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The solar chromosphere projected against the sun in the monochromatic light of the red hydrogen line at 6563 angstroms. This picture, taken at Mount Wilson Observatory, shows clearly the fine-scale structures of the chromosphere. These structures are becoming increasingly important in the interpretation of chromospheric phenomena. The elongated dark filaments and the bright plages near sunspots are familiar features of solar activity. See page 1127. [R. B. Leighton, California Institute of Technology]
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