reflect some. The greatest absorption is at the earth's surface, where the absorption causes either heat or chemical action, such as changes in plant life, and photographic effects.
