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Sun drawing water! That is the old and popular explanation given when sunbeams are seen either just after sunrise or before sunset, shining through open spaces in a partly cloudy sky. The beams seem to diverge as they approach the earth's surface; but that is an illusion, they are really parallel. The rays become visible in the same way that light beams finding their way through chinks in a darkened room illuminate the floating dust particles. Thus the sun shining through clouds illuminates dust and water particles, and the beams are readily seen against a dark background. The expression, "the sun drawing water," is poetic but not scientific.
