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Daily temperature variation! Everywhere outside of the Arctic and Antarctic Circles, temperatures vary from day to night, as everyone knows. But this daily variation is great or small according to circumstances. Over the sea there is less variation than over the land, even at the same latitude: this is chiefly because the land absorbs and radiates heat more readily than water. There is also a greater variation in summer than in winter. This is due to the strong control by the sun in summer, its more direct rays then being much more efficient than the less direct rays of winter. It is seldom that a day in summer is cooler than the preceding or succeeding night; but this happens frequently in winter.
