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The winter solstice! Many feel encouraged when the winter solstice (which happens today at 6:55 p.m.) is reached; for, they say, the sun is coming back north, daylight will be longer, and warm weather is on the way. But such is not exactly the case. Daylight hours increase very slowly after the winter solstice. For instance, at latitude 45 degrees, from this date to Jan. 1 the increase will have been only 5 minutes. After Jan. 1 the rate increases; by Jan. 15 the increase since the solstice will have been 23 minutes, and nearly an hour by the end of that month. But severe weather will continue for some time, due to cold north winds, and to snow and ice fields, and because it can not get warmer until the heat lost from the earth at night is less than that received.                      -----