

WILD ANIMAL  
Prowling About Chillicothe Routs  
Dogs and Scares Many People

Special Dispatch to the Enquirer.

Chillicothe, Ohio, May 7.-The west end of this city is greatly alarmed over the presence of some sort of wild animal which makes his home in the thickets along the Scioto, and which has been seen prowling around the edges of town. A number of employees at the driving park have seen it, and describe it as being about four feet long, low, large head, short legs and big feet and light brown or yellowish in color.

Dogs sent after the animal come back bleeding and torn, and will not follow it again. The horses at the park snorted in terror and sweated with fear at night. Small animals have been killed and some people are afraid to go out at night.

-From the Enquirer of Cincinnati, O., May 9, 1897

STRANGE ANIMAL  
Farmers in Hocking County Annoyed by  
a Wildcat or Panther

Logan, O., May 25.-The farmers in the southern part of this county are excited over the appearance of a strange animal. Numerous sheep and lambs have disappeared. Several pioneers who have heard the cry of the beast at night say it is a panther, while others say the cries resemble those of a wildcat.

-From the Times-Democrat of Akron, O., May 26, 1897

ANIMALS

A Wild Man.

We have just been informed by Captain Price, the soap man from Arkansas, that a wild man was seen in the Huana bottom about eight or ten miles below here. The Captain stated that the party who had seen the wild man was almost frightened to death, that he was a ferocious looking human, with very long hair covering his entire body, with huge claws for finger nails and terrible in general aspect. He is supposed to be the same wild man that formerly depredated through the Sabine river bottom, eating hogs, roots, etc.-Nachadoches Star News.

-From the Panola Watchman of Carthage, Tx., March 12, 1897

A trapper who has been hunting and trapping on the Malheur river south of the agency valley this winter, reports to the Vale Advocate one of these prodigies of nature known as a wild man. The Advocate says the biped is of giant stature, being at least seven feet high, having long and massive arms that reach to it's knees, while the whole body is covered with curly, glossy hair.

-From the Bee of Chehalis, Wa., April 9, 1897

LAGRO NEWS

The people in this vicinity have been thrown into a state of great excitement over the appearance of a strange beast which has been roaming over the country in the locality of "Possum Holler," but which seems to have it's headquarters in the neighborhood of Hopewell. The animal, when moving from place to place, assumes an upright posture like that of a man, and when it's ire is provoked it presents a horrifying aspect. It is sufficiently hideous in it's appearance to frighten the faithful old bull dog belonging to Bill Davis to such an extent that the usually serene countenance of the grand old dog became very white and he manifested feelings of great horror. The tears gently pushed themselves out in the eyes of the trusty old canine and quietly rolled down his rosy cheeks and fell

from his dimpled chin, striking the earth with a sickening thud. The animal will weigh about 150 pounds, has two eyes, four legs, two ears, one body and one tail spliced onto it's posterior anatomy. The beast is the subject of much comment and it is thought that more will be heard of it soon. P. S. - The animal is red-headed.

-From the Times of Wabash, In., April 16, 1897

Our Abner correspondent reports a sensation this week. He alleges that a wild woman is roaming the woods in the vicinity of Abner and Red Oak, and further avers that several reputable citizens claim to have seen her. We do not presume that our esteemed Abner correspondent would endeavor to consume the valuable space of the Times-Star by giving vent to idle vagaries of his own, therefore we give some degree of credence to his story. We suggest that a searching party be organized with a view to capture and reclaim the wild woman to civilization.

-From the Times-Star of Terrell, Tx., April 23, 1897

#### A Wild Man.

A great deal of excitement has been occasioned at Rome, Adams Co., in the past week by the report that a wild man has been roaming about in the woods near there. Searching parties have been out after him but have so far failed to catch him. One man who claims to have seen him says the wild man is very tall and almost naked and can run like a deer.

-From the Blade of Portsmouth, O., April 28, 1897

Farmers residing in the vicinity of Stout's run, near Buena Vista, are terrorized over the apparition of a wild man, who has been seen for nearly a week in the woods in that vicinity. A young son of Peter Tracey was caught by the creature some distance from home and severely beaten. Thirty armed men started out to hunt the wild man, but have not returned.

-From the Beacon and Republican of Akron, O., April 28, 1897

#### A STRANGE ANIMAL

Residents Near Sailor Aroused by It's Reported Appearance.

SEEN AND DESCRIBED BY THREE MEN.

One of Them Shot at it and Thinks He Hit it--Then the Revolver Failed to Act--Citizens May Form a Searching Party

The residents in the neighborhood of Sailor, a hamlet about seven miles northeast of this city, are aroused over the reappearance of a strange animal in the woods belonging to H. Rines. Reports on the appearance of the creature have more than once for the past two or three years come from that locality but heretofore those who reported having seen it were merely laughed at.

Ed. Swinehart and Adam Gardner both profess to have seen it last Saturday evening. The previous evening it was seen by Miles Chamberlain. Probably the best description yet secured is that given by Chamberlain.

He said that the beast walked on it's hind feet and had every appearance of a man save that the body was covered with hair instead of clothing. When on it's legs it stood nearly as tall as average sized man, but when making it's retreat from Mr. Chamberlain dropped onto it's hands or front feet and disappeared at great speed in bounds something after the fashion of a rabbit.

When Chamberlain first came upon the mysterious animal it was sitting at the trunk of a tree near the edge of the woods. He approached within probably fifty feet of it before it jumped and started for the thick portion of the forest. The animal ran rapidly on it's hind feet for several rods before it dropped on it's hands.

On the following evening the beast was seen by Messrs. Swinehart and Gardner and the description given by them tallies in part with that given by Mr. Chamberlain. Gardner had a revolver with him at the time and claims that he shot the animal.

The wound did not take sufficient effect, however, to prevent the escape of the creature. Gardner attempted a second time to discharge his revolver but the weapon refused to act.

It is said that arrangements are being made to form a searching party to hunt for the mysterious animal.

-From the Weekly Truth of Elkhart, Ind., April 29, 1897

#### WILD MAN SEEN AGAIN.

He Wears Nothing But Hair, Which is  
Long and Curly.

The wild man who created so much terror among the inhabitants near Rome, O., several weeks ago by his strange actions has again been seen. Charles Lukins and Bob Forner, while cutting timber a few miles from Rome, claim they encountered a wild man (on May 26) and after a severe struggle say they were able to drive the gorilla-like object into his supposed retreat among the cliffs.

They describe the terror as being about six feet tall and his only covering, apparently, a mat of long, curly hair. From their description of the supposed wild man he is undoubtedly the same seen a number of times several weeks ago.

Women and children are now more thoroughly frightened than ever and are afraid to venture from their homes lest they meet the wild creature. A posse of determined men will scour the country now until the terror is located and captured or killed.

-From the Plain Dealer of Cleveland, O., May 27, 1897

#### SEA SERPENTS

##### ANOTHER SEA SERPENT.

It Was Sighted Off Borneo and Was a  
Wonder.

Capt. Peabody, of the big Portland packet Tam o' Shanter, brings to port the latest tale of the sea serpent, which was sighted off Borneo, and, according to the estimate of that officer, was about 190 feet long. It appeared in the midst of a field of snakes covering an extent of about 50 miles, through which the packet made its way like the ship of the ancient mariner amid the serpents of the silent, mysterious sea of which the poet's description is not more lurid than that which Capt. Peabody applies to the waters off Borneo. The rest of the snakes were of varying magnitude, but none of them came near the dimensions of the greater one, which outran all precedent, making the biggest of those described by Bishop Pontopiddian seem small in comparison. Its diameter in the middle was apparently about ten feet, tapering off towards both ends, the head being of the size of a New Orleans molasses hogshead and the tail flattened into an instrument of propulsion, giving it any rate of speed which occasion required. It was covered with large thick scales and its color above the water line was a mixture of yellow and green, blending underneath in a tint resembling that of the Long Island squash.

It happened along just in time to witness a conflict between a gigantic shark and an equally colossal alligator, which it brought to a conclusion by seizing the former and biting it entirely in two, swallowing the section which contained the vanquished alligator and closing a competitive dietary incident which would have attracted attention anywhere. No such thrilling tale of this marvelous ophidian has been rehearsed within memory and the original Tam o' Shanter, whose name the discovering vessel bears, could not in his most rapt visionary mood have seen a bigger or more voracious one. Explorers of serpent lore ought to take ship for Borneo without delay if they think that the captain has been telling a straight story. It is an exciting one, at any rate, and the habitual ocean snake which appears in our water is a mere worm in comparison.-New York Tribune.

-From the Free Press of Elko, Nv., December 19, 1896

#### THE SEA SERPENT ARRIVES.

The sea serpent has arrived earlier than usual this spring. He arrived just after sunrise yesterday morning. Captain Adolphus McNeil, keeper of the Bridgeport lighthouse, rowed ashore at ten o'clock and told the news. The lighthouse is situated two miles off Seaside Park directly at the mouth of the harbor. Captain McNeil lives in the lighthouse.

The sun rose at 6:15 and Keeper McNeil put out the light at that hour. He looked through his "long eye" up and down the sound, to see if, perchance, a storm of any kind was brewing. Off toward Long Island, he espied a black speck. It was disturbing the water. McNeil glued his eye to his telescope and watched. This is what he said he saw:

"I couldn't make out what it was. It looked like a porpoise, but then it was fourteen miles off, and no porpoise could make such a fuss and be seen that distance. The speck got bigger and bigger. I could see foam, spray and steam squirting all around. I thought perhaps it was one of them ere submarine torpedo boats out on an experimental trip from Port Jefferson, opposite us, on Long Island, but the thing came along about eighteen knots an hour, and when off Lordship Farm Point, I could see it was the sea serpent.

"The head was about eight feet out of the water. It was about the color of a new bronze and it had long great whiskers on the back of the head and along down the neck was a row of arrow-shaped fins. These were black.

"When the serpent got nearer my light-house, I could see it better. Every few seconds it ducked its head and swam for a few hundred feet under water. Then it would raise its head and look all around.

"The eyes were terrible. They had a fishy stare and emitted phosphorescent flashes. The body was as big around as a locomotive boiler, and must have been over 100 feet long. Every little way along the body there were black rings around, and in the middle were a couple of revolving fins that looked like twin screws.

"The serpent made a great splashing, but what surprised me most was that it passed the lighthouse and started up the harbor. By this time it was 6:40 o'clock. When I saw that sea serpent heading for Bridgeport, I was scared. I remembered that every pleasant morning Walter Nichols rowed across the harbor from Seaside Park to Pleasure Beach.

"I turned by glass landward, and, sure enough, there was Walter paddling across the harbor in his little skiff. He had not seen the sea serpent, which was bearing down on him, and which was between me and him. Suddenly I thought to warn Walter, so I tolled the lighthouse fog bell.

"The serpent raised his big head nearly twenty feet out of the water and looked back. Just then it was 6:45 o'clock, and every factory whistle in Bridgeport was set off. The big steam gongs, the high and low pitched whistles, the sirens, and all the rest, made an unearthly din. It always wakes up everybody. The frightful racket scared the serpent. He ducked his head, turned tail and swam off toward Stratford. Walter Nichols saw it. He stood up in his skiff and waved his hat.

"If you don't believe me just ask Walter. The last I saw of the serpent he was heading for New Haven and was making fast time. Them steam whistles saved Walter Nichols' life."—Bridgeport Cor. Chicago Inter Ocean.

—From the Gazette and Virginia Advertiser of Alexandria, Va., April 7, 1897

#### SEA SERPENTS How They Distort Themselves in the Great Maelstrom.

Alexander Lewis, an old seafaring man, says that sea serpents similar to those being exhibited in Tacoma are very plentiful in north and south polar waters. He tells a very interesting story. In 1852 he was a seaman on the American bark Oregon, Captain Shields, sailing from Antwerp, Belgium, to the Arctic Sea after seals. They passed North Cape, the northern extremity of Norway, 150 miles east of which is the great maelstrom, the whirling influence of which is felt and seen at sea a distance of 100 miles from the centre. Though the government of Norway has made careful experiments, it has been found dangerous for vessels to approach nearer than fifty miles of the center. On the extreme outer edges of the maelstrom, Captain Lewis says, the crew of the Oregon saw numerous sea serpents identical with those on exhibition and ranging from ten to twenty-five feet in length. They would bob out of

the water now and then alongside of the ship, a pair of them being frequently seen together. Occasionally some of the sailors put off in a small boat and endeavored to harpoon one, but they never succeeded. The serpents were too quick in their movements, and had such a ferocious look that the sailors did not care to get too close to them.

Mr. Lewis says that two or three years later, when the Oregon was about one hundred miles out of the Cattegat, between Denmark and Sweden, and entering the North Sea, the entire crew beheld an astonishing sight. It was a sea serpent about three hundred feet long, black in color, and with big, round eyes that seemed the size of a washtub, Lewis declares. Around each of his eyes were three great rings. It had a dorsal fin extending the entire length of the vertebrae, and a sharp tail. Lewis thinks this was the greatest sea serpent ever beheld by man. When descried it had its head fifteen feet out of the water, and was sunning itself. The ship put about and made straight for him. When within about a quarter of a mile, the serpent went under. Lewis thinks the serpent was twenty feet through at its neck. He says the story sounds so improbable that he has seldom told it, but that Captain Shields, whose home port was Rockland, Me., as well as the other sailors, will vouch for its truth if alive.—Tacoma Ledger.

—From the Bulletin of Linneus, Mo., April 14, 1897

SEA SERPENT!  
Lake Minnewaska's Famous  
Monster is Said to have Been  
Killed for a Surety.  
A Starbuck Man Named Jones  
Puts the Fatal Bullet  
Through its Head.  
Its Immense Body now Sup-  
posed to be Lying Dead  
at Rocky Point.

The city papers have a good deal to say about airships these days but their stories bear no comparison to the tale of Section Foreman Jones, of Starbuck, though, one would not suppose that any employee of the Northern Pacific road would have had time to concoct large size fish stories the past few weeks.

Everybody who has lived long in the vicinity of Lake Minnewaska has heard of the wonderful sea serpent said to have been seen in its water at different times. Some have professed to doubt, its reality. Let no one be longer skeptical. Mr. Jones has seen this monster and unless it has several different kinds of lives it is now lying dead under the ice or at the bottom of the lake near Rocky Point. Sheriff Thorson had quite a talk Thursday with Mr. Jones, which convinced him (the sheriff) that the sea serpent is no dream. Mr. Jones, so far as known, is not related to Matt Ward's accommodating clerk, but his story is about as follows:

He was lying on the shore at Rocky Point in wait for geese with a Winchester rifle when he saw swimming towards him a monster with a snake like head raised about 3 feet above the water. The head was as nearly large as that of a horse, with a smaller neck, which became gradually larger as it shaded off into the body. He did not say exactly how long it was though it is popularly rumored to be 100 feet in length. (Mr. Jones could hardly be expected to judge accurately with such a monster coming directly for him even though he was armed with a good rifle). As he watched the serpent it dipped its head and brought up a large fish and swallowed it in a single gulp. When it had come within about 60 feet of the shore he put a bullet through its head and shot 5 times more but the serpent got under the ice in its struggles and its body cannot be recovered. Mr. Jones is in a fever of anxiety to have the ice go out so he can drag the lake for his pet.

A number of years ago several Swenson children living on the lake shore said they saw a monster similar to this horrible shape described by Mr. Jones and so late as last summer Peter Moen is said to have peppered it with a load of buckshot. Several other persons are said to have seen some such serpent.

Perhaps in years gone by, when Lake Minnewaska was higher than at present and the connecting streams were full, a single ocean serpent may have strayed up this way from the Gulf of Mexico through the Mississippi, Minnesota, and Chippewa rivers, and, unable to get back, has fed upon the numerous fish of Lake Minnewaska since that time. Being alone it would have no progeny.

It is to be hoped that Mr. Jones' reputed skill with a rifle fixed Mr. Serpent, for we can then enjoy the delightful bathing in Lake Minnewaska without any dread of being suddenly confronted with a horrible monster which might mistake us for some new kind of fish.

Later-Sheriff Thorson received a telegram last night from A. G. Englund that the body of the serpent had been secured and that it is 67 feet long and about 2 feet thick. Jones is alright.

-From the Herald of Glenwood, Mn., April 16, 1897

A STRANGE SIGHT THEY SAW  
Does The Sea Serpent Now Inhabit  
The Missouri?  
Citizens of Ramapo Make Affidavit That  
They Saw it, and Who Can Doubt  
Them?-Airship Tales Take in  
Comparison With This.

Ramapo, Kas., April 17.-At 5:10 o'clock yesterday afternoon, with staring eyeballs, parched lips, quivering nostrils and pulsating pulses several well known and respected citizens of Ramapo gazed into the tawny bosom of the Missouri river.

Were these staring eyeballs, parched lips, quivering nostrils and pulsating pulses of citizens of irreproachable veracity caused by the mere spectacle of the tumultuous tide of the sullen and swollen river? Did these citizens of Ramapo, standing just sixteen feet due east of the main building of the Ramapo Rubber works on the river's mighty brink, see the famous air ship?

May, nay, Pauline; not so.

Hans McHarrity, who, for ten long years had fed goloshes and cast-off rubber boots into the melting vats of the rubber works, the largest in the state; Patrick Schutzenheimer, the faithful city employee, who has worthily served the people of this community by wheeling garbage to the police dump for thirteen years, and Paul Randazzo, the popular hot tamale manufacturer, did not see the air ship!

What they saw was even more remarkable, astounding, and wonderful than the alleged air ship seen by striving but unsuccessful rivals of Ramapo. They saw a series of undulating black links, going up stream, about 100 yards from the shore. The waters were whipped into foam and, ever and anon, at least twenty-five feet of dark neck, surmounted by a head as big as a beer barrel, arose out of the mighty waters. This frightful object had long, mottled gray whiskers and gleaming, wicked red eyes. The undulating links extended down stream at least 200 feet.

For fully nine minutes this strange object was in plain view. Then the tawny, troubled waters seemed to swallow it up and it sank from mortal sight and ken. Messrs. McHarrity, Schutzenheimer and Randazzo immediately hastened to O'Leary's sample room and made the following affidavit:

"We, citizens of Ramapo, Kas., of lawful age, do solemnly declare, affirm and testify to the following, to-wit:

"Having, at 5:10 o'clock and several minutes thereafter, this day and date, April 17, 1897, seen, observed and taken notice of a moving object or series of objects, upwards of 200 feet long, appearing to swim in the Missouri River, near the rubber works, said object, or series of objects, having a head the apparent size of a beer keg, provided with long gray whiskers and baleful red eyes. The strange visitor seemed to be headed for Stillingsville.

(Signed)

Hans McHarrity  
Patrick Schutzenheimer  
Paul Percival Randazzo

-From the Star of Kansas City, Ks., April 18, 1897

The deep snow last winter and the heavy rainfall, have swelled the waters in our lakes until the white caps roll up by the passing breezes like mountains. This has had the effect of disturbing the submerged elements, which have been smouldering for these many summers. Early Thursday morning last, an object was seen out upon the billows, high above the white caps moving rapidly toward the south shore, and was then within a mile of it, which attracted the attention of a number of our citizens. Apollo, who was hauling material to fill up his lot on the shore of the fast expanding waters made the remark he believed that was the

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and on close inspection his belief was found to be well founded. The head of the monster was elevated upon the waves, mouth open, it's eyes dilated, and it's long crooked teeth could be distinctly seen, and it's forked tongue darting in and out like a sewing machine shuttle. The water boiled and seethed as it glided along.

Several years ago this sea serpent made it's appearance in our lakes. It was then not over 15 feet in length, and it's head was comparatively small to what it is now. Some are of the opinion that it was not the cold winter that caused such destruction of so many tons of fish, but their death is due in a greater degree to the influence of the serpent. An effort will be made to capture the monster by rushing it onto the low land opposite Elliot Upson's corn crib. There is great excitement among our citizens now on the return of one of the attractions of the lakes, and it is expected with the coming summer hundreds of people will flock to our city to get a sight at the monster, and spend a dime or two eating ice cream at the Pavilion. This is no fake of a flying machine or a Chinese lantern exhibition, but a living, moving mass of snake.

-From the Union of Lake Crystal, Mn., April 21, 1897

A dispatch from Baltimore says the captain and crew of the steamer Venezuela report that they saw a tremendous sea serpent off the coast of Cuba while the vessel was on her way from Rio Janeiro to Baltimore. The dispatch fails to give the brand of whiskey which composed the steamer's cargo.

-Meridian Herald.

-From the News of French Camp, Ms., April 23, 1897

#### SEA SERPENT ASHORE

Monster Now Stalking Kansas Plains Devastating Plantations.

AN APPETITE UNPARALLELED

Unusual Shape and Color, but in Its Taste Differs From Past

Records

SWALLOWS BIG GAME.

Hogs, Chickens and Even Dogs and Plow Horses Victims of It's Omnivorousness--Proof Against Bullets.

Topeka, Kan., May 11.-B. P. Walker, Postmaster of the town of Logan, is authority for the story that the farmers who lived in the valley of Crystal Creek in Phillips county are greatly excited by the appearance there of an enormous reptile, which reputable men say is not less than fifty feet long.

It has the sinuous body of a snake, but it's tongue is not forked and upon it's head are two short horns. It's color is green, with dirty white spots.

It feeds upon small animals and fowls and it has an enormous appetite. One night a farmer lost sixty chickens and the next morning he followed the trail of the reptile until it disappeared in the creek.

Another farmer lost forty young pigs in forty-eight hours, and a German testifies that the monster killed his plow horse, which was feeding near the creek, by a single blow from its enormous tail. It has been shot at several times, but it's hide is proof against bullets. When in anger it lifts it's head three feet in the air and protrudes it's tongue three feet or more and utters a whine like a puppy.

The farmers are afraid of it, and will make an organized effort to destroy it. It hides in the swamp and water, and it is supposed it came from the deeper water of the Solomon some miles distant.

-From the Sun of Nashville, Tn., May 12, 1897

A SEA SERPENT IN THE SOUND.  
Superintendent of a Hartford  
Sunday School Discovered it  
While Out Fishing-Monster  
Was All Black-It Did a Serpen-  
tine Dance for Him and His  
Friends and Vanished-Was 25  
Feet Long.

Hartford, Conn., Aug. 9, 1897.-The sea serpent of Long Island Sound, on whose annual appearances many voracious fishermen stake their reputations, presented it's compliments to three Hartford citizens on Saturday. The serpent chanced to pass their way while they were out fishing, and it executed the serpentine dance for their delectation.

During the entertainment they had an opportunity to discover that the serpent was twenty-five feet long, that it had a head and tail, and these were connected by the other parts of the monster's body. Oddly enough, the sea serpent did not have green eyes, or, if it had, the fact escaped the notice of the fishermen.

IT SAW THEM FIRST

The Hartfordites who passed the time of the day with the serpent were Daniel R. Howe, treasurer of the Hartford Street Railway Company, who also is superintendent of Warburton Chapel Sunday School; A. A. Olds and George B. Reed, vice president of the Blodgett & Clapp Company. They have been spending a few days in Blackpoint, on the Sound, and went fishing on Saturday aboard Mr. Old's yacht.

They had been out but a few hours when they encountered the sea serpent. The monster of the deep, who saw them first, was overjoyed at discovering that it was not alone, and, according to Messrs. Howe, Olds and Reed, leaped six feet into the air. Then it skimmed along the water, swimming part of the time on it's stomach, occasionally on it's head, and once in a while, covering a few feet on it's tail. In this way the serpent enabled Messrs. Howe, Olds and Reed to size it up, so they could tell all about it when they got home.

SERPENT WAS BLACK.

The reptile, according to the three fishermen, had a small head, which, with the neck and tail, comprised more than half of the twenty-five feet in his composition. The tail was not fan shaped, but was straight, and looked as if it might have been borrowed from a Jersey cow for this occasion. It's body was thick and round, and the serpent was jet black from head to tail. It had four appendages, which Messrs. Howe, Olds, and Reed call "flippers," and which, they say, looked like the claws of a griffin.

The snake plunged back into the water after executing the serpentine dance, and there was a great splashing and much foam, in which the serpent was enveloped and under cover of which it was lost to the sight of the three fishermen. The serpent gave them no inkling of it's future plans, but started, they seem to think, for the Klondike gold fields.

-From the Telegram of St. Johns, NFL, Canada, August 19, 1897



## GHOSTS AND APPARITIONS

## THE LADY IN BLACK

Her Latest Appearance on Earth-  
 Doc O'Toole Witnesses Her Advent-Masculine in Stature and  
 Heavy of Trend-She is Probably  
 Looking For a Job.

The famous Lady in Black has appeared again; so it is said by some people who have had the eyes and the luck to see her. This time she is a man seven feet high, with a hand like a ham and the tread of a regiment of soldiers. This is her 'steenth arrival on earth and she is just as fresh as ever-too fresh, if the familiarities accredited to her are not mere sickly inventions of people of the sort also fresh. Her present advent occurred near the Corporation Fire House, and the individual consecrated and appointed to witness it was Doc O'Toole, Sergeant Major of the Hose Cart Brigade.

Doc was not expecting her advent-he got mixed on the schedule she was at advent on; he was in bed; and she was compelled to knock on the door with one of her ham-like hands. Of course he got up; he had seen the Lady in Black nine times before; and, since she was a lady, he could not decline to make it the tenth and preserve his reputation for being a perfect gentleman. He reached the door in time to see her making tracks with her "Great Western" feet in the road where it slides down the hill to the south of the Fire House.

Her masculine back, which looked, for breadth, like the side wall of a Chicago hotel, filled his gaze for an instant and then disappeared in the gloom. Impartial critics say that Doc was lucky that the lady did not stay after waking him-he might have found it difficult to accommodate her feet.

The Lady in Black goes heavily veiled. With all due respect to her, it may be that she has a face that looks better through a cloth, under a cover or behind a bale of hay. She wears a black Mother Hubbard wrapper; she is probably wearing out the old clothing of some widowed aunt or other.

It has been suggested that the Lady in Black hopes to secure a position in the Fire Department under the new county administration; and that she visited the Corporation House in order to secretly inspect it. It is to be hoped that on her next appearance Doc O'Toole will use the prophetic vision that enables him to see her to some advantage; he should secure information from her concerning her identity and intentions; his gift of second sight will be truly respected if he will clear up the mystery of the Lady in Black, with her herculean stature, ponderous tread and ham like hands.

-From the Chronicle of Virginia City, Nv., November 25, 1896

## AN APPARITION

## IN BLACK.

It Stalks About on B Street at the Hour When  
 Grave Yards Yawn, and Terrorizes the  
 Neighborhood

The Cock Lane ghost who flourished in 1762 and caused real estate in a certain portion of London to deteriorate some 50 per cent, in value, could not have perturbed the serenity of Smithfield in a greater degree than the people who live on B Street are now being disturbed by an apparition in black which prowls about at hours when graves yawn. The B Street ghost does not resemble the Luminous Lady of Cock Lane in the slightest degree; it belongs to an entirely different breed of ghosts, but our modern production is reported to be equally terrifying.

People who see it feel awed and terrorized at once by that indescribable something which always goes along with ghosts, and in describing their interviews to the reporter say: "Of course we are not afraid of ghosts, but we don't like to associate with them."

At least 20 people who have chanced to be on B Street at unseemly hours have seen the apparition and can vouch for its existence. It is tall and masculine in figure, draped in a black flowing robe from head to foot and wears over its face a thick black veil. Some times it has a basket on one arm

and sometimes not; but this is a matter of detail. The salient characteristics of the B Street ghost are it's indescribably singular aspect and it's peculiar habits.

It was first seen by Mrs. Hart on a Sunday night about two weeks ago. Mrs. Hart was coming down town and it was very dark. Just this side of the Corporation House, in the center of the street, stood a tall figure in black. With a weird motion of both hands the figure raised it's black veil, and, in sepulchral tones, said, "Who are you?"

"My name is Mrs. Hart," said the lady, whose hat pins were beginning to fall out.

"Give me 'you hand," said the apparition extending a tremendously long arm which had all the appearance of a boa constrictor with a hand on the end of it.

"No, thank you," said Mrs. Hart, very politely and passed on. When the lady was on her way home she saw the creature at the same place, and not caring again to be given the glad hand and glassy eye all at once went to Biroth & Morgan's stable to obtain an escort. One of the stable boys walked home with her, followed all the way by the apparition, who does not glide, but takes tremendously long strides, and places it's feet with a sound like the tread of a non-commissioned officer.

From this time until the present writing the B Street ghost has been frequently on exhibition. It has been seen by Officers O'Toole and Plunkett, the children of Wm. Pratt, Tom Muckle, several employees of Biroth & Morgan's stable, "Mush" Lyan and many others. When the nights are dark it comes out and stands on B Street all alone with it's woe. It knocks at window panes, tries doors and when people go out of their houses to see what the row is all about it is just vanishing over some neighboring hills.

Friday morning about 3 o'clock Officer Plunkett saw it near the Corporation House. It passed close to him and he said good morning to it but the ghost said never a word. It knocked on Officer O'Toole's bedroom door at the Corporation House in the wee small hours one morning last week, but did not stop to divulge it's ulterior motives or designs. When Doc went to the door the figure was just stalking over the hill. He saw it quite distinctly and says it was a tall man in a black Mother Hubbard.

Mr. Plunkett says it is unquestionably a man. He could not see the head covering distinctly, but noticed the veil and the walk was unmistakably masculine.

Mrs. Hart said it was dressed like a squaw, but all in black, with a handkerchief over it's head and a veil over it's face. She says that the face was that of a man and that the figure was taller than that of any woman she ever saw. Whatever the apparition may be, man, woman or spook, it must be a sorry crank that has a mania for prowling about nights and frightening people. The neighborhood of the Corporation House is a bad one for ghosts. The lady in Black who used to frequent E Street was much more discreet in the matter of choosing her haunts. It is a most foolish ghost that will nightly run imminent danger of being thrown into the cooler.

From the Territorial Enterprise of Virginia City, Nv., November 25, 1896

#### Beats The Airship.

An Angelic Aerial Apparition Agitates Rustics in New York State.

A letter from Wolcott, N.Y., Nov. 17, says:

The villages of South Butler, Butler Centre, and Slyburg are greatly excited at present over an apparition which has appeared in that section recently and for which there appears to be no possible hypothesis except a spiritual one. The visitor is nothing less than an angel or at least it bears every appearance of one, and is seen in broad daylight and in a clear sky. It's appearance was on the second of November about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when it was seen by at least a score of people within a radius of five miles of Butler Centre. Some of the people who have seen the apparition are: R. D. Mack, a farmer, living near Slyburg; M. B. Newton, a mechanic, whose home is in Savannah; A. W. Miller, a South Butler farmer; and D. F. Everhart, an ex-school teacher of Butler Centre.

Mr. Everhart, who is a well educated man and not a spiritualist, gives the following account of it's appearance:

"I was returning from Wolcott about 3 o'clock in the afternoon Nov. second, when I noticed an object floating in the air, apparently about 100 yards away and nearly over head. It's appearance was that of a girl about twenty years of age, clad in a long white robe with the arms bare. On it's

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shoulders were a pair of long, white wings which appeared nearly motionless. At first the features were clearly visible, but as the object floated higher they gradually became indistinct through distance till finally the form faded from sight in the distance. It was a clear day and not a cloud in sight at the time. I should think it was about 15 or 20 minutes from the time I first saw the object till it disappeared. I could not believe the reality of the vision and even pinched myself to be convinced that I was awake and not dreaming. I said nothing about it for several days, fearing to be thought drunk or crazy, till I heard others speak of similar occurrences."

The story told by others who have seen the angel is the same in all essential details as that told by Mr. Everhart and few of them mentioned the incident outside their family circle for some days, until the story gradually became current. Several people have seen the vision since on clear days, as it has appeared on at least three different occasions and has created great wonder and alarm throughout that section. Not one has any theory concerning its appearance or errand.

(Some one with an artistically constructed kite is amusing himself-Ed.)

-From the News of Tacoma, Wa., November 30, 1896

#### The Woman in Black.

A spook in sombre robes is said to be seen evenings between the hours of 9 and 10 o'clock on Stambaugh street. The denizens of that part of town are greatly wrought up over the strange apparition and steps are being taken to have the ghostship find some other quarters for her meanderings. Several parties have seen a tall woman in black quietly walking up and down the street at night for over a week and no one has had the temerity to inquire about her apparent aimless wanderings.

Santa Rosa was visited about a week ago by a woman in black and the results was that six houses were entered and robbed, one gentleman having \$3,000 stolen from his residence.

-From the Times Gazette of Redwood City, Ca., December 5, 1896

#### A MIDNIGHT GHOST

Human Arm Rose Out of the Water in  
Front of a Switchman.

That which was the ring of a real ghost story comes from the night men of the S. R. & P. yards at this place. The apparition which gave rise to it occurred about midnight, in a dark, lonely spot, and the uncanny object was seen by but one man.

Ross Vasbinder is a switchman on a night crew. Monday night he was walking up the track by himself, having been after a lunch. He was passing a point where the tracks run close to Pentz run, when glancing into the water he was horrified and frozen to the spot by seeing a human arm rise suddenly out of the water before him. The light from his lantern rendered the ghostly object plainly visible. He tried to move, but could not; neither could he speak. After standing and gazing at it for what he thinks was ten minutes, Conductor Coax came along and the thing vanished.

Vasbinder was pale and nervous. He rejoined his companions in the yardmaster's office and recited his story, stoutly averring that he had really seen an arm. He was advised to work no more that night, but refused to do this and went about his duties as usual, but with admonitions from his fellows to be careful and take no chances, as it might have been a warning of something to occur to him. At last accounts no one else had seen the supernatural sight.

- From the Courier of Du Bois, Pa., April 1, 1897

#### GHOSTS OF TAMARACK

Spectral Forms Go Stalking on The  
Hill.

Airy Forms That Inhabit The Snow-Sheds  
A Headless Man in The Yards at Summit-  
Superstitions That Awe The Railroad

### Knights.

"Go down through the shed and flag the supply train," was the order conveyed to a brakeman by his superior the other day "on the hill," while the train lay in a drift of snow.

"Look out for ghosts at Tamarack," ejaculated one of the snowfighters who had been trying to snatch an hour of rest.

The brakeman sailed grimly. There was no defiance in the look that he gave, but it was easy to discern a bit of fear.

The mention of Tamarack was the signal for a general conversation upon the subject of spooks. There is more or less superstition among all mankind, and railroad men have their share of it. Yet there are no braver men in the world, and no occupation where fearlessness is demanded to a greater extent. It is quite possible to impress with a spook story the most valiant of engineers who would face the boldest risk with no thought of fear. Nothing natural could daunt him, but the supernatural causes him to quail.

Tamarack is the dread and dismay of more than half of the trainmen on "the hill." It is neither a city, village nor settlement, but merely a side track with the necessary switch in the dark shed, four miles above Cisco. The name is coupled with many dismal memories of engineers, firemen, and brakemen who have been killed in collisions through the carelessness or inadvertence of those whose duty it has been to attend the switch. It is said that no less than fifteen men have thus met with fearful deaths in the dark shed at this point, six having been killed in a collision there some eighteen months ago.

Now, when trains approach the spot, in the dismal shadows of the timbers seem to lurk the ghostly forms of maimed and crippled men, spectral bodies clad in robes of white, wandering souls returned to haunt the scene of their disbursement from the flesh. Many sturdy men refuse to be convinced that it is fancy that outlines the dreaded forms. Men who are not superstitious in anything else quail before the very thought of Tamarack.

Everything about the spot conspires to impart a feeling of terror in the minds of those beset with superstitious fears. Even by day the shed is dark nearly throughout its stretch of eight miles; the studding has become black and grimy from the sooty belchings of the locomotives, so that even the occasional ray of sunshine that strays through a crack in the inside of the shed munks the gloomy air.

"You can call it superstition," said a strapping fireman who was listening to the talk, "but there's ghost there sure, for I know men who've seen 'em."

The brakeman who had to make the tour of the sheds stepped out unnoticed.

"I know a conductor on a freight," continued the big fireman, "who wouldn't pass Tamarack without locking his caboose for a thousand dollars. I braked for him three months and we passed that switch once a week during all the time."

"Come in here and don't leave me alone," cried the frightened conductor.

"But I must set the brakes."

"Oh, damn the brakes," he said as he caught me by the arm and hauled me into the caboose. Then he shut the door and locked it, and I couldn't get him to look out of a window until we'd gone a mile."

Jim McMasters, conductor of the rotary plow train, listened to all this. "I ain't got a bit of superstition in me, but there are lots of men who swear that there are plenty of ghosts on the hill."

Several of the men twisted themselves into a position where they could face McMasters. Trainmaster Agler had ordered that the rotary must work that night and as it was regarded as dangerous work by night the ghost stories did not put them in a very cheerful frame of mind. But Jim proceeded:

"Now there's Ed Murray. We all know that he isn't superstitious any more than I am. But Ed swears he saw a ghost in the yard at Summitt one night. His train had just pulled in and he started down the track with his lantern. Ahead stood a locomotive that sent a stream of bright light from the headlight along the track so that he could see as plain as day. Right ahead he saw a headless man standing on the track. It was just as plain as ever a man saw anything. The ghost wasn't one of these white things with wings either. It was dressed like anybody up here and wore a heavy rough overcoat. Murray looked at the apparition several times to make sure. There it was and no mistakes, a powerfully built man but without a head. Ed was paralyzed. He got over to the station as quick as

he could. The headless man began to move towards him down the track but in a moment disappeared. Ed was too frightened to watch very closely and couldn't tell in what direction the startling apparition had gone. He wasn't in a hurry to get out of the station. If ever you see Ed Murray he'll tell you that he saw that headless man and that there's no doubt of it."

Presently and while ghosts were still the subject of discussion the brakeman, who had been sent past Tamarack opened the door of the gloomy car.

"He never went at all," exclaimed one of the men.

The brakeman swore that he had actually fulfilled his orders, but none of the boys believed him. But nobody seemed to blame him for not passing Tamarack on that dark and stormy night.

-From the World of Indianapolis, Ind., April 3, 1897

GHOST  
CAUSED A STAMPEDE.  
Colored Patients at the  
Hospital Frightened by  
A "Spook."  
SEVERAL HAVE DISAPPEARED  
Ed Poole Before He Died  
Threatened to Send His  
Ghost Back to the  
Hospital  
At Midnight His Alleged Wrath  
Began Operations, and the  
Stampede Followed.

As the result of the alleged appearance of a "ghost" in the male colored ward at the City Hospital last Friday night, several of the patients have left, and they left without telling Superintendent Barbour about their going.

About midnight on Friday the inmates of the ward were thrown into a panic by what they claim was the "ghost" of Ed Pool, who died in that ward about a week ago. Pool was in the City Hospital, being treated for a mangled leg which finally had to be amputated. During the time that he was there he was very irritable and mean to his fellow sufferers, but more so to Mike Kelly, who occupied the cot next to him. His meanness to Kelly was caused by the fact that the latter would not sympathize with him in his trouble. Pool, with almost his last breath, said to Kelly:

"I am going to die, and I know it, and when I do you can bet that I am coming back, and I will attend to you in some kind of a way that will not be pleasant."

After making the threat Pool died, but the threat had almost passed out of the minds of the other inmates of the ward. On Friday night at 12 o'clock the inmates of the ward were aroused by loud knocks, such as they claim to have heard from Pool when he was alive. As soon as they heard the noises they jumped out of their beds, and, as they say, saw Pool's ghost looking around the room. Without waiting for the "ghost" to take action they all made a rush for the door, Kelly leading.

Instead of running down the steps, Kelly, who was almost frightened to death, jumped into the fire escape and shot down to the lower floor in a hurry. He was in his night robes and has not been heard from since. The night nurse who was on duty went after the inmates who had made their escape, and with the assistance of Dr. Pinkert, the night physician, they succeeded in getting the frightened negroes back to their cots.

Dr. Pinkert says that he heard some of the knocks at the time, but did not pay any attention to them, as he does not believe in "spooks." The darkies all say that they will not sleep in the same ward tonight, but Dr. Barbour is of the opinion that they will.

-From the Commercial of Louisville, Ky., April 4, 1897

IF NOT A SPOOK, WHAT IS IT?

Belpre is just now laboring under a scare such as has not disturbed the peace and dignity of that quiet little village in many a day.

The trouble is that a ghost or some person of very peculiar habits has been haunting the dairy barns of A. D. Stone, and has been acting in such a manner that all of his hired hands and employees about the farm, are so worked up that they get scared at their shadows.

The favorite pastime of the spook seems to be throwing stones not at any particular person or thing but with velocity sufficient to come very close to killing a person should one of them hit him. For a week or more those working around the barns noticed that at frequent intervals large stones hit the walls in different parts of the barns. Little was thought of it at first as it was supposed to be some pranks of mischievous boys. But as the stones got to coming too dangerously near them at times, the men decided upon an investigation.

Watch as closely as they might, they could see no one about the place whence the stones seemed to come, but still they continued to come.

This kept on and the men kept getting more scared every day. They hunted high and low through the redesses of the big barn, under anything that a person could hide, through the hay loft, under all of the fodder stored in the barn, but all in vain. Many persons who heard of the strange affair assisted in the search for "spooks" but they were no more successful than the employees of the dairy.

The stones thrown are almost the size of a man's fist and are ordinary boulders. Mr. Stone was still of the opinion that the work is that of some person connected with the farm, until Saturday, when he had them all together in the barn Saturday morning talking the matter over. The rocks kept coming from some place at short intervals all of the time, and he was at last forced to give up and join in with his employees in the thought that it was a ghost.

Some of those who have investigated the case advance the theory that there is an insane person hiding in the barn and that he takes this method of amusing himself. This theory could hardly be true for every part of the barn has been searched carefully and anyone hiding in it could not have easily escaped the eyes of someone of the searchers.

It is a peculiar case and the discovery of the cause of the stone throwing will be learned with interest.

-From the Daily State Journal of Parkersburg, WVa., April 12, 1897

#### DEATH'S RED LIGHT.

It Waved at an Engineer, Betokening His Mother's Demise.

"The most peculiar case I ever heard of," said a telegraph operator, "occurred in our family. My father was an engineer on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, running into Richmond. One night while quite a distance from the latter city and nearing his run, he saw a bright red light on the track several hundred yards ahead. The signal was also seen by his fireman and the front brakeman. The train was at once stopped, but not a trace of the signalman or light could be found, and the track was all right. Father looked at his watch and noted that the time was 8 o'clock. The train pulled out, proceeding cautiously for some distance without meeting any obstruction. Several miles farther the light was again seen. Once more stopping, another search was made, with no more success than before. This happened at 8:28. Father was never superstitious, but this was inexplicable. Much mystified, he proceeded on the way, only to be stopped a third time by the red light at 8:51 o'clock. Another search by the crew failed to disclose the slightest trace of the mysterious signalman. Finally, giving up the search, the men returned to their posts, and the train at last pulled up into Richmond without further mishap.

"When father alighted from the cab, a telegram was handed him announcing the death of his mother. Without delay he went to her home, which was several miles out of the city, on the railroad. Soon after his arrival he learned that a telegram had been sent to him while he was out on duty, summoning him to grandfather's bedside. The time at which father had seen the mysterious red lights was indelibly impressed on his memory, and he learned upon inquiry that at precisely the minute at which the first red light was seen she had asked if he had come. She then repeated the question at the time he saw the second light, and the appearance of the third light was simultaneous with her death.-Richmond Times.

-From the Gazette of Kalamazoo, Mi., April 18, 1897

A HAUNTED FAMILY  
Remarkable Sights and Sounds With  
Which It's Members are Tormented

Yzeures, a picturesque little town in Indre et-Loire, not far from Roche Posay and Fontgombault, was till recently a place of which the existence was unknown even to most Frenchmen. It had no history, but it has now begun to obtain that perhaps unenviable notoriety attached to the possession of a haunted house. It is not, however, quite correct to call the dwelling in which the "manifestations" occur a "haunted house," for it is less the building than the family inhabiting it what is haunted. Twenty years ago M. and Mme. Sabourault, then a newly married couple, who took up their residence at Poitiers, first witnessed the extraordinary phenomena which still occur at their house. At Bourneau and Loudun, where they lived successively before coming to Yzeures, they were the victims of the same persecutions, the phenomena sometimes ceasing for awhile, only to recommence with renewed intensity.

In this case of a girl of about 12 years of age, Mlle. Renee Sabourault, seems to be the involuntary medium. In any case, it is she who is at the present time particularly persecuted. For instance, when by chance she goes on a visit to friends or relations, the phenomena follows her to the place where she may temporarily reside. The manifestations which have accompanied M. and Mme. Sabourault ever since their wedding day have been various. The displacement of objects has seldom occurred, but fantastical shaped phantoms have been seen more frequently, especially in recent years, by Mlle. Renee, and noises of all sorts have been and are still constantly heard. At Yzeures a large number of the inhabitants have heard the sounds, which they regard as supernatural, but such stories would scarcely merit any attention whatever if they had not been supported by more trustworthy testimony.

M. Raymond Duplautier, a barrister at Poitiers, having learned that one of his friends, M. Urbain, and several other persons living at Yzeures had heard the unaccountable sounds, resolved to go with a few strong nerved friends to expose the fraud. They went to Yzeures four times—once in December, twice in January and once in February. On each occasion M. Duplautier and his friends spent a night in the haunted house with the Sabourault family. They commenced by inspecting every nook and corner, and then spent the night in the bedrooms inhabited by the members of the Sabourault family, who were thus kept under strict observation the whole time. Generally lights were kept burning the whole night. But when that was not done the lamp was lighted on the first sound being heard. The phenomena took place in full light.

In a long, detailed account of his four visits to Yzeures M. Duplautier declared that on the first occasion he and his friends heard six loud knocks on the stairs. The second night, they spent under M. Sabourault's roof was a little more interesting. After 1:30 in the morning a great deal of knocking occurred on the stairs, on the walls and all around, some of the blows seeming to be struck in the air several meters above the roof of the house. Then came scratching at a partition wall, followed by the noise of the walking of a man in a garret above and the pattering of a four footed animal. Immediately those unaccountable sounds were heard M. Duplautier and his friends examined anew the rooms from which they seemed to issue, but could discover nothing which could have produced them. As soon as the door was opened, the noise ceased, but began again immediately it was closed, after the inspection of the room. During the third night, the manifestations were very similar to those observed on the second.

But on M. Duplautier's fourth visit they were for the Poitiers barrister and his friends yet more extraordinary. Some invisible hand, which from the sound might be nothing but bone, began knocking at a partition wall as early as 10 o'clock in the evening. The questions put by M. Duplautier were invariably answered by three clear knocks and energetic scratching at the wall. After that, five hours elapsed without anything extraordinary occurring. But at 3 o'clock in the morning the wooden stairs were heard to crack and groan under the weight of a colossal, though invisible, being. Describing what occurred, M. Duplautier says:

"We heard on each step of the stairs the noise of immense feet shuffle heavily down one after the other till the last step was reached. During all the time the stairs, though they are new and strong, groaned and cracked. Then it was the turn of the partition wall separating the passage from the rooms leading out of it which was shaken by sudden and energetic blows. With a light, we looked about

everywhere. We search the garret, the staircase and the passage, which were absolutely empty. During the rest of the night distant knocking was heard. The blows seemed to be struck above the house."

M. Duplautier concludes his communication with the remark that, though what he and his friends observed at Yzeures is insignificant compared with what the Sabourault family witness constantly, it is sufficient to merit attention, as he regards it as impossible to be explained by natural causes or fraud.-Paris Letter in London Standard.

-From the Herald of Tyrone, Pa., April 16, 1897

LA GRANGE HAS A  
REAL GHOST SCARE  
Strange Antics of a Carriage  
Stone Create a Marked  
Sensation  
IT TURNS UPSIDE DOWN  
Too Heavy to be Moved With-  
out the Use of a Derrick  
SPOOKS ARE THEREFORE BLAMED  
This is Not the Stone's First Mysteri-  
ous Move, as it Has Given Spirit-  
ualistic Manifestations  
Twice Before.

Supernatural forces have been at work to disturb the serenity of the residents of La Grange. That village is now in the throes of a ghost sensation, the like of which has never before visited the pleasant town, and old and young are discussing the "manifestations" with much interest and dawning convictions.

The story centers about an immense carriage stone which ornaments the grass plot in front of the residence of Dr. F. W. Satterlee, Stone avenue, near Cossitt. During the night that stone, which no human power could lift without the aid of machinery, turned a handspring, or did something equally miraculous, for this morning it stands base upward in the 10 inch hollow space where it had been imbedded for over a year. Not a scratch or a footprint appears upon the lawn in the vicinity of the stone, and no one can account for the manner in which the stone got into it's present position.

It is now as neatly imbedded upside down as though it had been placed in the hollow space by the aid of a derrick or windlass.

An ordinary carriage stone seems too commonplace and earthly an article for ghosts to make the objects of their solicitude, but the carriage stone in question is no common one. In fact, it is the very thing that disembodied spirits are supposed to be fond of, for it once ornamented the grave of a man of high family in an Ohio cemetery.

The stone monolith was struck by lightning and, shattered, and the present piece of granite, almost a half a ton in weight, was saved from the wreck of what had been a towering monument and eventually came into the possession of Dr. Satterlee.

If it's present caper had been it's first, neither Dr. Satterlee nor his neighbors would have given the matter much serious thought, but it is not. During the past two years the stone has moved three times, each time under the same mysterious circumstances. Each move it has made has been accompanied by wierd cries, calculated to freeze the blood of those whom they awakened.

Two years ago the stone, which is 2 1/2 feet square at the base and stands about 4 feet high, occupied a place in the center of the lawn in front of Dr. Satterlee's home. It was not used then as a stepping stone, but as an ornament. Upon it's side the word "Dentist" had been carved.

#### MOVES SIX FEET

One Morning Dr. Satterlee awoke to find the huge cut boulder lying in the street six or eight feet from where it had previously stood. He believed some one had removed it in a spirit of mischief, and was inclined to blame the boys of his neighborhood. But when he unsuccessfully attempted with the aid of three able-bodied men to replace it, he concluded he had been mistaken, as no number of boys



that could take hold of the stone at one time could have lifted it, much less carried it, without injuring the surrounding lawn, the distance it was found from its original position.

The stone was replaced and about eight months after this occurrence, Dr. Satterlee was surprised to find the stone once more in the street. This time a number of sewer diggers, who were at work upon the street were engaged to set it up again. The feat was accomplished with much difficulty, as it was impossible for a sufficient number of men to get hold of the stone in order to lift it, and it had to be dragged into position.

But upon this occasion Dr. Satterlee had the stone erected close to the curb and imbedded in the earth 10 inches deep.

The workman who did the job assured the doctor he was safe from future disturbances, as no number of men could stir the granite block, so firmly packed was the earth around it's base.

But the workmen's prediction proved not infallible, for this morning when the doctor arose the first thing that met his gaze was the stone, turned bottomside upward, it's huge base aloft and the letters which formed the word dentist upside down.

Dr. Satterlee remembered when he witnessed the miraculous change that had been wrought in the troublesome stone, that he had heard the same unearthly cries the night before that he had heard upon the occasions of the other removals. The sounds had awakened him out of a sound slumber.

#### WHAT THEY SOUND LIKE.

They sounded like the wailing of a woman accompanied by the howling of a dog, and after listening a few moments in a horror such as is apt to seize upon a person awakening in the dead of night to ghoulish noises, the dentist concluded he had been frightened by a neighbor's dog and turned over on his side and went to sleep.

-From the Journal of Chicago, Ill., April 21, 1897

Concerning the above story, the Chicago Journal of April 24, 1897, ran another long article which stated that two women were told be spirits that the ghost was guarding a buried treasure.

#### FEAR THEIR FOREWOMAN'S GHOST

Girls In a Troy Collar Shop

Terrified by an Apparition.

Troy, N. Y., April 28.-About fifty girls employed in one of the big collar shops of this city have been made hysterical with fear several times lately by what they believe to be the apparition of their forewoman, who died a few months ago. The girls declare that the ghost appears and moves among them or sits at the desk formerly occupied by the forewoman.

To induce the girls to remain at work the firm employs men to go into the shop each morning and remain there to guard against the ghost. The matter has seriously delayed business, and the girls say they will quit work entirely if the ghost keeps on coming.

-From the Advertiser of Huntington, W. Va., April 28, 1897

#### A Ghost Signals a Train.

Altoona, Pa., April 29.-Railroaders on the Beech Creek line, between Williamsport and Lock Haven have been frightened by a ghostly figure that flags the midnight express at a lonely gorge in the Alleghenies. The trainmen say that when the express is far down the road a red lantern swung by an unseen hand, can be seen swinging across the tracks; but before the train reaches the point, lantern and flagman disappear. Watchmen have been placed there, but the ghostly watchman swings his lantern just above or below the place where the guard is stationed. The railroaders regard the appearance of the ghostly lantern as a token of a fatal wreck to the crew that sees it.

-From the Times of Richmond, Va., April 30, 1897

## ATMOSPHERIC PHENOMENON

### ENGLAND'S "FIERY DRAGONS"

In the year 1532 various parts of Great Britain were visited by a remarkable meteorological phenomenon, which the old authors refer to as "the visitation of the fire drakes or dragons." The author of "Contemplation of Mysteries" says: "In ye latter part of ye yeare (1532) ye fieri dragons appeared flying by flocks or companies in ye ayre, having swines' snowtes; and sometimes were they seen foure hundred flying together." In speaking of the fire dragons in another portion of his work he says: "Common people thinke fire drakes to be spirits which watch over hidden treasure, but the philosophers affirma them to be ye result of poisonous vapors which are spontaneously lighted in ye ayre." (Ham, 16 th. century swamp gas.)

-From the Times of Coalville, Utah, December 25, 1896

#### Fiery Dragons.

In the "Statistical Account of Scotland," published at Edinburgh in 1793, there is an account of the "rare appearance" of fiery dragons, which sailed through the rarified atmosphere of the Scottish highland in the latter part of November and the first few days of September, 1792. According to the account, they had a "fiery red color" and made their appearance in the north, flying rapidly in an easterly direction. The account adds that "many people regarded the phenomenon with much terror" because it "was indeed a strange and startling sight to behold."

-From the Tribune of Caldwell, Idaho, January 9, 1897

### BLUE MOONS AND GREEN SUNS.

"Once in a blue moon" is a saying which is not merely a fanciful expression for extreme rarity, but appears to be founded on fact. Blue moons are very rarely seen, however, much more rarely than blue or green suns. The present writer was fortunate enough to see a blue moon several years ago, about the time when the atmosphere was supposed to be impregnated with the dust of the Krakatoa eruption. The color was like that of a hedge-sparrow's egg, a pale, rather greenish blue, and it gradually died away in some minutes after he first caught sight of it. Blue, or rather green, suns were observed at Madras and elsewhere about that time. A green sun was observed at sunrise by Hicks Pasha in the Soudan just before the destruction of his army. A blue sun was seen at sunset on July 28 last off Cape Stat, Norway, by Captain Salveson, of the Ellida.-London Tid-Bits.

-From the Journal of Racine, Wi., March 26, 1897

### AN EXTRAORDINARY LIGHT.

What is believed to have been an aurora of such extraordinary brilliancy as to obscure the sunlight is thus described in an old number of The Gentlemen's Magazine. On the 2nd of January, 1756, an unusual light, far above the brightest day, struck all beholders with amazement. The time was 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and it soon faded away. At 7, however, from east to west, streams appeared like rivers of bright fire. A general feeling of alarm was caused by these, but they gradually faded away to the north, their disappearance being accompanied by shocks which were felt by all, but which did no particular damage.

-From the Republic of Princeton, Wi., April 15, 1897

### THE DAY OF THE RED TERROR.

January 27, 1306, was the famous "Day of the Red Terror," described by medieval chroniclers. The dawn was clear and beautiful, but shortly before the sun rose the heavens became obscured in a strange red blaze. It hid the sun and the crimson glare fell upon the earth like the reflection of some great conflagration. Terror filled the hearts of mankind everywhere. The churches of Europe

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were filled the whole day long. Anchorites and hermits came from their retreats and cried aloud that the Day of Judgement was at hand. In the afternoon and evening some people declared they could see the angels and devils battling in the air and that the blood of the conflict rained upon the earth. However, about midnight the red pall disappeared before a wind and the panic-stricken people recovered their senses.

-From the Times of Peshtigo, Wi., April 17, 1897

QUEER NORTHERN LIGHT  
Band Like the Milky Way Extended from Horizon to Zenith  
Saturday Night

Saturday night an unusual phenomenon was observed in the northern heavens by a number of Sterling people. About 9 o'clock, a quadrant of an enormous circle of light was seen in the north, sloping down from the west and tangent to the earth. It was quite plain and seemed to be tinted, though the moonlight dimmed the colors. Gradually the circle widened and the arc extended toward the zenith, growing less intense and resembling the milky way. For an hour or more this wide band of pale light extended from the northern horizon past and somewhat west of the zenith. Judging from the gradual expansion of the quadrant, the band of light was doubtless an arc of a circle whose radius was infinitely long.

-From the Gazette of Sterling, Ill., April 19, 1897

Mysterious Phenomena in the Persian Gulf.

In his recent address, as president of the British Institution of Electrical Engineers, Sir Henry Mance said that in the Persian Gulf one occasionally witnessed natural phenomena which to the untravelled might appear incredible. In the midst of the mountains near Mussendun he had seen during a thunderstorm such displays of lightning as baffled description. He had, at certain seasons of the year, observed the water in the bay which was large enough to hold all the fleets of the world-present exactly the appearance of blood. Not many miles from Mussendun he had witnessed mysterious fire-circles flitting over the surface of the sea at a speed of one hundred miles an hour, a phenomenon which no one had yet been able to explain. While steaming along the coast of Beloochistan, he had been called from his cabin at night to observe the more common phenomenon of a milky sea, the water for miles around being singularly white and luminous. In the same locality the sea was, for short periods, as if putrid, the fish being destroyed in myriads, so that to prevent a pestilence, measures had to be taken to bury those cast up on the beach. This phenomenon was doubtless due to the outbreak of a submarine volcano and the liberation of sulphuretted hydrogen. In these waters jellyfish were as large as footballs, and sea-snakes of brilliant hue were met with in great numbers. On one occasion a swarm of sea-snakes forced their way up one of the creeks in Karachi harbor, apparently for the purpose of having a battle royal, for the ground between high and low water mark was thickly covered with their bodies, in positions which betokened a deadly struggle.

-From the Register of Neodesha, Ks., April 30, 1897

Strange finds.

Prehistoric Hammers Found

Decatur, Mich., March 18.-While blasting in a stone quarry at Jamestown, Ottawa county, the workmen came upon a pocket in the solid rock containing flint instruments unquestionably wrought by human hands. Three of the instruments evidently had been used for hammers, as there are grooves around them by which they were fastened to the handles. Another stone implement was long and had thin elliptical edges. The quarry is in the Black River basin, which at no remote period was covered with the waters of Lake Michigan.

-From the Enterprise of Keweenaw, Wi., March 19, 1897

#### In A Tomb of Solid Rock.

Living lizards were found in the solid rock in quarries of chalk in northern France. Workmen about to loosen some rock after a blast discovered a series of so called pockets. In each of these there was a living lizard, but as soon as they were taken out of their hiding place and exposed to the air they died within a few minutes. They were of a peculiar copper color, and although there was a place for the eyes, indicated by a prominence resembling the eyelid of a frog, they had none. Zoologists declare that these lizards must have lived for thousands of years, and it seems to be borne out by their being in the rock and alive, that they must have been closed in at the time of the formation of these rocks. There was no possibility of passing in or out of these strange cells, within which they were found, and no nourishment other than moisture could penetrate into these recesses of the rocks.

-From the Mining News of Florence, Wi., March 20, 1897

#### IN A LUMP OF COAL A California Fireman Who Found a Snake in One. An Oakland (Cal.) Dispatch

Peter Zabella, fireman at the waterworks at Livermore, while trying to shovel a lump of coal into the furnace, made an astonishing discovery. The piece he desired to place in the furnace was by the side of a larger piece. He tried to pick up the smaller lump on the shovel several times, but every time he endeavored to toss the lump toward the furnace door it would roll off the shovel and back to its original position, just as if there was a string to it.

Zabella made several ineffectual efforts to get the coal into the furnace, but each time it seemed to snap back to its original position. At last the man became frightened and came to the conclusion that the coal was bewitched. Then he cooled down and began a systematic and eminently practical investigation.

He began working at the lump of coal with a crowbar. The crowbar settled the lump of coal and the creature that inhabited it in a very short time.

There was found embedded in the larger lump of coal a snake. The reptile had coiled its tail around the smaller lump, and that is what had prevented Zabella from getting the small lump away from the larger one.

The snake was alive when taken out, but lived only a short time after being exposed to the air.

-From the Tribune of Johnstown, Pa., March 26, 1897

#### ROCK PICTURES IN OREGON Should be an Interesting Study to the Archaeologist.

W. R. Whittemore, while in Alturas, Ore., recently discovered some remarkable hieroglyphics about 15 miles northeast from the north end of Warner valley on the edge of what is locally known as the "desert" in Lake county. Mr. Whittemore says the hieroglyphics had been cut with a sharp instrument in the surface of the hard basaltic rock. They cover the face of the bluff for a distance of about three miles and consist of pictures of Indians with bows, arrows and spears, besides deer, antelope, dogs, and wolves, geese, ducks, swans and reptiles of various kinds. Intermingled with these animals are characters which, of course, he could not decipher. He says that the execution of the pictures was very good, and he is satisfied that it could not have been the work of ordinary Indians. Throughout the entire distance the characters and pictures are in rows.

The Indians of the vicinity have no knowledge of the meaning of the hieroglyphics or of the people who ages ago chiseled them on the surface of the rocks. From the description given the picture writing bears a close resemblance to that found in Mexico and Central America. If this supposition is true, a careful study might reveal to the archaeologist some insight into the origin of wanderings of a dead and forgotten civilization.-San Francisco Call.

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-From the Weekly Press of Danville, Il., March 31, 1897

#### SWORD OF A GIANT

Workmen engaged in putting a new sill under an outbuilding on Colonel Fleischner's property, adjoining the residence of Mr. Rudolph Goldsmith, on Seventh street, made a remarkable find yesterday, in the shape of an old fashioned, two handed sword. To have found any kind of sword in such a place would have been remarkable, says the Portland Oregonian, but no one would ever imagine that under an outbuilding in Portland would be found a two-handed sword such as was in use in the Middle Ages—that is, during the Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteenth centuries, in the time of the crusaders, when fighting men wore plate armor and knights-errant wandered about the world rescuing lovely princesses from enchanters, giants, ogres and the other "bad men" of those days. When this business was dull, as Mark Twain puts it, they "went a-grailing"—that is, in search of the Holy Grail, which was nothing and was to be found nowhere. The sword, as its name implies, was to be used with both hands, and, if it failed to cut through an enemy's armor, the force of the blow was enough to knock him flat.

The blade of the sword is four feet long and continues past the guard nine inches as a tang for the handle, which is composed of two pieces of oak, apparently, having a round knob or pommel at the end and dark with age.

The guard is a simple bar of iron about ten inches in length. The whole iron work has been hammered out, and is, of course, now very rusty. The blade is two-edged, so as to "cut 'em a-coming and a-gwine," and the weapon looks as if it might be a genuine relic of olden times, when such swords were used by men of might, "whose bones are dust, whose swords, as a general thing, are rust, and everything said about whose souls must be taken on trust."

A number of people who handled the sword yesterday judged it to weigh all the way from fifteen to twenty-five pounds, but it kicked the beam at ten pounds. Just how the sword came under the outhouse no one can imagine. The building was moved there some twenty-fives years ago, and has not been disturbed since. Perhaps this paragraph may meet the eye of some one who can throw light on the subject, for the sword was doubtless placed under the building since it was moved there. It is not probable that any old crusader went through this way en route to the Holy Land, and no such sword was discovered, and the people who lived here before that knew nothing of iron. If it is a genuine relic, it is of considerable value.

From the Times of De Forest, Wi., April 2, 1897

#### Bones in a Silver Vein.

If the find of a Colorado silver miner, made half a dozen years ago, be taken into account, there is but little doubt that the human race existed on this continent as long ago as the time when the silver veins were in process of formation. In the Rocky Point mine, at Gilman, 400 feet below the surface a number of human bones were found imbedded in the silver-bearing ore. When taken out over \$100 worth of the ore still slung to the bones. An arrowhead was also found with the remains.

-From the Times of Deforest, Wi., April 2, 1897

#### PREHISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHY

Picture of an Old Man's Face in a stratum  
of Coal

Webster City, Iowa, April 4.—While mining coal in the Lehigh coal mine at a depth of 130 feet one of the miners came upon a piece of rock which puzzled him. The stone is of dark gray color and about 2 feet long, 1 foot wide and 4 inches in thickness. Over the surface of the stone, which is very hard, lines are drawn at angles forming perfect diamonds. In the center of each diamond is a fairly good face of an old man having a peculiar indentation in the forehead that appears in each of the pictures. Of the faces, all but two are looking to the right.

How the stone reached it's position under the strata of sandstone at a depth of 130 feet is a question the miners are not attempting to answer. Where the stone was found the miner is sure the earth had never before been disturbed.

-From the Illinois State Journal of Springfield, Il., April 5, 1897

#### MORE MYSTERIOUS CARVING.

A day or two ago in Webster county, Iowa, a very peculiar piece of rock was taken out at the Lehigh coal mine. The slab was found just under the sandstone, which was 130 feet below the surface. It is about two feet long by one foot wide and four inches thick. The surface is artistically carved in diamond shaped squares, with the face of an old man in each square. Of the faces, all but two are looking to the right. The features of each are identical, bearing a peculiar mark in the shape of a dent in the forehead.

The question will naturally arise was this slab found in the same quarry from which the celebrated Cardiff giant was unearthed? It may be that "the face" is nature's photograph of said giant. It is a wonderful country up there round the gypsum beds of Webster county.

-From the Morning Age of Clinton, Ia., April 6, 1897

#### A STRANGE STONE.

L. White, living near Newburg, eight miles west of Rolla, is the owner of a very strange stone about the size of a man's fist, of a light brown color. It was found on top of a high bluff at the Devil's Elbow, Big Piney. It is a prism, showing all the things you ever saw and an innumerable lot of things you never saw or ever heard of. A beast with seven heads and ten horns can be seen coming up out of the sands of the sea; there are birds with two heads, others with three heads and some without heads, serpents, fowls of the air, implements of war and farming, houses of ancient structure and beasts of all descriptions. Turn the stone over in any position and the picture is right side up, the second view is always different from the first. Let another take a view and it is different from your's. Men in the east are negotiating with Mr. White for the purchase offering \$1000 for it. The Mormons want it, as they think it is a part of the plates Joseph found. They say there was one Smith did not get, and they think that this is it. Mr. White says if they will deposit \$10,000 in the Rolla bank they can borrow the stone and look at it all they wish. The stone is wanted by a museum in New York, but the owner will not sell it. -Willow Springs Republican

-From the Republican of Cassville, Mo., April 29, 1897

#### BONES OF A GIANT

Unearthed in a Mound in the Valley  
Of Yellow Creek

Special to The Tribune

Middlesboro, Ky., April 30.-On the headwaters of Strongfork there existed since the white man first entered Yellow Creek Valley a mound which has been held in superstitious awe by the natives. Many are the stories told of Jack O' Lanterns and Will O' Wispis that have been seen about this mound. Yesterday when Will Gibson opened the mound, at a depth of two feet a stone wall or coffin was struck. In this coffin were the bones of a human skeleton of immense dimension. The teeth are 1 1/2 inches long, the fingers about five inches long and the man must have been about eight feet tall. The bones are now in the possession of Mr. Richardson, a civil engineer in the employ of the American association.

-From the Tribune of Knoxville, Tn., May 1, 1897

#### PREMONITIONS

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LIVES SAVED BY A DREAM  
Remarkable Case of the Occult Blocks a  
Demented Poisoner.

Aurora, Ills., April 23.-The warning given by a dream undoubtedly saved the lives of the family of William Rudolph, an old German resident of this city. Rudolph has been demented at times, but has heretofore been considered harmless. Monday night his daughter dreamed that her father was attempting to poison the family, and so deeply impressed was she by the warning, as she considered it, that she and her mother kept a close watch on Rudolph.

Accordingly at noon, when he had returned from town and made the remark that "they would all die like cats," the vigilance of the women was redoubled, and Rudolph was detected in the act of pouring some stuff from a phial into a dish of food. The bottle was taken from him and found to contain strychnine, which he had purchased an hour before at a local drug store.

-From the Daily Eagle of Marinette, Wi., April 23, 1897

A Profitable Dream.

It was a profitable dream that Bering Tressler, of Knoxville, Iowa, had the other night. She dreamed that a tin containing money was buried under a tree in the back yard of her home, and so distinct did the vision seem that the next day, impressed by it, she took a spade and began to dig. Only a few inches below the lucky surface the spade struck something hard, and a moment later the lucky girl fished out a tin can in which was \$600 in \$20 gold pieces.

The only explanation of how the money came to be there is that an uncle, who was a miser and who formerly lived in the house, might have placed it there.

-From the Journal of Freeport, Pa., April 23, 1897

SAW IT IN A DREAM.  
THE REMARKABLE EXPERIENCES OF MRS.  
CHARLES R. TOWSON.

The Norfolk Pilot of Sunday relates a remarkable coincidence in a dream of Mrs. Charles R. Towson, wife of the former secretary of the YMCA of Roanoke, and as that gentleman has many friends in Roanoke and Salem who will join in the general congratulations at his narrow escape from death the article is printed below, as follows:

The departure last Tuesday of Mr. Charles R. Towson, the popular general secretary of the YMCA in this city, to attend the International Convention of Young Men's Christian Association in Mobile, Ala., which was announced in the Pilot at the time, and his many friends joined in wishing him a pleasant trip.

The Wednesday night following Mrs. Towson had a vivid dream, in which she thought that Mr. Towson and herself were traveling together, and that the train leapt over an embankment with a terrible crash, but that neither she nor her husband were hurt.

Thursday morning she narrated this dream at the breakfast table in the presence of three other persons, and was duly chaffed for thinking too much about her husband, and for being in the blues at his departure.

Little more was thought of the circumstances until yesterday morning when a letter was received by her from Mr. Towson, describing how, on Wednesday night at 12:30 o'clock the train he was on met with a fearful accident.

Some miscreant had purposely removed a rail just before a long trestle, with the result that the engine, baggage, mail and express cars were precipitated into the stream below, falling upon each other in inextricable confusion. The engineer and colored fireman were killed instantly and five others seriously injured.

Fortunately the sleeper in which Mr. Towson was and the passenger cars did not leave the rails, or the death roll would have been fearfully increased. So little was Mr. Towson aware of the fatality that he did not apprehend what had happened until he was aroused and informed of the disaster. The

survivors reached Mobile in safety twelve and a half hours late, but filled with a sense of deep gratitude for their miraculous escape, a feeling which will be re-echoed in many hearts to day as they read of Mr. Towson's providential preservation.

-From the Times of Roanoke, Va., April 27, 1897

## FALLS

### QUEEREST OF HAILSTONES.

Phenomenal Showers in Various  
Parts of the Country.

Humboldt, the great scientist and an undisputed authority on atmospheric as well as other natural phenomena, tells of a hailstorm which passed over Tuscany on March 14, 1813, every ice globule of the entire fall being of a beautiful orange color. Five years prior to that extraordinary event, Carriola, Germany, was treated to a fall of five feet of blood-red snow. This was followed by a fall of blue hail, which is said to have given "the whole face of nature an exceedingly curious aspect."

Red hailstones fell in Amsterdam in 1726, at London in 1663 (during the time of the great plague), and at divers places in Ireland and France during the early part of the present century.

In 1823 a monstrous hailstone fell at Munson, Mass. It is described in the Waltham Register of July 15 of that year as follows: "Extremes, four feet long, three feet wide and two feet thick. After the rough part of the body had been removed there remained a clear, solid block of ice two feet three inches long, one foot and six inches wide and one foot and three inches thick."

The most extraordinary hailstorm of history, as far as the queer shapes of the hailstones were concerned, was that which occurred on the Wadi Oasis in the Desert of Sahara in 1851. The individual ice chunks were of all imaginable forms. There were wheels with four, six and eight spokes, dumb-bells large and small, triangles, cylinders, both solid and hollow, some of the solid ones being as much as six inches in length and not larger in diameter than a lead pencil. The common round hailstone congealed together in their descent, forming into fantastic pyramids, like of the old pictures of the piled up cannon balls; some look upon themselves the forms of gigantic bunches of grapes, and other masses "fell in the shape of necklaces, crowns, crosses, etc."

In a hailstorm in Wisconsin in 1886 the individual stones were of many odd shapes and forms. Some were shaped like ginger snaps, others like watches, loaves of bread, etc.-St. Louis Republic.

-From the Wood River Times of Hailey, Idaho, November 17, 1896

## THAT SHOWER OF CLOTTED BLOOD

There are hundreds of "bloody showers" and "red snows" recorded in the meteorological history of the world, but the most remarkable fall of matter from the heavens was that which occurred near a place called Eurole, near a river of the same name, in Lauren District, SC, in September, 1842. On a certain day when a cotton picker named Ingelow and his two sons were at work the ground around them was literally spattered with great chunks of red gelatinous matter, which looked like "livered" blood. The occurrence is still referred to in that country as "the shower of clotted blood."

-From the Times of Coalville, Utah, of November 27, 1896

## A SHOWER OF ANIMALS

On the 20th of September, 1839, an English officer residing in the neighborhood of Calcutta, saw a quantity of live fish descend in a smart shower of rain. They were about three inches in length and all of one kind. Some, falling on hard ground, were killed; some, which fell on soft grass, continued to live. "The most strange thing which struck me in connection with this event," said the officer, "was that the fish did not fall helter-skelter, everywhere, or here and there; they fell in a straight line, not more than a cubit in breadth." Shortly after this event, at a village near Allahabad, 3000



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or 4000 fish were found on the ground, of a well known species, and about a span in length, but all dead and dry. The instances are more numerous than most observers would suppose of animals falling to the ground in the manner of rain. Not only fish, but frogs, insects and even rats, have fallen at different times. The apparent phenomenon is probably due to the action of a whirlwind or water-spout, which sucking up colonies of these small creatures into the air, carries them to a distance and deposits them, as trees and even human beings have been similarly carried and deposited by the force of a great hurricane. Superstitious folk readily attribute such extraordinary occurrences to supernatural agencies, but the scientific explanation is undoubtedly the correct one.

-From the Teller of Lewiston, Idaho, December 10, 1896

#### A Shower of Birds.

One day last week early risers in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, witnessed a peculiar sight in the shape of a shower of birds that fell from a clear sky, literally cluttering the streets of the city. There were wild ducks, cat birds, woodpeckers and many birds of strange plumage, some of them resembling canaries, but all dead, falling in heaps along the thoroughfares the singular phenomenon attracting many spectators and causing much comment. The most plausible theory as to the strange windfall is that the birds were driven inland by the recent storm on the Florida coast, the force of the current of air and the sudden change of temperatures causing death to many of the feathered creatures when they reached Baton Rouge.

-From the Central Nevadan of Battle Mountain, Nev., December 17, 1896

#### Science and Showers of Blood

No phenomena of nature have excited more widespread consternation in either ancient or comparatively modern times than the so called "rains of blood." The people of antiquity regarded such occurrences as fire wanderings and portents, and in the present century their occasional happenings have given rise to much wonder, and, in some cases actual fear. However, modern science has been able to cope with the "blood rain" question just as it has with many of the other knotty problems which bother the wise heads of older times. The meteorologists of these latter days have been able to ascertain the causes which produce these remarkable precipitations, and have accounted for them by giving reasons which prove such showers to be very commonplace phenomena.

In 1670 there was a "rain of blood" at Turin, and in 1701 such a shower was reported along the Mediterranean. According to the ancient wondermongers such phenomena were comparatively common during the Dark Ages in all parts of Europe, but the accounts of them which have been preserved are so meager as to be of no value whatever to the compiler of data on odd things in nature.

In 1811 a "bloody rain" fell in Paris, and it is from this "fall" that we get our first scientific data on such occurrences. Everybody in the French capital was badly scared except one hard headed old physician named Louis Dumont. He calmly collected some of the crimson fluid and made a careful microscopic examination of it. He found that it was really red, but the cause was not one to make one quake with superstitious fear-in fact, he found that the fluid was literally teeming with millions of blood red animalculae.

Since 1811 there has been dozens of bloody rains in different parts of the world, but in all of them the fluid has been found to be colored with either vegetable, animal or mineral matter. This being the case, they no longer excite superstitious fear among any people except the most ignorant and degraded.

-From the Times of Coalville, Utah, of December 18, 1896

Residents of the western portion of Louisville and of Shippingport, Ky., enjoyed an unusual spectacle on a recent morning, when the air was clear and cold and very light, and the sun shining. As it is described, suddenly large balls of pure, crystallized frost, shaped after the form and size of thistle-bloom balloons that children use as playthings, began falling in profusion and before the shower abated the ground was covered with frost balls. The pretty visions came down slowly and

lighted on the ground so easily that the small arms that extended from the center of each ball were not broken." Some persons caught the balls on dishes.

-From the Beacon of Aurora, Ill., March 6, 1897

#### A Shower of Ice

A curious story is related in the Philosophical Transactions: Her majesty's ship Simoon was two days out from Cape Good Hope, when a squall came up which precipitated a veritable shower of ice. In his report Capt. Blakiston says: "It was not a hailstorm at all, but a shower of irregularly chipped pieces of solid ice of different dimensions, some of them as large as a paving brick."

-From the Mining News of Florence, Wi., March 20, 1897

#### Toads Hatched in a Cloud.

On July 26, 1896, there was a veritable "shower of toads" near the city of San Jose, Costa Rica. The toads, which were very small, were actually falling from the clouds, and several of them were caught in sugar vats, up turned umbrellas, etc.. Some of these wonderful little storm born toads were not much larger than a fly, and still showed the tadpole tail, showing that at the time they were precipitated from the clouds they were very near the period of metamorphosis. A synopsis of an explanation of this wonder given by the Paris Academy of Science is as follows:

"Either solar evaporation or whirlwind had carried the frog or toad spawn up into the region of the clouds. The spawn floated about with the condensed watery vapor for some days, and finally hatched there! The little animals lived and went through the various stages of the embryonic frog while in the clouds, and were finally precipitated to the earth when the cloud that bore them was resolved into rain."

-From the Express of Knoxville, Ia., March 31, 1897

#### Was Hit by a Missile From the Sky.

Niles, Mich., March 25.-C. F. Earle, living near Sodus, has had a narrow escape from death by a missile which apparently came from the sky. He was working in the woods and heard something whiz by his head. At first he thought it a stray bullet. After a search he discovered a hole in the ground, and digging down several feet brought up a piece of copper almost red hot. The piece is about three inches in diameter and it is so soft it can be dented with a finger. Mr. Earle thinks it is some meteoric substance.

-From the Cameron Co. Press of Emporium, Pa., April 1, 1897

#### Rain Millions of Worms.

The most extraordinary feature of the present storm was a shower of fish worms which occurred at an early hour this morning on High street between Velmar street and Spencers Shoe factory. The wigglers were rained down in millions and literally covered the walk. Those who had an occasion to walk can not help treading on dozens of them at every step.

Some of the know it alls claim that the worms were washed out of the ground by the rain fall, but others just as good at lying claim to have seen them come squirming down in the great drops of water and fall upon the sidewalk.

-From the Gazette of Burlington, NJ., April 9, 1897

#### Worms Rained Down

There is no longer an existing doubt that the worms seen on the black walk, on south High street, were rained from the sky. At first it seemed incredulous, and the old folks said in one voice that they worked out on the ground like all sensible worms do when the spring rains fall.

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It now turns out that many ladies in different parts of town, and particularly on south High street, put out pans and basins to catch the soft rain water, and to their surprise found, when the shower was done, that the vessels were full of worms. If these worms did not come from the sky, then where did they come from?

-From the Gazette of Burlington, N.J., April 15, 1897

A QUEER DEPOSIT  
A Yellow Substance Left After the Rain  
of Yesterday Evaporated.

People in Lynchburg were very much exercised on yesterday by the discovery when the sun arose of a yellowish deposit resembling sulphur covering the ground and roofs of houses. It looked very much as if Jack Frost was suffering with an attack of yellow jaundice.

It will be remembered that at about 12 o'clock Sunday night, quite a brisk wind sprang up, and was succeeded toward morning by a smart shower. As the water left by the rain evaporated, the yellow deposit was left behind. In places where there were pools, the substance was left in sufficient quantities to be scraped up. By some it was thought to be pollen blown by the wind from the millions of blooms now covering the trees all over the country, but this theory was exploded by the fact that the deposit was entirely mineral and was very gritty. Pollen is as soft as flour and contains no grit whatever.

A gentleman who had advanced a number of explanations, all of which were proved by his listeners to be groundless, at last in desperation suggested that the airship which was reported to have been seen in this vicinity had "busted." Another gentleman stated that the milk which he drank for breakfast has tasted of sulphur, and that he thought that when mysterious airships were flying about in the heavens and sulphur falling from the skies, it was high time to pray.

On the tin roofs of the stores along Main street the yellow deposit was particularly plain, and the gutters where rain fell in thicker quantities, were lined with it. An effort will be made to have the substance analyzed.

-From the News of Lynchburg, Va., April 27, 1897

A SHOWER OF WORMS.

It is an old story that the early bird catches the early worm. If all the people of Palmyra were out of their beds when they ought to be (this included the editor) they would have witness a phenomenon that never occurred before in the memory of man, and is not likely to occur again. We allude to the shower of a new species of angle worms, at least new in these parts. The early risers on stepping out doors Friday morning discovered the ground literally covered with worms, also all tubs set to catch rain, every pan set with chicken food, etc.. The worms on examination proved to differ from our native angle worm, and Capt. McDonald, an expert fisherman as well as gardner declared them to be gill-edged so named because of yellow or golden spot on end of worm, also yellow rings. The Captain goes on to state that these worms are favorite food for trout when the water is slightly muddy after rain. They are the identical worm, he states, with which he used to catch those speckled beauties in Poule A-Foske, Co., Wisklow, Ireland. They only thrive in the richest kind of soil, and as the soil in the immediate vicinity of Palmyra is rather light the question arises where did they come from? Did they drift in a cloud across the deep blue sea? It was noticed that as fast as possible they disappeared in the earth.

If they will only live and multiply here what a boon it will be to our fishermen, as the streams around here abound in trout, and the gilt-tail is it's favorite dish. It looks as if Providence had a hand in the matter.

(As before stated the editor failed to be up betimes and missed the sight; hence he is indebted to a friend for these particulars.)

-From the Enterprise of Palmyra, Wi., April 29, 1897

A Rain of Blood

A singular phenomenon was recently witnessed in Melbourne, the capital of the Australian colony of Victoria, which may be not unfairly described as a rain of blood descending upon the city. An enormous cloud of reddish dust, pear shaped, and rising hundreds of feet in the air, was seen approaching from the northwest. A gust of wind cleft it in half, and one of the halves was whirled away, missing the town. The other half, however, came straight on, and, when half over the city, got mixed up in a heavy shower. In consequence, trees, pavements, windows, hats and coats were splashed and spotted with a red, blood like stuff, very uncanny to the eye, though nothing worse in substance than terra-cotta colored mud. Huge dust clouds and blinding dust storms are common enough in Australia. In the far interior, heated, dust laden air is sometimes whirled or sucked up thousands of feet-an extraordinary sight. Nothing so delightfully mediaeval and ominous as the "rain of blood" has, however, been seen in Melbourne for 20 years.

-From the Register of Oak Park, Ill., April 30, 1897

It is reported that a shower of sulphur fell at Harrisburg one night last week. The legislature has not accepted this remarkable warning, but still remains in session.

-From the Democrat of Clarion, Pa., May 13, 1897

A PASTURE FULL OF FISH.  
Farmer Living Near New London Makes a  
Surprising Discovery

Special to the Plain Dealer.

New London, May 15.-After one of the heavy storms of the week Mr. George Yarker, a farmer living near New London, described that a part of a field near the house was covered with fish. The field was used as a pasture, and on a space covering nearly an acre of ground were found hundreds of fish, all of one variety, what are commonly called "bull-heads," ranging in length from one to six inches. Yarker lives a mile from any stream. The occurrence is explained by the fact that a large water-spout burst over the field.

-From the Plain Dealer of Cleveland, O., May 16, 1897

MISCELLANEOUS

The Daily Tribune of Salt Lake City, Utah, of November 29, 1897, ran a very long article titled "SUPERSTITIONS OF MINERS." It dealt with the beliefs and legends of the mining communities. The majority of the article dealt with the tales of little people seen in the mines. "The gnomes or subterranean spirits were those supposed to guard the treasures of mines. Munster, who was an expert on all such matters, says of the gnomes of the mines: 'These are commonly seen about mines of metals, and some of them are noxious; some again do no harm. The miners in many places account it good luck, a sign of treasure and rich ore, when they see them. There are two notable kinds of them,' says Munster, 'which inhabit mines of the precious metals, the Kobali, which frequent and rule over mines of silver, and Getuli, that dwell in and guard the gold mines. Both are clothed after the manner of metal-men, and will many times imitate their works.'

"Paracelsus speaks of these gnomes as being 'little men about two feet high,' and says they are numerous in the German silver mines, 'where they do walk about in little coats of green and wearing on their heads caps of red velvet. Their office,' he says, 'is to keep treasure in the earth, that it be not all at once revealed. '"

In Germany, the gnomes were called "Kobalds" and were held responsible for everything that went wrong in the mine and to the miners. It was said that the lamp of a Kobald would enable a person to go in any direction through solid rock. Here the article gave the story of a miner who is said to have possessed such a lamp.

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"In the tin mines of Cornwall, which are even older than the silver mines of Germany, they have a race of goblins called 'Knockers.' These frighten the miners at times by knocking on the walls, groaning and sighing. At other times knockings are heard accompanied with rushing sounds as of something passing through the air from place to place, and soon after some accident occurs by which lives are lost."

A SEA ABOVE THE CLOUDS  
Extraordinary Superstition Once Prevalent in England.

The curious superstition that there is an ocean above the clouds is illustrated by the following strange story by an old English writer: "One Sunday the people of a certain village were coming out of church on a thick, cloudy day, when they saw the anchor of a ship hooked to one of the tombstones-the cable, which was tightly stretched, hanging down from the air. The people were astonished; and while they were consulting about it, suddenly they saw the rope move as though some one labored to pull up the anchor. The anchor, however, still held fast by the stone, and a great noise was heard in the air, like the shouting of sailors. Presently a sailor was seen sliding down the cable for the purpose of unfixing the anchor. When he had just loosened it the villagers seized hold of him, and while in their hands he quickly died, just as though he had been drowned. About an hour after, the sailors above, hearing no more of their comrade, cut the cable and sailed away. In memory of this extraordinary event, the people of the village made the hinges of the church doors out of the iron of the anchor." It is further stated that these hinges "are still to be seen there," a bit of evidence much like Munchausen's rope wherewith he once climbed to the moon. If you doubted the story, you were confronted with the rope.

There is another queer tale about this aerial ocean. "A merchant of Bristol," it is said, "set sail with his cargo for Ireland. Some time after, while his family were at supper, a knife suddenly fell in through a window on the table. When the merchant returned and saw the knife, he declared it to be his own, and said that on such a day, at such an hour, while sailing in an unknown part of the sea, he dropped the knife overboard; and the day and the hour were found to be exactly the time when it fell through the window." All of which was once implicitly believed by many, and regarded as incontrovertible proof of the existence of a sea above the sky. One is at a loss to conjecture how that "unknown part of the sea" connected with the rest of it. A physical geography showing this would be no small curiosity.

-From the Nebraska State Journal of Lincoln, Neb., March 8, 1897

(This article was in very wide circulation. The above was the earliest copy that I have of it. It appeared in the Dallas (TX) Morning News of April 3, 1897. During the middle of April, it appeared in many Mid-western newspapers, both small and large papers. By late April, it had appeared in newspapers all over the country. Several of the newspapers indicated that it had been taken from the Boston Post of an undated issue.)

Pekin has a sensation. A year ago Friday a man named Wallace was hanged there for the murder of his sister. A week ago, when the warm rains fell the grass took on a green hue all over the court house square and over the space where the stockade had stood, except over the spot occupied by the gallows, which is barren, and presents the exact outlines of a woman's face, with hair streaming in disarrangement down her neck. It is said to be a splendid likeness of the murdered woman.

-From the Republican of Bradford, Ill., March 25, 1897

A VISIT FROM THE DEVIL  
How His Satanic Majesty Once Made His  
Appearance In Bungay.

A rare pamphlet in the library of the editor of a department of The Republic bears the following quaint title: "A Strange and Terrible Wunder Rought Verie Lately In the Parish Church of Bungay-namely, on the fourth of thys August in the Yeere of our Lorde 1577." The story, stripped of

the quaint language in which it is couched, and briefly told, is as follows: A storm of extraordinary fury raged during divine services in the church alluded to; rain fell in torrents, and the lightning flashed "blue, red, green and in a mixture of indescribable colors," while the thunder peals "not only disquieted men and dumb creatures, but senseless things devoid of all life and feeling trembled and shook with terror."

While the tempest was at it's height, a fiend from the lower regions appeared in the midst of the terror stricken congregation. The account says: "It was in form, as well as could be discerned, of an enormous dog, of black color, the sight whereof, together with the fearful flashes of fire which then were seen, moved many minds to the belief that the end of time had come, and that doomsday was upon us. The evil one, for he it was in such strange likeness, ran with extraordinary speed into that portion of the church where the majority of the congregation was seated. In doing so it passed between two persons who were upon their knees in the attitude of prayer, grasped and wrung the necks of both in an instant, so that they died presently as they knelt. As he passed by another he gave him such a grip on the back that he was drawn together and instantly shrunken up like a piece of leather scorched in a hot fire."

Leaving the church at Bungay, the devil is said to have "flown with a greate noise and rustling" to the church at Blibery, seven miles away. He was seen to alight upon the roof and to instantly pass through it, dropping from the vaulted ceiling upon the heads of three persons (two men and a boy,) who were all instantly killed, "beying scratched bye the horyd thing and burned to nearlie a cracklyng."

The "Book of Wondrous Visitations," published in 1697, 110 years after the events mentioned above, says that the prints of the devil's claws where he ran down the aisle of the Bungay church were then still plainly to be seen.—St. Louis Republic.

—From the Hub of Stoughton, Wi., March 26, 1897

#### HE TURNS ON THE GAS.

The Queer Mania of a Midnight Marauder in San Francisco.

The residents of what is known as the western addition of San Francisco are up in arms against a most unusual and inconsiderate housebreaker. This nocturnal visitor seems to have a mania for turning on the gas, and although he very seldom takes the trouble to steal anything he never fails to make an insidious assault on the property and health of his victims by tampering with the gas fixtures.

At last accounts this cunning rogue had entered no less than a dozen houses and turned on the gas in every room he entered. There is no doubt that it is the work of a midnight visitor, for he has been seen several times making his escape over the garden walls. Fortunately no fatalities have yet occurred as a result of his operations, but gas bills in the western addition have been enormous. The gas fiend seems to have particular grudge against Mr. Isador Goodman, for he has entered Goodman's house three times and turned on the gas every time.

It is not known that the gas fiend is employed by the gas company.

—From the Daily Times of Warsaw, In., April 8, 1897

The Times of Richmond, Va., of April 11, 1897, ran a very lengthy article concerning early hollow earth theory.

#### A STRANGE CASE

Woman in Ireland Who Changes  
Color Every Year.

A remarkable freak of nature is occasionally seen on the streets of Clough Mac-nai, Ireland, in the shape of a woman who was born black in Jamaica about 45 years ago. The woman, according to the Cincinnati Enquirer, says that she remained with the characteristic negro color to her skin until she was 22 years of age, when she began rapidly turning white, the complete transformation being made in less than three months.

She remained white for about a year and then turned black again, but more slowly than the white transformation had come upon her. When this second change in skin color took place she was sure that

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or 4000 fish were found on the ground, of a well known species, and about a span in length, but all dead and dry. The instances are more numerous than most observers would suppose of animals falling to the ground in the manner of rain. Not only fish, but frogs, insects and even rats, have fallen at different times. The apparent phenomenon is probably due to the action of a whirlwind or water-spout, which sucking up colonies of these small creatures into the air, carries them to a distance and deposits them, as trees and even human beings have been similarly carried and deposited by the force of a great hurricane. Superstitious folk readily attribute such extraordinary occurrences to supernatural agencies, but the scientific explanation is undoubtedly the correct one.

-From the Teller of Lewiston, Idaho, December 10, 1896

#### A Shower of Birds.

One day last week early risers in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, witnessed a peculiar sight in the shape of a shower of birds that fell from a clear sky, literally cluttering the streets of the city. There were wild ducks, cat birds, woodpeckers and many birds of strange plumage, some of them resembling canaries, but all dead, falling in heaps along the thoroughfares the singular phenomenon attracting many spectators and causing much comment. The most plausible theory as to the strange windfall is that the birds were driven inland by the recent storm on the Florida coast, the force of the current of air and the sudden change of temperatures causing death to many of the feathered creatures when they reached Baton Rouge.

-From the Central Nevadan of Battle Mountain, Nev., December 17, 1896

#### Science and Showers of Blood

No phenomena of nature have excited more widespread consternation in either ancient or comparatively modern times than the so called "rains of blood." The people of antiquity regarded such occurrences as fire wanderings and portents, and in the present century their occasional happenings have given rise to much wonder, and, in some cases actual fear. However, modern science has been able to cope with the "blood rain" question just as it has with many of the other knotty problems which bother the wise heads of older times. The meteorologists of these latter days have been able to ascertain the causes which produce these remarkable precipitations, and have accounted for them by giving reasons which prove such showers to be very commonplace phenomena.

In 1670 there was a "rain of blood" at Turin, and in 1701 such a shower was reported along the Mediterranean. According to the ancient wondermongers such phenomena were comparatively common during the Dark Ages in all parts of Europe, but the accounts of them which have been preserved are so meager as to be of no value whatever to the compiler of data on odd things in nature.

In 1811 a "bloody rain" fell in Paris, and it is from this "fall" that we get our first scientific data on such occurrences. Everybody in the French capital was badly scared except one hard headed old physician named Louis Dumont. He calmly collected some of the crimson fluid and made a careful microscopic examination of it. He found that it was really red, but the cause was not one to make one quake with superstitious fear-in fact, he found that the fluid was literally teeming with millions of blood red animalculae.

Since 1811 there has been dozens of bloody rains in different parts of the world, but in all of them the fluid has been found to be colored with either vegetable, animal or mineral matter. This being the case, they no longer excite superstitious fear among any people except the most ignorant and degraded.

-From the Times of Coalville, Utah, of December 18, 1896

Residents of the western portion of Louisville and of Shippingport, Ky., enjoyed an unusual spectacle on a recent morning, when the air was clear and cold and very light, and the sun shining. As it is described, suddenly large balls of pure, crystallized frost, shaped after the form and size of thistle-bloom balloons that children use as playthings, began falling in profusion and before the shower abated the ground was covered with frost balls. The pretty visions came down slowly and

lighted on the ground so easily that the small arms that extended from the center of each ball were not broken." Some persons caught the balls on dishes.

-From the Beacon of Aurora, Il., March 6, 1897

#### A Shower of Ice

A curious story is related in the Philosophical Transactions: Her majesty's ship Simoon was two days out from Cape Good Hope, when a squall came up which precipitated a veritable shower of ice. In his report Capt. Blakiston says: "It was not a hailstorm at all, but a shower of irregularly chipped pieces of solid ice of different dimensions, some of them as large as a paving brick."

-From the Mining News of Florence, Wi., March 20, 1897

#### Toads Hatched in a Cloud.

On July 26, 1896, there was a veritable "shower of toads" near the city of San Jose, Costa Rica. The toads, which were very small, were actually falling from the clouds, and several of them were caught in sugar vats, up turned umbrellas, etc.. Some of these wonderful little storm born toads were not much larger than a fly, and still showed the tadpole tail, showing that at the time they were precipitated from the clouds they were very near the period of metamorphosis. A synopsis of an explanation of this wonder given by the Paris Academy of Science is as follows:

"Either solar evaporation or whirlwind had carried the frog or toad spawn up into the region of the clouds. The spawn floated about with the condensed watery vapor for some days, and finally hatched there! The little animals lived and went through the various stages of the embryonic frog while in the clouds, and were finally precipitated to the earth when the cloud that bore them was resolved into rain."

-From the Express of Knoxville, Ia., March 31, 1897

#### Was Hit by a Missile From the Sky.

Niles, Mich., March 25.-C. F. Earle, living near Sodus, has had a narrow escape from death by a missile which apparently came from the sky. He was working in the woods and heard something whiz by his head. At first he thought it a stray bullet. After a search he discovered a hole in the ground, and digging down several feet brought up a piece of copper almost red hot. The piece is about three inches in diameter and it is so soft it can be dented with a finger. Mr. Earle thinks it is some meteoric substance.

-From the Cameron Co. Press of Eaporium, Pa., April 1, 1897

#### Rain Millions of Worms.

The most extraordinary feature of the present storm was a shower of fish worms which occurred at an early hour this morning on High street between Velmar street and Spencers Shoe factory. The wigglers were rained down in millions and literally covered the walk. Those who had an occasion to walk can not help treading on dozens of them at every step.

Some of the know it alls claim that the worms were washed out of the ground by the rain fall, but others just as good at lying claim to have seen them come squirming down in the great drops of water and fall upon the sidewalk.

-From the Gazette of Burlington, NJ., April 9, 1897

#### Worms Rained Down

There is no longer an existing doubt that the worms seen on the black walk, on south High street, were rained from the sky. At first it seemed incredulous, and the old folks said in one voice that they worked out on the ground like all sensible worms do when the spring rains fall.



she had returned to her original color, and would remain that hue during the balance of her life, but it was only a few short months until she was again as white as an Albino. Since that time the changes have yearly taken place, the woman being black one summer and white the next. She suffers no pain whatever.

-From the Advocate of Manawa, Wi., April 29, 1897

The "Wago Owanahan"  
A Mysterious Light that Hangs in a  
West Virginia Canyon.

An old time West Virginia wonder is again causing quite a discussion among the reading and thinking people of Wyoming and adjoining counties. The "wonder" referred to is a mysterious light which has been known since times almost prehistoric as the "Wago Owanahan."

This phenomenal lights says the St. Louis Republic, appears to emanate from a certain spot on the precipitous sides of the great Pat West Canyon. It casts it's ghostly sheen across the waters of the river, lighting the surroundings not with a "sickly, pale, white light," but with a phosphorescent glow of sufficient brightness to make the reading of a newspaper or a book possible on the darkest night. According to some investigators of the Wago Owanahan the light does not emanate from any spot on the canyon's side, but hangs out over the river, like a luminous cloud or fog. This appears to have been the case at the time when Professor Tohlure and Mr. I. E. Christian-the later of Oceana, West Virginia-visited the spot. On the 15th and 16th of last February an expedition, headed by Mr. Christian, again visited the Wago Owanahan. Snow was falling rapidly at the time, and Mr. Christian says that every flake when it reached a height of about 200 feet above the water, "would blaze out with dazzling brightness" and remain luminous until it reached the surface. A scientific investigation of the phenomena will be made.

-From the Tribune of Chanute, Ks., May 7, 1897

"While all the rest of the people are out nights trying to see the flying machine, H. W. Bissell is telling his friends of a remarkable experience he had the other day. He was out hunting and in passing a corn field, saw some strange object over in the center. The thing looked like an enormous bird, and it was with a great deal of caution that he began to steal up on it in order to get a good shot and bag it if possible. When he got within about eighty yards, imagine his astonishment to see the thing gradually begin to ascend and as it went up it spread it's wings, which were about fifty feet in length, and as it got under headway it flew through the air very rapidly. When Mr. Bissell had reached the place where this flying machine had been resting his surprise can be surmised to discover a large nest and in it an egg of immense proportion. The egg measured three feet and eight inches in diameter and was still warm. He immediately drove his wagon up, and after considerable difficulty, succeeded in getting it into the vehicle. He brought it home and began work on an incubator in which he hopes to hatch the egg, which he is satisfied will produce a young flying machine.-Pocahontas Record."

-From the Globe of Gilmore City, Ia., of April 22, 1897

## APPENDIX B

As was mentioned in chapter 1, a reproduction of the many articles relating to electric balloon or electric "star" stories might be of interest. The following reproduces these articles. They are in chronological order. It should be noted that a great many came from the New England area. This is felt to be important in relation to the absence of airship reports from that area.

### CITY EXCITED OVER A STAR FOLKS THOUGHT VENUS WAS AN ELECTRIC LIGHT AT PITTSBURG.

SOME

Many Harrisburgers have been interested almost to the point of excitement over the evening star the last few days and not a few residents have become indignant when told it is not an electric light sent high in the clouds for experimental purposes.

The trouble was started last week when some people read in newspapers that aerial experiments with electric lights were to be made at Pittsburg. It was stated that electric lamps of immense candle power with powerful reflectors and lenses would be sent up to see how far their rays could be distinguished. Reports differed as to the height these lamps were to go and on this subject the papers have been silent the last few days. Some people said they would be sent up seven miles, others nine and others ten, but from the general remarks seven must have been reached as a compromise. Early Saturday evening when Venus, gleaming in its brilliancy, shone over the city from the west, some persons who had been reading or hearing of these experiments at once declared the large and beautiful planet which is the evening star at present, was nothing else than the electric light with which tests were being made by some folks at Pittsburg, 250 miles away, over the mountains and in a direction considerable different from the location of the star. The report spread and dozens of people who had not been guilty of star gazing for years, or else they would not have been so easily deceived, promptly looked at it and fell to discussing experiments of such magnitude as those of which they had been told. There were a number who walked out into wind-swept streets and others who went so far as to go to the river bank to see a star which they had apparently never noticed before even in starlight walks. On Market street Saturday the eyes of a good many of the persons on the street watched the bright planet and one man asserted he had seen "them take it down," being unaware Venus sat at 8:56 o'clock that evening. Last night it was watched with redoubled curiosity and scores of credulous ones believed that "the bright star of twilight" was nothing more than the gleam from an unpoetical electrical experiment.

-From the Patriot of Harrisburg, Pa., of January 25, 1897

### MT. WASHINGTON Electric Light on the Summit Visible on Clear Nights

For the past two or three nights a remarkably bright star has been observed near the northwestern horizon by many people who have watched its strange movements with much wonderment. The queerest part of the movement of the "star" has been that about 9 o'clock it would rapidly sink out of sight going down so much faster than the other stars. The star attracts attention not only on account of its peculiar movements but by its great brilliancy, being brighter and clearer than any other star in the heavens. But as a matter of fact the "star" is not a star at all, but it is an immense electric light high above the earth and miles and miles away. Just not a series of experiments is being made by some government engineers in long distance signalling. One party of the men is located on Mount Washington and the other on a hill on the coast beyond Bar Harbor. Every clear night between the hours of 8 and 9, balloons to which are attached powerful electric lights are sent up and by the different movements of these lights the signals are transmitted across the whole State of Maine. The light which is visible here is sent up about three miles above the top of Mount Washington and consequently over four miles above sea level and is easily seen here.

-From the Advertiser of Portland, Me., March 19, 1897

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The appearance of the large star like a luminous body that at intervals for some time past, has been seen in the early evening near the western horizon, the erratic actions of which have been a source of comment, being hung out and taken in in a manner greatly at variance with the laws of nature, is at last explained. The "star" which at first was said to be a result of the labors of Edison to produce artificially a rival of the stars that stud the heavens, is, we are told, no achievement of the Wizard, but according to the Waterville Mail is an immense electric light high above the earth and miles and miles away. A series of experiments were being made by some government engineers in long distance signalling. One party of the men was located on Mount Washington and the other on a hill on the coast beyond Bar Harbor. Every clear night between the hours of 8 and 9, balloons to which are attached powerful electric lights are sent up and by the different movements of these lights the signals are transmitted across the whole State of Maine. The light which is visible here is sent up about three miles above the top of Mount Washington and consequently over four miles above sea level and is easily seen here.

-From the Sentinel of Eastport, Me., of March 24, 1897

#### IT'S ONLY A STAR

##### Imaginative Yarn Circulated About the Evening Star

It is not probable that Venus, the evening star, has ever before attracted quite as much attention in Green Bay as is the case just at present. Some genius of vivid imagination who evidently had never heard of Venus started the story that the brilliant star which is now visible during the fore part of the night and gradually sinks below the horizon was nothing more than the electric light suspended over St. Paul for purpose of scientific investigation.

It's a pretty good yarn and several people have been found who believe it, but the light is the evening star. St. Paul people haven't any string tied to it.

-From the Gazette of Green Bay, Wis., of March 25, 1897

#### BYRON

Edison's new search light which is said to be at an elevation of thirteen miles directly over the city of St. Paul, Minn., was plainly visible here on Monday night, being the appearance of a very large and brilliant star.

-From the Commonwealth of Fond du Lac, Wis., March 25, 1897

The present beautiful evening star, the planet Venus, will be at its greatest brilliancy next Sunday. After that it will begin to decrease in size. The remarkable beauty and brightness of this evening star the past two weeks has led to the perpetrating upon a lot of North Adams people who are not much acquainted with astronomy of quite an amusing practical joke. When the planet was lower in the sky in the early evening than it is now some one started the story that it was not a star at all, but a monster electric light sent up many miles into the air from the General Electric works at Schenectady, N. Y.. The story spread all over town, and was believed by so many that men were seen on the street corners gazing "at the big light," and one man solemnly announced to his fellow workmen one morning that he had watched it for a long time the night before and it had taken twenty-five minutes to pull the light down. Some of the men who believed this story about the big electric light ought to have known better, and if they have a spare half hour they might now figure out how high up in the air above

Schenectady the light must have been for it to be seen from this city barely above the Taconic mountains.-North Adams Democrat.

-From the Sun of Pittsfield, Ma., March 25, 1897

#### The Mt. Washington Light

To the Editor of the Advertiser:

For goodness sake, don't you know the evening star from a balloon? Look for it a little south of west at 6:30 o'clock, and follow it till it sets in the northwest a few hours later. It sets somewhat near Mt. Washington but still a good ways to the left.

I've been watching for that light for some time but have not seen it yet.

Jack

-From the Advertiser of Portland, Me., March 26, 1897

#### THE NEW "STAR"

Every clear night between the hours of 8 and 9, a very bright "star" is said to be seen in the vicinity of Mt. Washington. The queerest thing about it is that the star sinks down and disappears about 9 o'clock, going down much faster than common stars. But as a matter of fact, says the Portland Press, the "star" is no star at all, but it is an immense electric light high above the earth and miles and miles away. Just now a series of experiments is being made by some government engineers in long distance signalling. One party of the men is located on Mount Washington and the other on a hill on the coast beyond Bar Harbor. Every clear night between the hours of 8 and 9, balloons to which are attached powerful electric lights are sent up, and by the different movements of these lights the signals are transmitted across the whole State of Maine.

Will not some of the students of the high school interested in astronomy look up the new "star?"

-From the Register of Hallowell, Me., March 27, 1897

#### Ishpeming and Vicinity

##### THAT ST. PAUL LIGHT

##### How a Commercial Man Fooled Many Ishpeming People

The evening star never attracted the attention of the Ishpeming people as it did Friday and Saturday nights. The sky was cloudless both evenings and the star shone out so brightly that it looked like a big arc lamp a short distance west of the city.

Attention was first called to the star by a commercial traveller at the Nelson House. He said it was a 5,000 candle power arc electric light which had been sent up from St. Paul in a balloon. The light was four miles above the city, he said, and had been sent up by the government in pursuance of some sort of a scientific experiment which it was conducting. Every man in the hotel became interested in the fellow's story and went out to see the big light. None of them had heard anything about the balloon ascension and they were inclined to be skeptical regarding it. In order to convince them that he was right, he offered to wager anything from \$10 to \$100 that it was really an arc light instead of a star as they supposed. He also asserted that the light would come down at 9 o'clock, or shortly after. No one took him up on the wager.

Soon the report about the big light at St. Paul got around town and nearly every person on the street could be seen "rubber necking." Many got out glasses to better observe the light. With a strong glass it looked twice as large as an ordinary electric light. Saturday evening men, women, and children in all parts of the city stayed out watching the star until nearly 9:30, when it disappeared.

There was at least one man at the hotel who would not be convinced that the star was an arc light. This was Captain McCullough, of the cinematoscope company. He is an old sailor and has seen the evening star too many times to not recognize it when it comes up. He related instances where his men often mistook the star for the light at some lighthouse station. He told of times when they tried to convince him that he was off his course through their mistaken conviction that the star was a lighthouse beacon. The captain says the star will shine every evening from now until April 6.

-From the Daily Mining Journal of Marquette, Mi., March 29, 1897.

#### Ishpeming and Vicinity

Landlord Outhwaite of the Nelson House says the next commercial traveller who comes around the hotel with any more such "gags" as that St. Paul electric light story, will "have the boots put on him."

-From the Daily Mining Journal of Marquette, Mi., March 30, 1897

# THERE IS NO STRING TO IT Venus, the Evening Star, is not Controlled by St. Paul

People

Some wag started the story that the bright evening star which appears in the evening sky was an electric light hoisted two miles high over St. Paul. As a result quite a crowd collected last night to watch it and all agreed it couldn't be a star it must be a light.

"Yes," said the wag, "it is hoisted about five o'clock by means of a storage battery and a balloon. It goes up two miles high and can be seen all over the country. About nine o'clock they start to pull it down," and many were quite sure last evening that they could see the star slowly being drawn to terra firma.

The light which is seen is Venus, the evening star, which hangs in the sky with the brilliancy of an electric light. St. Paul people have no string to it notwithstanding the report industriously circulated, and even printed in some papers that it was hoisted every evening by the enterprising men of the saintly city.

-From the Daily Tribune of Iron Mountain, Mi., March 30, 1897

## Wolverine Tidbits.

Menominee--People in several upper peninsula cities believe they saw the electric lights sent up in balloons from St. Paul, by the government, to see whether they could not be used as signals in war. Doubting Thomases say what they really saw was the planet Venus.

-From the Evening News of Detroit, Mi., March 31, 1897

## Venus Was Bright.

Venus was more than bright in the western sky last night. A large number of our fellow citizens deluded by the fairy tales which have appeared in some of our contemporaries about mammoth electric search light suspended by a block and tackle let down from the upper part of the courts of heaven, stood on street corners watching it. Venus, however, never winked nor blushed.

-From the Daily Eastern Argus of Portland, Me., March 31, 1897

## THE EVENING STAR

The brilliance of Venus during the last two months has attracted general attention and has caused many persons not conversant with astronomical matters to imagine that a new celestial visitant had appeared in our system. As she has hung upon the western horizon her great effulgence and apparent increase in magnitude have given her almost the appearance of a radiant globe of softly glowing fire, and inquiries have actually been made whether this beautiful light in the heavens was not the result of new electric experiments made by Mr. Edison. The "Wizard of Menlo Park" has done many wonderful things, but he has not yet created a star. As The Sun has explained several times during the last two months, this is a period of great brilliancy with Venus. There is nothing new or irregular in these manifestations. It is the lady planet's time for being bright-possibly her gay season, when the heavenly bell arrays herself in her finest jewels and puts on the most dazzling robes of glory she can find in the sky. According to a recent astronomical theory, she is dead, but, if this be true, it is clear that she is still beautiful in death and that "e'en in her ashes live her wonted fires."

-From the Sun of Baltimore, Md., April 1, 1897

(The above editorial also appeared in the Daily Republican of Pottsville, Pa., of April 10, 1897.)

Venus, the evening star, so prominent now in the western sky after sunset, has lately been mistaken by many for an electric signal light said to be elevated three miles above Mount Washington. The story that such a light was being used for signaling purposes we believe originated with one of the Portland papers, and many point to proud and blazing Venus with the remark that it is not a star

but a powerful signal light. It seems rather a joke on folks who have been inclined to credit the idea.

-From the Telegraph of Brunswick, Me., April 2, 1897

#### DOVER AND FOXCRAFT LOCALS

Many of the townspeople have been deceived by the exceeding brilliancy of Venus and think it is an electric light sent up from Mt. Washington and the worst part of it is that they won't be undeceived. One of the members of the Foxcraft school committee was explaining all about it to a couple of men and got real indignant because another man said it was a star. This is only one of many similar cases.

-From the Commercial of Bangor, Me., April 2, 1897

Venus, the beautiful evening star which has shone so brightly in the western sky for several evenings, has attracted much attention from residents of Rockport and vicinity. Some took it to be a searchlight suspended from a balloon sent up from St. Louis.

-From the Journal of Rockport, In., April 2, 1897

The Herald of Chippewa Falls, Wi., of April 2, 1897, carried the articles titled "THERE IS NOT STRING TO IT" as it appeared in the Iron Mountain (MI) Daily Tribune of March 30, 1897, with the following change in the first paragraph only: "Some wag started the story in Marinette, says the Marinette Eagle, that the bright evening star....". This same variation appeared in the Herald of Rhinelander, Wi., of April 3, 1897.

#### A New Light

There has been considerable star gazing of late. Some man with no fear of the hereafter in his heart circulated a report that the United States government was conducting experiments with electric lights in St. Paul. A remarkably brilliant light was nightly sent up in a balloon to a height of three and one-half miles. The light was pointed out from the streets of Ishpeming. It was a very brilliant light. Many people saw at a glance that it was not a star. And, as advertised, at 9 o'clock it sank from sight.

The small boy told it at school, and the small boy is many and he is an absorbent of extravagant ideas. The story of the light spread very rapidly. Some of the older boys bet cigars on the correctness of the rumor that the light was electric. Some of the girls found excuse in this light to stray upon the high hills overlooking the city and where there were boys already looking, so that they might see the light disappear.

Venus is doing some great shining these evenings.

-From the Iron Ore of Ishpeming, Mi., April 3, 1897

#### A Foolish Hoax.

An Iron Mountain was fooled half the people of that town by a tale that every evening, at St. Paul, an electric light was hoisted to a height of two miles and they gazed at the evening star, Venus, now very brilliant, and agreed that it could not be a star and swallowed the hoax.

-From the Weekly Iron Post of Escanaba, Mi., April 3, 1897

#### SEE THAT BALLOON?

Everybody is Staring at Venus and Venus is Fooling Everybody  
Excepting the Mule Press.

Have you seen the electric balloon in the western sky? Nine out of ten men and women who parade the streets nowadays are excited over it. Some say that it is a comet, some a star, some a balloon lit by arc light, some a sign that the end of the world is nigh. Astronomers and the mule press say that it's Venus. You can't catch the mule press nowadays with electric search-lights or Maine jackasses southbound.

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This electric light has been seen in the western sky for several weeks. It hung low over the horizon every night just after tea. Some said that it moved up and down and that its brilliancy changed from night to night. Everybody wondered, and, with the panicky habit of human nature, everybody concluded that the thing couldn't be short of wonderful and that anybody who said it was nothing but a common star of the heavens was off his base, mentally.

Bangor got interested, along with Kansas City, Omaha, San Francisco, Waterville, Stroudwater and Portland. The New York Sun, of Thursday, contained an item about the light as it appeared in Kansas, and said that there it was thought to be on an airship. This beat Bangor, which had never gone farther than a firm belief that the light was in a balloon on the top of Mr. Washington. It was stated positively that the light was in a balloon invented by Edison, and that it was in the hands of the United States government for experiment and signalling purposes. Inside of three days everybody knew this.

One Bangor man was sure that he saw, by the light of the balloon, a faint outline of the frame which sustained the machinery. Over in Waterville, the Mail, the only member of the mule press who was fooled, saw the light duck suddenly under the horizon, as if it had been pulled down with a rope. This caused a sensation in Waterville college and the Kennebec valley.

The New York Press had a letter from a state writer who had seen the light from up near Syracuse and who located a government experiment station near there. The Press gave him the marble heart and everybody in Maine sneered at the editor's brashness.

For some days the interest in the light has been growing more intense. Men would stop on the street corners to eye the sky eagerly, and children caught cold in the twilight in attempts to view it well.

The queer part of the whole thing, in Bangor, was that nobody thought to ask Prof. Chas. A. Young, the great astronomer, about the light. If they had, they would have received more light than the balloon was distributing.

As a matter of fact, according to the best evidence which can be obtained, the great light in the westerly sky is nothing more nor less than

"Venus, my beautiful Venus  
My guiding star,"

as they sing in "The Wizard of the Nile." Venus has been a charmer and a siren for years. That's why her married life was so unhappy. Years and years ago, she played tag with virtue and left her lame husband, Vulcan, the blacksmith, to live and love with Mars the Red. She was caught in the act but they shameface, didn't care a bit. She had a lovely girdle, 'tis said, and when she put it about her fragrant figger everybody in sight wanted her to waltz with him. Very likely she has just taken another turn with that girdle. It is the championship belt of the heavens. The rogue has caught the earth with it.

Venus is worthy of her name, at present. She is the most lovely object in the sky o' nights, and she is fully worth the attention which is being wasted on the Edison "balloon."

#### THE MULE PRESS SCOFFS

The associated mule press of Maine scoffs at the spectacle of respectable newspapers and their relations with the queen of the night. In the course of a somewhat bitter attack, the chief member of the amalgamation, the Argus, says:

"The story originated in a New York paper which said the light was over Niagara Falls, being used to advertise the power plant there.

"A Maine paper captured the story, making the seat of the light Mt. Washington and saying that it was suspended from a balloon and was connected with the 'signal service.'

"The Advertiser copied the item, whether in good faith or not, and the Daily Press, which believes everything it reads in the Advertiser, even to the extent of calling the speaker of the house of representatives, Thomas H. Reed, the other day just because the Advertiser happened to make the typographical error, reprinted the fake the next morning.

"The Argus knows a thing or two of astronomy, and also three or four things about the northern part of New Hampshire, and so did not print the item. Where we made our mistake was in not coming out the same day the Press printed it, and saying it was "guff" pure and simple. But we didn't, and now there's no end of a row.

"The Argus having nearly come to blows with some nice young ladies on the question, resolved to secure some expert testimony on the point. Accordingly, Mr. Barker, of Gorham, N. H., and Col. John T. Aaey, postmaster at Lancaster, were communicated with, being asked if they had seen the light and also whether there was any one on the mountain.

"Mr. Barker replied, 'Seen it? Yes, its the same old Venus that has been there ever since I was a kid. Anybody on Mt. Washington? Nit. They shut the mountain up last fall and haven't opened it yet.'

"Col. Aaey says that there has not been anyone on Mt. Washington since last November, and that there is no light there. Furthermore, he adds that the search light once there was taken to New York City two years ago.

"Some of the gullible journalists around this town ought to subscribe for stock to establish a pipe line to Mars, to run the water in her canals into the St. Lawrence River, where it will be needed."

-From the Commercial of Bangor, Me., April 3, 1897

#### ONLY QUEEN VENUS

The apparition of the airship which has in the last few weeks created a sensation in the west, is nothing but the planet Venus, seen in a fabric of clouds.

It is not the first time that mortals have been fooled by Venus. She is so brilliant that people have been known to refuse to believe she is a planet at all, but insist that it is some great electric light or balloon. A few years ago, when Venus was at her brightest, the managing editor of a New York daily sent a reporter to Orange to interview Edison on the electric experiments he was carrying on nightly at such a height as to be plainly visible in New York. It was the planet Venus.

Venus has been the queen of the spring skies. No star or planet has rivalled her, shining in the southwest during the early evening. Always bright and beautiful, during the last month she attained her greatest brilliancy, indeed, about March 21, when she attained her climax of splendor she could be seen at midday shining down when the sky was unclouded.

From now on Venus decreases in brilliancy and rapidly approaches the sun to be lost in its rays in April, closing her career as evening star on the 29th of this month. In the latter part of May she reappears in the morning sky, when if people arise early enough they may see their phantom airship once more.

-From the Arizona Republican of Phoenix, Az., April 3, 1897

#### VENUS MALIGNED.

Some quid nunc in one of the northern towns of this state pointed to the blazing evening star, Venus, recently, and remarked that it was an electric light sent up in a balloon at St. Paul for the purpose of some government observation. The story took and spread like the Indian scare of 1862 with that marvelous rapidity to which the truth can never attain. No one of the victims stopped for an hour to see that it moved towards the west like other stars and finally set like them. No one observed whether St. Paul lay in the direction of the light pointed at, nor did the question what observations it might subserve. They one and all swallowed the story whole. No blizzard, another form of error, ever swept over the country with greater rapidity or more thoroughly. None were so ignorant or so unread as to escape hearing and believing it. No truth ever published could reach so many people of all classes in ten or a hundred times the period this took to spread. No doubts were admitted, even by those having them, lest they should show their ignorance. It never seems to have entered their noddles that every man is entitled to his honest doubts as well as his honest beliefs. Doubt is the forerunner of truth in all investigations. Without doubt, there would be no investigation. Not one in a hundred of those sold by this fake but could have disproved it by his own knowledge applied to observation, had honest doubt been allowed to exercise its proper function in his intellectuality. (Political notion spread in the same way, and if this fake makes people think, it) will have done immeasurable good after all, besides furnishing a laugh.

-From the Journal of Milwaukee, Wi., April 6, 1897



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Some curious discussions and observations are reported in some of our neighboring towns concerning the planet Venus that now shines so brightly in the western sky at evening. In one village several of the male population assemble in one of the stores nightly and discuss Venus in her new electric role which, in the minds of many, she seems to be just now playing, and with complete success. Some of these observers say they have taken marks and find by actual measurement that Venus moves up and down in the heavens all within a few minutes, and more than all that, they actually see it move with their own eyes; and it is therefore no star at all, simply an electric light located on Mt. Washington.

-From the Express of Portland, Me., April 6, 1897

#### IT IS NO FAKE.

Rumors have been going the rounds of the press and sewing circles that a very bright star recently seen in the southwest was something astronomers had not previously located and that it was--must be, in fact--an electric star, kept up by some mysterious agency, by the Union Soap Works of Michigan City as an advertisement of their celebrated Star Soap. Of course, many people rejected this theory just as the electric inventions of such men as Morse, Edison and Telsa have been rejected by people who didn't know a little bit about electricity. Now the cat is out of the bag. Last Saturday Mr. Joseph Clouche, representing that Michigan City company, was in town and, in strict confidence, imparted the information that his company had hung up that star. He seemed unwilling to tell just how it was supported at such an altitude but we all now know that many things are possible to electrical engineers.

Mr. Clouche intimated that some fine day people using that particular brand of soap would become so purified that their vision would be enlarged to a degree that would enable them to discover many things now undreamed of by them.

-From the Era of Berrien Springs, Mi., April 7, 1897

The Rockland Opinion thus disposes of the Mt. Washington electric signal yarn: "We need scarcely say that the lights are those of the planets that have shone in the heavens for a great many years--even since we can remember, in fact. But there are a considerable number of people in this city who cannot be made to believe it. They insist that the lights are clearly different; that one can see that they are quite near to the earth; and some claim to have seen them move and change their positions in the sky several degrees. Indeed, one runs some risk of personal violence in expressing doubt on the subject, so certain are those who hold to the Mt. Washington and Green Mountain theory. Every clear night, small groups may be seen on the streets and at windows watching the celestial illumination and discussing the matter. And when such a group is found, there is generally in it one or more devout believers in the electric light theory.

-From the Sentinel of Eastport, Me., April 7, 1897

#### A Light In the East.

The Augusta Chronicle says just now the people of New England are very much exercised over a brilliant light that is seen in the sky at night. Some of the more excitable and sensational observers of the mysterious light declare they have seen the light pulled down or suddenly lowered, and the belief is widespread that Mr. Edison is testing a new and remarkably brilliant light which he has discovered or invented. Some locate the displays or tests at Brooklyn, and the New England papers are receiving letters of inquiry from correspondents asking the meaning of the brilliant visitor in the sky. The New Bedford, Massachusetts, Standard says the "inquiries which have been made at this office and at various other newspaper offices in New England, reveal a curious ignorance and a carelessness of observation which is quite incomprehensible. That this delusion that the planet Venus was a light hung up in the sky by Thomas A. Edison has spread all over New England is hard to understand. Any person with a pair of good eyes and a reasonably developed faculty of using them two evenings in succession, ought to be able to see that the light in the west is not one that is put up and pulled down by man. The genesis of the mistake is a mystery. So far as we have observed, no newspaper has ever indorsed it, or given any countenance to it. On the contrary, the true nature of the appearance has been pointed out repeatedly. It is not even known that Mr. Edison is making an

exhibition of any particularly brilliant light. But all over New England brethren is pretty severe, but we think they are just. The Chronicle says "if this was among the negroes in some backwoods portion of the south it would be bad enough; but just think of the people of New England, the cultured east, in the state of Massachusetts where Boston is, taking the planet Venus for an electric light swung in the sky by Mr. Edison. This is very complementary to Edison, and it may not be any reflection upon Venus, but Massachusetts and the east! Just think of it! It is too bad! too bad!

-From the Times and Democrat of Orangeburg, SC, April 7, 1897

#### That Light.

Many New Londonites for several evenings were gazing at the brilliant evening star Venus, and remarking that it was an electric light attached to a balloon at St. Paul, for some government experiments. The fake took wings and spread like spilt molasses. No one of the victims stopping to think that it moved toward the west like other stars, and finally set like them. Nearly every observer swallowed the story whole.

-From the Press of New London, Wi., April 8, 1897

#### That Bright Star.

Menasha Press: The public is calling for an explanation of a bright light which appears in the western heavens each night fall. The illumination is most beautiful at times, but what or where it is has been a mystery.

Local astrologers maintain that Venus is playing a star role, with the population of the world as an audience. She is the evening star and due to appear at this time, but so brilliant has she been as she chases around after the sun, that puzzled residents look with awe as she takes her position in the firmament. Some say the star is a harbinger of evil, others declare the star of Bethelhem has returned.

There are some who believe the report which originate at De Pere, to the effect that the light was from an arc light which was sent up in the air two miles in a balloon at St. Paul, by the government. This, according to the latest advices, is not true. The bright light is Venus and it is at its brightest at present.

-From the Brown County Democrat of De Pere, Wi., April 8, 1897

#### THE WONDROUS LIGHT.

Here we find a Bangor newspaper gravely telling its readers about "the electric balloon which is said to be hanging nightly over Mt. Washington." It says that the only way in which the light can be explained is "that the government is signalling from Washington to Bar Harbor, Maine, with these electric lights"-and it declines to consider the denial of officials. As to the notion that the light is simply that of the planet Venus, it refuses to be taken in by any such nonsense. The appearance is, notwithstanding the explanation given above, somewhat of a mystery, for "it has been observed from Maine to New York, and nobody has yet been able to tell anything definite about it." That, by the way, is a mistake. We have heard a variety of "definite" explanations. One is, that it is displayed by Edison at his New Jersey home; another that it is on the top of a New York newspaper office; and another, that it is a beacon light on the coast of Florida. Any of these explanations is good enough, for people who are unwilling to accept the truth it is a greater wonder than either of them-the planet Venus.

-From the Standard of New Bedford, Ma., April 9, 1897

#### THAT NEW STAR.

It was a fake, starting in New York, and going the rounds of the New England press. The Portland Argus, which has done much to continue the continuances of the fake, resolved to secure expert opinion, which would settle the question, and appealed to a good authority in Gorham, NH, receiving this answer:

"Seen it? Yes. it's the same old Venus that has been there ever since I was a kid. Anybody on Mt. Washington? Nit. They shut the mountain up last fall, and haven't opened it yet."

-From the Register of Hollowell, Me., April 10, 1897

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The people in the east are hard to convince. In spite of the assurances in the newspapers that the light that was seen at this season so brilliant in the heavens is the planet Venus, a Bangor, Me., paper comes out with the positive assurance that it is an electric balloon sent up every night at Washington.

-From the Chronicle of Augusta, Ga., April 12, 1897

#### AN AIRSHIP "HEADLIGHT"

The people of several western cities have become a good deal excited on account of the reported appearance of an airship in the skies above them. The craft appears, we understand, in the evening, and most observers claim to have seen only its brilliant headlight shining through the air. Possibly they are not mistaken; but the tale looks suspiciously like a western version of the electric balloon over Mount Washington which they see in Maine, or the Edison signal alleged to be visible in Worcester, or the illumination of a New York newspaper office which dazzles New Bedford skygazers. But Venus is west of Kansas City and Omaha, and shines as brightly there as she does here.

-From the Standard of New Bedford, Ma., April 13, 1897

#### THAT BRIGHT STAR

Astronomer Bradford Explains the Light  
Which Has Puzzled so Many People.  
(Written for the Free Press.)

Scarcely does the sun disappear from the Western sky when a starlike-object looks out from the high-lights of the sunset picture and to the eye of the observer grows each moment more brilliant as the sun gradually withdraws itself from the scene. In the average person, this beautiful sight is sure to awaken pleasure, and few there are indeed who do not look upon the picture with intelligent appreciation.

Yet, there are still some who persist in their belief that instead of the evening star Venus, this brilliant object is nothing else than "an electric light sent up from Syracuse," or, as two men upon the streets of Boston explained it "a search light sent up from Troy, N. Y., by Tom Edison."

The mistake is an old one, and yet each return of the brilliant planet to the vicinity of the earth is sure to bring with it reports similar to those given above. From the inquiries received in respect to this object we cannot help believing that the error is common, and yet it is a natural one. There is all the brilliancy in this glowing star that is found in the arc-light, yet a careful observer will notice that there is a soft glow to the rays which is not found in the clean frosty light of the electric lamp. A strong imagination sees the evening star sway to and fro (?) as a balloon might do in the breeze; and, as a positive proof of this erroneous idea the observer can actually show that the balloon with its searchlight is being slowly hauled down.

-From the Free Press & Times of Burlington, Vt., April 13, 1897

#### It was a Good Joke

The fellow that started that story several months ago about Edison sending up an electric star in a balloon at Petersburg every night has the satisfaction of knowing that his joke spread all over the country and fooled lots of people. He has had numbers of people watching brilliant Venus every night, thinking it was "Edison's great electric star." Some persons in this vicinity even declare they could "see the star being pulled in" at night.-Register

(yes, and some of our people believe it too, but they do not now.-Editor.)

-From the Banner of Liberty of Libertyville, Md., April 15, 1897

One Belfast man, who took stock in the balloon on Mt. Washington business, says he tried most every man on Main street and offered to bet a dollar that it would go out at nine o'clock P.M. standard time, each evening, and could not find a man who would accept his bet. Now there is not a person in Belfast, who will not say "Well, I never took any stock in it any way. I knew it was Venus."

-From the Age of Belfast, Me., April 15, 1897

#### THAT EXPERIMENTAL STAR.

A local astronomer was heard to remark the other day in a joking way that he had not been able to work lately, so busy was he kept answering questions about the new Edison experimental star in the western sky. This object, about which quite a little interest has been excited, has according to accounts a wide and varied distribution, and is a singular example of the lack of observation of persons unaccustomed to such work. It is two or three months since the story was spread that Edison was experimenting with electric lights, and that it was his desire to learn how far he could signal from a balloon with an electric light. Sober people of Massachusetts have watched the decline in the western sky of this marvellous and brilliant light, and known it for the planet Venus, glowing with unmounted brilliancy, its thin crescent being discerned easily by any possessor of a small telescope. But there are other places besides Boston and Milton from which the planet Venus is visible in pleasant weather, places in fact for which an experiment in New Jersey failed to furnish the proper direction or point of the compass. Of course these people in other sections had to be accommodated and the base of operations must needs be shifted so that first the town of Maynard, Mass., was suggested as the point from which the experiments were conducted.

Finally, the people of Maine found time to divert their attention from matters of politics and temperance, and with the vague rumors of the experiment and the evidence of their own eyes that the object was there, where New Jersey could never hope to be, it was necessary to evolve some other story. In its new guise, it was a series of experiments made from a balloon floating a mile or two above Mount Washington, operated from its summit, and carrying signal lights which were to be read at Mount Desert. No one thought of the improbability of a winter party on our loftiest New England summit equipped with lights and balloons, and the item was soberly distributed as fact. Of course the West was not to be second in such a contest of ideas, so that the brilliant light, no longer in New Jersey or on Mount Washington, was given a new and ingenious form in the signal light of an air-ship, the predecessor of that one which is now agitating Chicago and Illinois.

Of course, everyone realizes that if Edison wished to know how far he could send a signal from a balloon, he would not even think of going to the bother and expense of getting a balloon. Any engineer would compute for him the height to which an ascent must be made so that it would not be hidden from some distant point by the curvature of the earth, and any physicist could inform him how far a light of given brightness would penetrate the atmosphere under normal conditions. The problem could be solved in two minutes, with the aid of a bit of paper and the ever-ready pencil.

Meanwhile, Venus shines on undisturbed, a brilliant object in the western sky. She is more than usually bright and well repays examination and attention. A few evenings ago she was in company with the thread of the newish moon, and as one looked at them, masked and blurred as they were by the evening's haze, one might have been pardoned in thinking them strange and weird features of the sky, and in seeking some more than natural reason for their appearance.

-From the Transcript of Boston, Ma., April 15, 1897

#### VENUS, THE ST. PAUL LIGHT.

Many of the people of this vicinity have noticed a very bright light in the north-west the past week, and the story has become circulated, somehow, that the light was one of St. Paul's electric lights. Any one with even an ordinary acquaintance of astronomy would know that a light at St. Paul could not be our beautiful Venus that rises and sets in such splendor. About two years ago a story of the same nature was circulated. People were told that Venus was an electric light at Chicago, and no end of argument could convince some otherwise. The Chicago people at that time had a string on Venus, and were lowering and raising it to suit themselves. Now St. Paul has taken the place of Chicago and has a claim on that planet. The joke probably originated from some traveling agent. That fraternity is very fertile in springing practical jokes, but that some people should not even have enough knowledge on astronomical questions to be misled by such a canard is astounding.

-From the Advocate of Manawa, Wi., April 15, 1897

#### THAT AIR SHIP.

The bright light which has been observed by Neenah citizens in the western sky and which has given credence to the report of an air ship hovering in this city, again made its appearance last evening. Standing on Wisconsin avenue the light can be seen in the west over the freight depot. It remains in a stationary position for about half an hour and is first seen as a blue light. Then it begins to lower and changes its color from blue to a fiery red. The light is said to be arranged by a Minneapolis firm as an advertising scheme. A powerful electric light is attached to a balloon and sent up in the air. To the balloon is attached several miles of fine wire. When the light has remained in the heavens long enough to attract attention, it is then slowly pulled down.

-From the Times of Neenah, Wi., April 15, 1897

KNOWS MORE THAN HE DID.  
Thought a Star Was a Signal Light  
Sent Up From New York.

A local aspirant for knowledge who is a clerk in a store not many rods away from Harrington corner, has been anxious to know the cause of a bright light which he imagined he has seen in the southwestern heavens. After chaffing under the influence of a restless spirit, he ventured to write the enquirey department of a New York paper as follows:

Will you please tell me through your paper, if there is a light of any kind sent up from New York or Brooklyn every night? If so, what kind of a light is it? What is it sent up for and what is it fastened to on the earth?

The seeker for knowledge was crushed by the following reply, and now his brother clerks smile at him as they pass by:

"Nonsense! Don't you know the difference between a star and a light? How high would the light have to go to be seen 200 miles away at an altitude of 30 degrees?"

-From the Daily Spy of Worcester, Ma., April 15, 1897

A MYSTERIOUS STAR.  
Discovered at Berrien Springs, Mich-  
igan-It Hangs Over This City.

While other parts of the country are all torn up over the appearance of the great air ship that is floating about over the earth at night, the usually quiet people of Berrien Springs, Michigan, are agitated over the sight of an immense electric star they see in the heavens, suspended directly over the Union Soap Company's works, in this city. The bright star was first noted in the skies, by the residents of Berrien Springs, about ten days ago, and much interest was manifested over it. Some claimed it was an associate of the evening star. Others thought it was a new discovery in the world of astronomy, while many believed it to be an electric star suspended some 500 or 1000 feet in the air, directly over Michigan City. This last theory continued to grow in the minds of the people at Berrien Springs until it was watched every night, was talked of in the schools, in the stores and upon the streets, the great mystery being as to how the Union Soap Works kept that star suspended so high in the heavens. Everybody down there uses the famous Union Star soap, and recently when Joseph Clouchek was making one of his periodical visits there, he was questioned about the electric star suspended 1000 feet in the air, over the soap works here, and an explanation as to how it was kept up so high was demanded. Jo. dropped onto the joke and carrying it out upon the theory that the Berrien Springs people had the right idea of mysterious star they had discovered, gave them a good story. For many nights the whole populace was out to watch that new star, and it was the talk of the town. The Berrien Springs Era this week contained the following regarding the big star the people there have discovered:

(This has been reproduced elsewhere.)

-From the Evening News of Michigan City, In., April 15, 1897

Have you seen Edison's "electric star," the one which he has been sending up 15 miles into the sky every evening and then pulling down again? Well, it was the planet Venus. Mr. Edison says so. He further says that he has not been sending up a star or an electric light of any kind. Next!

-From the Democrat and Chronicle of Rochester, Ny., April 16, 1897

A few years ago the people of Marion, and various other places in this part of the country, were beholding with wonder a "balloon" or some other aerial traveler a short distance above the western horizon. It was a device sent up by the Chicago Herald--so many said. They forgot that to be seen above the horizon at Marion it would be miles above Chicago, and that no wire would bear its own weight for that distance. They forgot, also, that it was not the first wild chase that Venus had given the star gazers of life. Dispatches were sent in from various places showing that her flurries in the heavens had wrought the customary perturbations in the minds of her beholders. So yesterday evening Marion was given an exhibition in the western heavens in which more than one excited imagination saw the air ship to which the metropolitan papers have been giving considerable attention recently. Prof. Graves, of the high school, was called up and an attempt made to determine the identity of the phenomenon. A crowd from the Zigzag, accompanied by others, hastened to the high school building, some to confirm their guesses that it was an air ship, others to win the cigars on which they had staked their faith in the persistent purpose of Venus still to bewilder the mind of man. It was too late to get action on the phenomenon, but the telescope this evening will probably disclose the fact that the air ship is the Chicago Herald balloon, and that both are nothing more or less than the planet Venus still taking liberties with the vivid imaginations of earth born stargazers.

-From the Chronicle of Marion, In., April 16, 1897

If there are any people on Venus and they are able to learn what is going on down here they are probably wondering what a jolly lot of easy things there are on earth when we so cheerfully accept the theory that the bright hued planet is one of Edison's lamps hung in the sky.

-From the News of Newberry, Ma., April 17, 1897

# APPENDIX C

The following is a listing of the reports covered in the chapter titled "THE IDENTIFIEDS." This is designed for those who would like to see all the data used in the course of this book.

The first listing is of the witness descriptions of the known balloon hoaxes.

DAY	LOCATION	HOOR	WIT. DESC.
11-20-97	PETALUMA, CA.		AIRSHIP (1)
11-21-96	SANTA ROSA, CA.	EVE	(2)
11-22-96	GROVILLE, CA.	EVE.	MOVING LIGHT (3)
11-23-96	BERKELEY, CA.	NITE	AIRSHIP (4)
11-24-96	SAN FRANCISCO, CA.	2330	AIRSHIP (5)
11-25-96	PETALUMA, CA.	EVE.	AIRSHIPS (6)
11-25-96	SAN FRANCISCO, CA.	2130	AIRSHIP (7)
11-26-96	STOCKTON, CA.	NITE	AIRSHIP (8)
11-30-96	STANFORD, CA.	2230	AIRSHIP (9)
11-30-96	LOS ANGELES, CA.	1900	BRILLIANT LIGHT TO SW, BOBBED UP AND DOWN, GOING NW SLOWLY, SEEN 1 HR. (10)
11-96	FERNDAL, CA.	EVE.	AIRSHIP (11)
11-96	PESCADERO, CA.	NITE	AIRSHIP (12)
11-96	BLUE LAKE, CA.	NITE	AIRSHIP (13)
12-5-96	CARSON CITY, NV.	NITE	AIRSHIP (14)
12-7-96	GRANITEVILLE, CA.	NITE	AIRSHIP (15)
12-8-97	CARSON CITY, NV.	1900	BRIGHT LIGHT TO W, CAUGHT FIRE AND EXPLODED (16)
12-10-96	RIVERSIDE, CA.	1200	AIRSHIP, RAPID, SOME SAW SMOKE COMING FROM FUNNEL ON IT, SOME SAW WINGS, AND PROPELLER, (17)
3-27-97	PORTAGE, WI.	1500	AIRSHIP, SIZE OF BUSHEL BASKET, WOULD WOBBLE AND RELEASE CLOUD OF SMOKE, 3 MI HIGH (18)
4-1-97	KANSAS CITY, MO.	NIGHT	AIRSHIP AS OFTEN REPORTED IN CONTEMPORARY PRESS WITH THE USUAL DISPATCH FR KC (19)
4-1-97	STOCKTON, KS.		AIRSHIP--THE ATCHISON GLOBE OF 4-5-97 SAID THAT SOME PEOPLE SAW WORKING AT (20)
4-5-97	OMAHA, NB.	NITE	THIS IS THE USUAL REPORT AS SEEN BY THE MEMBERS OF THE AK SAR BEN (21)
4-5-97	SYCAMORE, KS.	1730	STRANGE OBJECT 18 DEGREES ABOVE THE SE HORIZON, DISAPPEARED IN A CLOUD OF SMOKE AND STEAM (22)
4-6-97	RAVENNA, NB.	NITE	AIRSHIP (23)
4-6-97	MINNEAPOLIS, MN.	NITE	STRANGE LIGHTS AND BODY OF A MONSTER AIRSHIP MOVING AT A BIDDY SPEED (24)
4-9-97	CLEVELAND, O.	2200	(25)
4-9-97	MONTEZUMA, IA.	NITE	BRILLIANT LIGHT SLOWLY GOING W, GRADUALLY SINKING OUT OF SIGHT (26)
4-10-97	HOLSTEIN, IA.	NITE	AIRSHIP, SOME AS HUGE BIRD, 4 WINGS, BODY LIKE NEW WASHING MACHINE, BRIGHT LIGHT (27)
4-10-97	TEKAMAH, NB.	2100	AIRSHIP GOING NW (28)
4-10-97	MT. AYR, IA.	2100	AIRSHIP (29)
4-10-97	GUTHRIE CENTER, IA.	2200	AIRSHIP PASSED DIRECTLY OVER CITY, 1 MILES OR SO HIGH, SOON A SECOND ONE FOLLOWED (30)
4-10-97	ALBONIA, IA.	NITE	AIRSHIP (31)
4-10-97	LANCASTER, WI.	2035	AS DESCRIBED IN "THE IDENTIFIEDS" (32)
4-10-97	BURLINGTON, IA.	2020	AIRSHIP (33)
4-10-97	OTTAWA, IL.	2200-2300	AIRSHIP (34)
4-10-97	NEW PAYNLSVILLE, MN.	EVE.	MANY SAW RED LIGHT, SEVERAL TRIED TO SHOOT IT, SEEMED TO BE GETTING NEARER THE GROUND (35)
4-10-97	ST. CHARLES, IL.	2045	(36)
4-10-97	MERIDEN, KS.	2100	AIRSHIP (37)

DAY	LOCATION	HOOR	WIT. DESC.
4-10-97	MAXWELL, IA.	EAM	AIRSHIP GOING NW (38)
4-10-97	CEDAR RAPIDS, IA.	EVE.	AIRSHIP (39)
4-10-97	GREEN BAY, WI.	2200	AS DESCRIBED IN "THE IDENTIFIEDS" (40)
4-11-97	EDGARTON, MN.	EVE.	AIRSHIP (41)
4-11-97	GALENA, IL.	2000	AIRSHIP GOING SW (42)
4-11-97	CROWN POINT, IN.	EVE	AIRSHIP WITH MEN IN IT WITH WINGS ON (43)
4-11-97	RIPON, WI.	2030-2100	AIRSHIP, SOME SAW OUTLINES AND SOME HEARD FLAPPING OF WINGS (44)
4-11-97	DES MOINES, IA.	2030	WEATHER STORMY, LIGHT MIST, 3 LIGHTS SEEN ABOUT 2 FT. APART (45)
4-11-97	PLYMOUTH, IN.	2030	LIGHT LIKE STAR, YELLOW, RED, GREEN COLORS, SWUNG SIDE TO SIDE (46)
4-11-97	MINNEAPOLIS, MN.	NITE	BRIGHT LIGHT OR AIRSHIP, ONE MAN SAW PEOPLE MOVING AROUND IN IT, SEEN BY HUNDREDS (47)
4-12-97	ST. LOUIS, MO.	NITE	AIRSHIP WITH VARI-COLORED LIGHTS (48)
4-12-97	ALBIA, IA.	EVE.	AIRSHIP (49)
4-12-97	MANISTIQUE, MI.	EVE.	AIRSHIP, THE DETROIT NEWS OF 4-17-97 SAID THERE WAS A MESSAGE FROM THE "JUPITER" (50)
4-12-97	MANITOWOC, WI.	NITE	AIRSHIP, SEEMED TO COME FROM LAKE AND GOING TOWARD ASHLAND (51)
4-13-97	MINNEAPOLIS, MN.	NITE	AIRSHIP (52)
4-13-97	AKRON, IA.	NITE	AIRSHIP PASSED OVER (53)
4-13-97	MONTICELLO, IA.	EVE.	AIRSHIP (54)
4-13-97	SUMNER, IA.	NITE	AS DESCRIBED IN "THE IDENTIFIEDS" (55)
4-13-97	IOWA CITY, IA.	NITE	AIRSHIPS (56)
4-13-97	CEDAR RAPIDS, IA.	2000	AIRSHIP, RUBY COLORED, OPERA GLASSES REVEALED HULL, QUARTER DECK, BOW SPRITE SPANKER BOOM (57)
4-13-97	FOND DU LAC, WI.	1930	BRIGHT LIGHT TO W, MOVING N, ROSE HIGHER, WOULD ROCK AND PEEL, THEN A FLASH GONE (58)
4-13-97	PORTAGE, WI.	2000	AS DESCRIBED IN "THE IDENTIFIEDS" (59)
4-13-97	SUPERIOR, WI.	EVE.	AIRSHIP, 1 MILE UP, LEFT TOWARD DULUTH, SEEN BY HUNDREDS, 3 LIGHTS OF RED, BLUE, AND GREEN (60)
4-13-97	ROCK CITY, IL.	2230	AIRSHIP (61)
4-13-97	DIXON, IL.	NITE	AIRSHIP (62)
4-13-97	ROCK ISLAND, IL.	NITE	AS DESCRIBED IN "THE IDENTIFIEDS" (63)
4-13-97	MOLINE, IL.	NITE	AIRSHIP WITH LIGHTS (64)
4-13-97	CLARENDON, IA.	NITE	AIRSHIP (65)
4-14-97	ROCK RAPIDS, IA.	2030	AS DESCRIBED IN "THE IDENTIFIEDS" (66)
4-14-97	RACINE, WI.	2000	AT 2000 MANY SAW LIGHT MOVING TO NW, AT 2200 IT WAS SEEN AGAIN, OUTLINES VOICES (67)
4-14-97	GRAND RAPIDS, MI.	NITE	PATROLMAN BOYD SAW AIRSHIP (68)
4-14-97	KALAMAZOO, MI.	NITE	AIRSHIP (69)
4-14-97	NEW RICHMOND, WI.	2100	AIRSHIP (70)
4-14-97	DARIEN, WI.	EVE.	AIRSHIP WITH COLORED LIGHTS SOME SAW FORM OF SHIP (71)
4-14-97	JERSEYVILLE, IL.	NITE	AIRSHIP, SE GOING W, BIG ENOUGH FOR A MAN, CIGAR SHAPED, MOTOR SOUND, BURST FLAME (72)
4-14-97	DECATUR, IL.	2000	MANY SAW LIGHT TO E AT 45 DEGREES, BRIGHT RED LIGHT, GOING GENERALLY TO E, 10-15 MIN. (73)
4-14-97	WASHINGTON C. H., O.	NITE	AIRSHIP (74)
4-14-97	PEORIA, IL.	2045	MANY AND VARIED DESCRIPTIONS OF AIRSHIP (75)
4-14-97	ABILENE, KS.	NITE	AIRSHIP (76)
4-14-97	MICHIGAN CITY, IN.	NITE	AIRSHIP (77)
4-14-97	DAVID CITY, NB.	2130	HUGE RED LIGHT TO S, GOING N RAPIDLY, SOME SAW RIGGINGS, SOME A MASTHEAD, SAW WINGS (78)
4-14-97	BOWEN, IL.	NITE	AIRSHIP (79)



DAY	LOCATION	HOOR	WIT. DESC.
4-15-97	LANSING, MI.	2000	AIRSHIP CROSSED CITY GOING NE BY E, 10 KNOTS PER HOUR (80)
4-15-97	LONG PRAIRIE, MN.	2100-2200	AIRSHIP TO NW, GOING RAPIDLY TO S, BRIGHT LIGHT (81)
4-15-97	PETERSBURG, IL.	2000	SAW 3 COLORED LIGHTS 6 FT. APART, SOME SAID GOING 100 MPH (82)
4-15-97	ABILINE, KS.	NITE	AIRSHIP (83)
4-15-97	LONDON, O.	1500	AIRSHIP TO E (84)
4-15-97	SALINA, KS.	2100	AIRSHIP (85)
4-16-97	SALINA, KS.	EVE.	AIRSHIP (86)
4-16-97	BLUE SPRINGS, NB.	EVE.	AIRSHIP (87)
4-16-97	ELKADER, IA.	2115	BRIGHT LIGHT, GOING N TO S, SWIFT, PASSED OVER CITY, SHADOWNY BULK ABOVE LIGHT AND TAIL (88)
4-16-97	ABILINE, KS.	NITE	AIRSHIP (89)
4-17-97	VANDALIA, IL.	NITE	AIRSHIP (90)
4-17-97	HUNTINGTON, IN.	2000	AS DESCRIBED IN "THE IDENTIFIEDS" (91)
4-17-97	PENDER, NB.	EVE.	AIRSHIP CAME FROM W, PASS OVER, WENT DOWN ON RESERVATION, THEN ROSE AND LEFT SE (92)
4-17-97	SUTHERLAND, IA.	EVE.	RED LIGHT TO W (93)
4-17-97	ARDMORE, OK.	NITE	AIRSHIP (94)
4-17-97	MUNCIE, IN.	2130	DIM OUTLINES, SWIFT MOVING OBJECT, GREEN + WHITE LIGHTS, RETURNED RETRACING COURSE (95)
4-17-97	LAWRENCE, KS.	2130	AIRSHIP, TO S, LEFT NE, SEEN SHORT TIME (96)
4-17-97	LEAD, SD.	2030	HUNDREDS SAW AIRSHIP (97)
4-18-97	RAPID CITY, SD.	2100	AIRSHIP SOME SAID CIGAR SHAPED, SOME SAW PEOPLE IN IT (98)
4-19-97	MARIETTA, O.	2100	MANY SAW AIRSHIP, EGG SHAPED WITH WINGS, SOME SAID NO WINGS BUT HAD TAIL AND CLAWS (99)
4-19-97	TERRELL, TX.	NITE	AIRSHIP (100)
4-19-97	ATCHISON, KS.	2200	AIRSHIPS (101)
4-21-97	BARIEN, WI.	EVE.	AIRSHIP, SOME SAW GREEN LIGHTS (102)
4-22-97	CRIPPLE CREEK, CO.	2000	10,000 SAW AIRSHIP, BRIGHT LIGHT GOING W TO E, 3000 FT. UP, 20-25 MPH. SEEN 30 MIN. (103)
4-23-97	ASPEN, CO.	2100	AIRSHIP (104)
4-23-97	WABASH, IN.	0030	BRIGHT RED LIGHT (105)
4-25-97	ALLENTON, WI.	EVE.	SEVERAL SAW AIRSHIP, COLORED LIGHTS (106)
4-25-97	CRIPPLE CREEK, CO.	2000	THOUSANDS SAW AIRSHIP, MOVED W TO E, 3000 FEET UP, 25 MPH, SEEN 30 MIN., BRIGHT LIGHT (107)
4-26-97	ATCHISON, KS.	NITE	STRANGE LIGHT (108)
4-26-97	WINTERSET, IA.	2200	AIRSHIP, GOING E TO W, VEERED TO NW, 2-300 FT. HIGH, RED LIGHT (109)
5-3-97	CLEVELAND, O.	NITE	AIRSHIP SEEN BY WICKHAM, GOING WITH THE WIND, RISING, FALLING, ALTERING SPEED, HIGH (110)
5-5-97	ENPORTA, KS.	1900	MANY SAW BLACK SPECK MOVING ABOUT, SOME SAW HEADLIGHT, LEFT N (111)
5-9-97	NORWALK, O.	2000	MYSTERIOUS BRIGHT LIGHT GOING N (112)
5-10-97	CLOUMBUS, O.	NITE	AS DESCRIBED IN "THE IDENTIFIEDS" (113)
5-11-97	FORT WORTH, TX.	2000	AIRSHIP (114)
5-24-97	GRAND ISLAND, NB.	NITE	AIRSHIP (115)
4-97	PADUCAH, KY.		AIRSHIP (116)
4-97	HUMBOLDT, IA.	EVE.	AIRSHIPS (117)
4-97	KEOKUK, IA.		AIRSHIP (118)
4-97	SIOUX FALLS, SD.	NITE	AIRSHIP (119)
4-97	NR. NAUVOO, IL.		AIRSHIP (120)
4-97	PHILBROOK, MN.		AIRSHIPS (121)
4-97	MAUSTON, WI.		LONG CIGAR SHAPED BODY WITH A CAR BENEATH WITH 2-10 PEOPLE IN IT (122)
4-97	DUMONT, IA.		AIRSHIP (123)

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4-97	ROCHESTER, NY.		AIRSHIP (124)
4-97	GOSHEN, IN.		AIRSHIP (125)
4-97	MANHATTAN, KS.		AIRSHIP (126)
4-97	HERMANN, MO.		AIRSHIP (127)
4-97	ELKANDER, IA.	NITE	AIRSHIP (128)
4-97	IDAVILLE, IN.		AIRSHIP (129)
4-97	PIERRE, SD.		AIRSHIP (130)
4-97	NELSON, NB.		AIRSHIP (131)
4-97	PENDER, NB.		AIRSHIP (132)
5-97	ARCHER, NB.		AIRSHIP (133)

The following shows how some of the balloons were constructed. The reports not listed here merely stated this was a hot air balloon, toy balloon, or fire balloon.

DAY	LOCATION	BALLOON DESC.
11-22-96	OROVILLE, CA.	BALLOON WITH RESIN AND TURPENTINE SOURCE OF FIRE, MAN SAID IT SHOULD HAVE SAILED FOR MILES
11-24-96	SAN FRANCISCO, CA.	BALLOON WITH LIGHT AT BASE, WENT 300 FT. UP, LEFT TOWARD ALAMEDA, APPARENTLY SEVERAL SE
11-30-96	REDWOOD CITY, CA.	TOY BALLOON, 3 FT. HIGH, ENCIRCLED WITH AD FOR SHOE STORE IN SAN FRANCISCO, RED LIGHT IN
11-30-96	LOS ANGELES, CA.	6 FT. PAPER HOT AIR BALLOON WITH ALUMINUM REFLECTOR SO FLAME FROM THE SPONGE WOULD REFLECTED DOWNWARD
11-96	PESCADERO, CA.	LARGE RUBBER BALLOON WITH AD FROM FIRM IN SAN FRANCISCO, MAN SHOT IT
12-8-97	CARSON CITY, NV.	BALLOON WITH RAG SATURATED WITH ALCOHOL AND LIT, WHOLE THING CAUGHT FIRE AND FELL SO
12-10-96	RIVERSIDE, CA.	HOT AIR BALLOON, TISSUE PAPER, 6 FT. DIA., 100 FT. UP
4-5-97	OMAHA, NB.	ENDANGEROUS BALLOON, WICKER BASKET FILLED WITH COMPOSITION WHICH WAS IGNITED AND SENT UP
4-5-97	BYCAMORE, KS.	LARGE HOT AIR BALLOON ASCENSION MADE BY AERONAUT AT CHERRYVALE, BALLOON LEAKY
4-9-97	MINNEAPOLIS, MN.	CIGAR SHAPED BALLOON SENT UP BY BOY
4-9-97	CLEVELAND, O.	BOYS STOLE HUGE BALLOON, HAD 6 FT. CAR, PUMPKIN WITH FACE AT EACH END OF CAR, ROSE WITH IN IT
4-10-97	GUTHRIE CENTER, IA.	LARGE PAPER BALLOONS, SEEMS TWO WERE SENT UP ONE AFTER THE OTHER
4-10-97	OTTAWA, IL.	3 NEWSPAPERMEN SENT UP A GREEN AND WHITE PAPER BALLOON, WIND CARRIED IT S,
4-10-97	ST. CHARLES, IL.	TOY FIRE BALLOON WITH A BIG PIECE OF OIL SOAKED WASTE ATTACHED TO THE BOTTOM, IT LANDED YARD A T 2130
4-10-97	GREEN BAY, WI.	HOT AIR BALLOON, MADE OF TISSUE PAPER, 12 FT. HIGH, 2 JAPANESE LANTERNS ATTACHED TO IT WIRE CRASHED
4-11-97	RIPON, WI.	IMMENSE PAPER BALLOON, WENT NW, NEARLY CAUSED PANIC IN DARTFORD AND GREEN LAKE AREAS
4-11-97	DES MOINES, IA.	3 PAPER BALLOONS IN TANDEM, 7 FT. HIGH, ROSE TO 200 YDS. AND CAUGHT IN STRONG WIND FR
4-12-97	MANITOWOC, WI.	BALLOON WITH AD FOR STORE, FOUND IN YARD
4-13-97	PORTAGE, WI.	HOT AIR BALLOON WITH A LARGE RED CHINESE LANTERN BELOW AND THE ALCOHOL FLAME ABOVE
4-13-97	SUPERIOR, WI.	LARGE BALLOON WITH RED, BLUE AND GREEN LIGHTS ATTACHED, 1000 FT. UP, SEEN FROM SUPERIOR DULUTH
4-13-97	MOLINE, IL.	TWO BALLOONS SENT UP, FIRST CRASHED INTO BUILDING AND BURNED, SECOND WENT HIGH ENOUGH T SEEN
4-14-97	KALAMAZOO, MI.	EDITORS OF THE EVENING NEWS SENT UP TOY BALLOON

DAY	LOCATION	BALLOON DESC.
4-14-97	NEW RICHMOND, WI.	TOY BALLOON, 6 BY 4 FT., CROSS BAR AT THE BOTTOM, AT THE ENDS OF WHICH WERE SUSPENDED CHINESE LANTERNS,
4-14-97	DECATUR, IL.	14 FT. PAPER BALLOON WITH A RED TISSUE LANTERN AND A GREEN TISSUE LANTERN, SAILED AWAY TO E
4-15-97	PETERSBURG, IL.	BALLOON WITH A CROSSBAR ATTACHED WITH COLORED LIGHTS, FAKE PHONE MESSAGE FROM SPRINGFIELD
4-15-97	LONDON, G.	BALLOON (THE LONDON ENTERPRISE OF 4-16-97 SAID THE BALLOON WAS 60 FT. TALL AND 120 FT AROUND, WENT NE)
4-16-97	ELKHADER, IA.	PAPER BALLOON HAVING RED WHITE, AND BLUE STRIPES
4-17-97	SUTHERLAND, IA.	SMALL BALLOON WITH LANTERN ATTACHED AND COVERED WITH RED TISSUE PAPER
4-17-97	MUNCIE, IN.	NEWSPAPER MEN SENT UP 4 HOT AIR BALLOONS FASTENED TOGETHER TO WHICH WERE ATTACHED COLORED LANTERNS,
4-17-97	LEAD, SD.	3 BOYS SENT UP 2 LARGE PAPER BALLOONS, FIRST CAUGHT FIRE, SECOND ROSE TO 1/4 MILE, HAD RED AND BLUE LIGHTS
4-19-97	ATCHISON, KS.	SEVERAL TOY BALLOONS SENT UP, WENT TO GREAT HEIGHT, DANCED ABOUT DUE TO CHANGING WINDS
4-22-97	CRIPPLE CREEK, CO.	HOT AIR BALLOON WITH MORE THAN ONE CANDLE LIT, WENT E. ROSE TO 1000 FT.
5-5-97	CLEVELAND, O.	LARGE TOY BALLOON, LANTERN WITH REFLECTOR AT BASE, ON SIDES WERE CONE SHAPED AFFAIRS, SMALL FLAG AT APEX
4-97	SIOUX FALLS, SD.	FIRE BALLOON WHICH SOON FELL AFTER DROPPING LIGHTS
4-97	NR. NAUVOO, IL.	LARGE HOT AIR BALLOON WITH A ROD ACROSS BOTTOM TO WHICH WAS ATTACHED 2 JAPANESE LANTERNS
4-97	MAUSTON, WI.	RED AND WHITE STRIPED BALLOON, 4 FT. HIGH, WITH A SMALL LIGHT BENEATH
4-97	HERMANN, MO.	ORLONG PAPER BALLOON WITH RED AND WHITE LIGHTS ATTACHED, CAUGHT FIRE AND WAS DESTROYED
4-97	IDAVILLE, IN.	TOY BALLOON SENT UP FROM BURNETTSVILLE
4-97	PIERRE, SD.	2 LARGE PAPER BALLOONS WITH CONNECTING POLES, RIGGING BETWEEN, LANDED

The following listing contains all of the known kite hoaxes. It is intended to show how the kite was constructed and how the witness described what he thought he was seeing.

DAY	LOCATION	HOUR	KITE DESC.	WIT. DESC.
11-25-96	OAKLAND, CA.	2230	KITE WITH RED LANTERNS	AIRSHIP (1)
11-27-96	OAKLAND, CA.	AN	77 IN. LONG BOX KITE, STRING BROKE	AIRSHIP (2)
12-8-96	MILWAUKEE, WI.	1600	AS IN "THE IDENTIFIEDS"	AS IN "THE IDENTIFIEDS" (3)
2-97	HASTINGS, NB.		KITE WITH LANTERN TO TAIL	AIRSHIP (4)
4-1-97	LARNED, KS.	NITE	KITE WITH CHEMICALS ON TAIL	LIGHT TO W, HOVERED 5 MIN., LEFT W (5)
4-1-97	EVEREST, KA.		KITE WITH LANTERN TIED TO TAIL	AIRSHIP (6)
4-2-97	MUSCATINE, IA.	NITE	LARGE KITE WITH RED LIGHT	AIRSHIP (7)
4-2-97	CISCO, IL.	NITE	KITE WITH LANTERN, 5-600 FT. UP	AIRSHIP (8)
4-6-97	DENVER, CO.	AN	WEATHER FORECASTERS KITE	AIRSHIP WITH MAN IN IT (9)
4-10-97	WATERLOO, IA.	2100-2130	AS IN "THE IDENTIFIEDS"	AS IN "THE IDENTIFIEDS" (10)
4-10-97	CLARKSVILLE, IA.	2100	KITE WITH LANTERN ATTACHED	STRANGELY LIGHTED VISITOR (11)

DAY	LOCATION	HOUR	KITE DESC.	WIT. DESC.
4-11-97	MILWAUKEE, WI.		KITE 12 X 9 FT. WITH COLORED LANTERN	BRIGHT LIGHT WITH PERCEPTI
	MOTION (12)			
4-11-97	MARSHALLTOWN, IA.	NITE	AS IN "THE IDENTIFIEDS"	AS IN "THE IDENTIFIEDS" (13)
4-11-97	OSSAWATOMIE, KA.	EVE.	KITE WITH LANTERN ATTACHED	AIRSHIP (14)
4-12-97	RED CLOUD, NB.	EVE.	KITE WITH LANTERN ATTACHED TO TAIL	AIRSHIP (15)
4-13-97	BUSHNELL, IL.	EVE.	KITE WITH LANTERN TIED TO THE TAIL	LIGHT, HOVERED FEW MIN., SW
	DOWN (16)			
4-13-97	DENVER, CO.	NITE	WEATHER FORCASTER KITE	AIRSHIP (17)
4-13-97	KIRKSVILLE, MO.	NITE	KITE WITH LANTERN TIED TO TAIL	AIRSHIP (18)
4-13-97	BRODHEAD, WI.	EVE.	KITE WITH RED LANTERN	CIGAR, GREEN LIGHTS, GOING W,
	HR. (19)			
4-13-97	TAYLORVILLE, IL.	EVE.	KITE, 2 LANTERNS ON TAIL	AIRSHIP (20)
4-13-97	JUNCTION CITY, KS.	EVE.	KITE WITH LANTERN TIED TO TAIL	AIRSHIP, HOVERED TO SE FOR 3
	(21)			
4-13-97	NONMOUTH, IL.	NITE	KITE WITH LANTERN ON TAIL	AIRSHIP, 7 MILES UP, MADE DIV
	SW (22)			
4-13-97	ROLFE, IA.	EVE.	LARGE KITE WITH LIGHT ON TAIL	AIRSHIP TO THE N (23)
4-14-97	SHEBOYGAN, WI.	NITE	KITE WITH COLORED LIGHTS	AIRSHIP HOVERING TO W (24)
4-15-97	VERMILLION, SD.	2300	LARGE KITE WITH LANTERN ON TAIL	RED LIGHT TO NE, SLOWLY CIR
	DOWNTOWN (25)			
4-15-97	IRON MOUNTAIN, MI.	AM	TAILLESS KITE WITH LANTERN	HUGE DARK OBJECT (26)
4-16-97	TUSCUMBIA, AL.	2000	KITE WITH LANTERN	BARREL SHAPED, GOING N TO S
4-17-97	MUNCIE, IN.	2130	KITE WITH RED LIGHT ON TAIL	RED LIGHT, REVERSED COURSE,
	(28)			
4-17-97	LAKE MILLS, IA.	NITE	HUGE KITE WITH RED AND BLUE LIGHTS	AIRSHIP (29)
4-19-97	SHICKLEY, NB.	NITE	KITE WITH LANTERN	AIRSHIP (30)
4-19-97	OKLAHOMA CITY, OK.	2100	KITE WITH LANTERNS, PULLED AROUND CITY	AIRSHIP (31)
4-19-97	OVID, IA.	2300	KITE WITH LANTERN TIED TO TAIL	AIRSHIP, 300 FT. UP, FLYING
	AMERICAN FLAG (32)			
4-19-97	TANGIER, IN.		KITE	AIRSHIP TO NW, SEEMED TO SETT
	FIELD (33)			
4-19-97	GRAY, IA.	2100	KITE WITH LANTERN	RED LIGHT IN E, SLOWLY GOING
	(34)			
4-19-97	GALESBURG, IL.	NITE	LARGE KITE WITH LANTERN	AIRSHIP, BRILLIANT LIGHT, RAPI
	UNSTEADY (35)			
4-20-97	ALLEGAN, MI.	NITE	LARGE KITE WITH 3 LANTERNS	AIRSHIP SEEN TO SUDDENLY COL
	AND FALL (36)			
4-21-97	BUCYRUS, O.	EVE.	KITE WITH LANTERN	RISING AND FLICKERING LIGHT
	(37)			
4-21-97	BENTON HARBOR, MI.	2030	LARGE KITE WITH GLOBE LIGHT	LIGHT GOING
	N, ZIGZAGING, CIRCLED, FEW SAW CIGAR (38)			
4-22-97	WASHINGTON, DC	0900	WEATHER BUREAU KITE	AS IN "THE IDENTIFIEDS" (39)
4-23-97	ST. JOSEPH, MO.	AM	CROSS BETWEEN KITE AND BALLOON, INFLATABLE	AIRSHIP (40)
4-23-97	MILES CITY, MT.	1900	KITE WITH LANTERN ATTACHED TO TAIL	AIRSHIP TO NW, WIND FROM W, C
	(41)			
4-26-97	CARTHAGE, MO.	NITE	LARGE KITE WITH LANTERNS, PULLED BY WAGON	AIRSHIP (42)
4-28-97	RICHMOND, IN.	NITE	LARGE KITE WITH LANTERNS, PULLED BY BUGGY	AIRSHIP, BRIGHT LIGHT (43)
5-1-97	COPPERSVILLE, MI.	NITE	KITE WITH COTTON BALL SATURATED AND LIGHTED	STRANGE LIGHT, 1500 FT. UP.
5-4-97	MADISON, VA.	EVE.	KITE WITH RED LANTERN	RED LIGHT, W, SEEN AT
	AMHERST & LYNCHBURG, WENT S (45)			

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DAY	LOCATION	HOUR	KITE DESC.	WIT. DESC.
5-7-97 (46)	CLEVELAND, O.		MILITARY EXPERIMENTAL KITE, RED SECTIONS	AIRSHIP SEEN BY 3000 PEOPLE 10 S
4-97 (47)	PARKERSBURG, WV.		KITE WITH LANTERN TIED TO TAIL,	AIRSHIP AS IN OTHER LOCAL PAPER
4-97	HANKINSON, ND.	NITE	KITE WITH LANTERN ATTACHED	AIRSHIP HEADLIGHT (48)
3-97	NANTICOKE, NY.	EVE.	KITE WITH LANTERN ATTACHED	STRANGE RED LIGHT (49)
4-97	CLARENCE, IA.	NITE	KITE WITH LANTERNS ATTACHED	AIRSHIP (50)
3-97	JEWELL CITY, KS.	NITE	KITE WITH LANTERN ON TAIL	HEADLIGHT OF AIRSHIP (51)
4-97	LARNED, KS.	NITE	KITE WITH BURNING TWINE SOAKED IN OIL	AIRSHIP (52)
4-97	SANDUSKY, O.	NITE	LARGE SIGNAL KITE SENT UP BY MILITARY	BRIGHT LIGHT SEEN ON SEVERAL
	OCCASIONS (53)			
4-97	BOWLING GREEN, O.	NITE	KITE WITH 3 RED LIGHTS ON TAIL	AIRSHIP LIGHTS (54)
4-97	MILFORD, IN.	NITE	ILLUMINATED KITE	AIRSHIP (55)
4-97	MILTON, IA.	NITE	KITE WITH JAPANESE LANTERNS ATTACHED	AIRSHIP (56)
4-97	CENTER, IL.	NITE	WILLIE HERRON'S ILLUMINATED KITE	BRIGHT LIGHT HIGH IN AIR (57)
4-97	DECATUR, MI.	NITE	LARGE KITE WITH LANTERNS	AIRSHIP (58)
4-97	LANCASTER, IA.	NITE	KITE	SPECK (59)
4-97	PIPESTONE, MN.	2230	KITE, LIT LARGE BOX OF RED + GREEN PAPER	AIRSHIP, RED OR GREEN LIGHT,
	SOARED, THEN FELL (60)			
3-97	EDGAR, NB.		KITE WITH CHINESE LANTERN ATTACHED	AIRSHIP (61)
4-97	BELLEVILLE, IL.	2030-2130	KITE WITH LANTERN	AIRSHIP (63)
4-97	SOUTH ENGLISH, IA.	NITE	KITE WITH LANTERN	AIRSHIP (64)
5-97	STROMSBURG, NB.		KITE WITH CHINESE LANTERN	AIRSHIP (65)

The following are the reports which were positively identified as Venus.

DAY	LOCATION	HOUR	WIT. DESC.
11-24-96	SAN FRANCISCO, CA.	NITE	AIRSHIP (1)
11-24-96	FRESNO, CA.	1800	BRIGHT LIGHT GOING NW (2)
11-25-96	PETALUMA, CA.	EVE.	BRILLIANT LIGHT IN E (3)
11-25-96	FRESNO, CA.	EVE.	BRIGHT LIGHT JUST ABOVE WEST HORIZON (4)
12-96	RENO, NV.		AIRSHIP (5)
2-19-97	BEATRICE, NB.	2000-2200	STRANGE LIGHT NEAR WESTERN HORIZON (6)
3-23-97	SIOUX CITY, IA.	NITE	AIRSHIP (7)
3-27-97	TOPEKA, KS.	2100	AIRSHIP (8)
4-1-97	KANSAS CITY, MO.	EVE.	PROF. GREENWOOD SAW THE AIRSHIP AND SAID WAS VENUS (9)
4-2-97	LEAVENWORTH, KS.	NITE	GREAT BALL OF LIGHT IN WEST, AIRSHIP (10)
4-3-97	EMPORIA, KS.	NITE	AIRSHIP THAT BOBBED AND DODGED ABOUT (11)
4-8-97	KANSAS CITY, MO.	NITE	BLAZING LIGHT IN W (12)
4-8-97	ST. JOHNS, KS.	NITE	MANY SAW AIRSHIP GOING STRANGE LIGHT, HEARD BUZZING SOUND (WAS A WINDMILL
4-9-97	COLLINS, IA.	2100	HEADLIGHT OF AIRSHIP, 60 NW, WOULD DISAPPEAR AND REAPPEAR (14)
4-9-97	WAUSAU, WI.	2130	BRIGHT LIGHT TO NW, MOVING N, GLASSES SHOWED DARK OBJECT, SEEN SINCE 200'
4-9-97	NEWTON, IA.	2100	BRIGHT LIGHT MOVING SLOWLY NW, REDDISH (16)
4-10-97	NEWTON, IA.	2000	BRIGHT REDDISH LIGHT TO NW (17)
4-10-97	WILLIAMSBURG, IA.	EVE.	AIRSHIP (18)

DAY	LOCATION	HOOR	WIT. DESC.
4-10-97	STERLING, IL.	NITE	AIRSHIP (19)
4-10-97	WEBSTER CITY, IA.	2100	AIRSHIP TO NW (20)
4-12-97	MOLINE, IL.	1900	BRIGHT LIGHT, MOVING (21)
4-12-97	MAGUOKETA, IA.	EVE.	BRILLIANT LIGHT TO NW (22)
4-12-97	DICKINSON, ND.	EVE	AIRSHIP (23)
4-12-97	BUSHNELL, IL.	EVE.	AIRSHIP (24)
4-12-97	ST. LOUIS, MO.	1930-1945	CHANGING TRI-COLORED LIGHT TO W, 25 DEGREES ELEVATION (25)
4-12-97	MONMOUTH, IL.	NITE	BRIGHT LIGHT LOW IN NW (26)
4-13-97	FAIRFIELD, IA.	NITE	AIRSHIP SEEN 1 HR. (27)
4-13-97	NEW ULM, MN.	EVE.	AIRSHIP HOVERING IN W (28)
4-12-97	CLINTON, IA.	1930	BRIGHT LIGHT IN WEST, MOVING NW (29)
4-14-97	CARROLLTON, IL.	2000-2030	LIGHT MOVING RAPIDLY NW, TACKING, OSCILLATING, CHANGED COLORS, WOULD GO OUT AND REAPPEAR (30)
4-15-97	CARROLLTON, IL.	2000-2030	SAME AS ON 4-14-97 (31)
4-15-97	MOBERLY, MO.	NITE	BRILLIANT LIGHT TO W (32)
4-15-97	LIME SPRINGS, IA.	2100	AS IN "THE IDENTIFIEDS" (33)
4-16-97	BELMOND, IA.	EVE.	BRIGHT LIGHT (34)
4-16-97	CAIRO, IL.	2030	BRIGHT LIGHT SLOWLY MOVING W, 2 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON, VARIED COLORS (35)
4-17-97	SALISBURY, MO.	2000	AS IN "THE IDENTIFIEDS" (36)
4-22-97	COFFEYVILLE, KA.	EVE.	AIRSHIP (37)
4-97	CAMP POINT, IL.	NITE	GREAT LIGHT THAT CHANGED COLORS, DISAPPEAR AND REAPPEAR (38)
4-97	ATCHISON, KS.	EVE.	AIRSHIP (39)
4-97	OTTAWA, KA.		AIRSHIP (40)

## APPENDIX D

This is a listing of the airship reports which were determined to be of insufficient data. The first section are those that merely stated that the airship was seen, with no description at all.

DATE:	HOUR:	LOCATION:	DATE:	HOUR:	LOCATION:
11-15-96	2100	SUISUN, CA. (1)	11-18-96	2350	SAN FRANCISCO, CA. (2)
11-20-96	1730	SAN FRANCISCO, CA. (3)	11-22-96	1900	SAN FRANCISCO, CA. (4)
11-22-96		MT. HAMILTON, CA. (5)	11-22-96		SACRAMENTO, CA. (6)
11-22-96		SACRAMENTO, CA. (7)	11-22-96		SACRAMENTO, CA. (8)
11-25-96	EVE	TEHACHAPI RANGE, CA. (9)	11-25-96	EVE	SACRAMENTO, CA. (10)
11-25-96	NITE	PASADENA, CA. (11)	11-25-96		OAKLAND, CA. (12)
11-25-96		RIVERSIDE, CA. (13)	11-26-96	EVE	MONTEREY, CA. (14)
11-26-96	EVE	ARNO, CA. (15)	11-28-96	NITE	EUREKA, CA. (16)
11-29-96	NITE	SWANGER, CA. (17)	11-29-96		FRESNO, CA. (18)
11-29-96		MAUKENS, CA. (19)	11-96		SAN FRANCISCO, CA. (20)
12-2-96	NITE	BAKERSFIELD, CA. (21)	12-4-96	NITE	NORTH BLOOMFIELD, CA. (22)
12-6-96	EVE	BLENDALE, CA. (23)	12-6-96	2400	MONTEREY, CA. (24)
12-7-96	EVE	EMPIRE, NV. (25)	12-14-96	EVE	YANKEE JIMS, CA. (26)
12-96		LONG VALLEY, NV. (27)	2-7-97		HASTINGS, NB. (28)
2-13-97	NITE	ORANGEVILLE, IL. (29)	2-24-97	NITE	WYMORE, NB. (30)
2-26-97	NITE	BLUE HILL, NB. (31)	2-97		ENGLEWOOD, KS. (32)
2-97		STERLING, KS. (33)	2-97		ELWOOD, KS. (34)
3-4-97	2230	LITCHFIELD, NB. (35)	3-27-97	NITE	VALLEY FALLS, KS. (36)
3-30-97	NITE	DODGE CITY, KS. (37)	3-30-97		DENVER, CO. (38)
3-97		SIOUX CITY, IA. (39)	3-97		SILVER CREEK, NB. (40)
3-97		BLOOMINGTON, NB. (41)	4-2-97	NITE	TIPTON, MO. (42)
4-3-97	NITE	HOLLENBERG, KS. (43)	4-3-97	NITE	TIPTON, MO. (44)
4-3-97	NITE	HERINGTON, KS. (45)	4-4-97	EVE	DARLINGTON, WI. (46)
4-5-97		CEDAR FALLS, IA. (47)	4-8-97	2400	ROCK CREEK, NB. (48)
4-8-97	NITE	EDDYVILLE, IA. (49)	4-8-97	NITE	KIRKSVILLE, IA. (50)
4-8-97		SHELL ROCK, IA. (51)	4-8-97		COMANCHE, IA. (52)
4-9-97	EAM	JOLIET, IL. (53)	4-9-97	EAM	ANDERSON, O. (54)
4-9-97	0115	WASECA, MN. (55)	4-9-97	EVE	ODESOLT, IA. (56)
4-9-97	NITE	MOORLAND, IA. (57)	4-9-97	NITE	MONROE, IA. (58)
4-9-97	NITE	BYRON, IL. (59)	4-9-97	NITE	SCHERMERVILLE, IL. (60)
4-9-97	NITE	MORRIS, IL. (61)	4-9-97	NITE	EVANSVILLE, WI. (62)
4-9-97	NITE	BERLIN, WI. (63)	4-9-97	NITE	LAKE MILLS, WI. (64)
4-9-97		ELDER, IA. (65)	4-9-97		RENWICK, IA. (66)
4-9-97		BOONE, IA. (67)	4-9-97		MASON CITY, IA. (68)
4-10-97	0030	WASECA, MN. (69)	4-10-97	1925	ELDON, IA. (70)
4-10-97	2010	PELLA, IA. (71)	4-10-97	2030	LOWELL, IN. (72)
4-10-97	2100	MENLO, IA. (73)	4-10-97	2110	EVANS, IA. (74)
4-10-97	2125	MERRIAN JUNCTION, MN. (75)	4-10-97	2300	FLORIS, IA. (76)
4-10-97	2400	RATER, IA. (77)	4-10-97	EVE	AMBOY, IL. (78)
4-10-97	NITE	MOORLAND, IA. (79)	4-10-97	NITE	LA CROSSE, IA. (80)
4-10-97	NITE	ROCKFORD, IL. (81)	4-10-97	NITE	LENA, IL. (82)
4-10-97	NITE	HAMPSHIRE, IL. (83)	4-10-97	NITE	BERLIN, WI. (84)
4-10-97	NITE	ASHTUBULA, O. (85)	4-10-97	NITE	BENTON HARBOR, MI. (86)
4-10-97	NITE	STREATOR, IL. (87)	4-10-97		ELDER, IA. (88)
4-10-97		GALVA, IA. (89)	4-10-97		LEE CENTER, IL. (90)
4-10-97		ANDOKA, MN. (91)	4-11-97	0100	ARMSTRONG, IA. (92)
4-11-97	0100	SIOUX CITY, IA. (93)	4-11-97	AN	LINCOLN PARK, IL. (94)
4-11-97	2100	MONTGOMERY, MN. (95)	4-11-97	2100	STATE LINE, IL. (96)

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4-11-97	2200	MENDON, MI. (97)	4-11-97	EVE	RISING SUN, IN. (98)
4-11-97	EVE	AMBOY, IL. (99)	4-11-97	NITE	NORTHFIELD, MN. (100)
4-11-97	NITE	ALBERT LEA, MN. (101)	4-11-97	NITE	ENGLEWOOD, IL. (102)
4-11-97	NITE	ARCOLA, IL. (103)	4-11-97	NITE	PRAIRIE VIEW, IL. (104)
4-11-97	NITE	LACROSSE, IA. (105)	4-11-97		APPLETON, WI. (106)
4-11-97		SHIPSHEKANA, IN. (107)	4-11-97		AURORA, IL. (108)
4-12-97	0130	CHIPPewa FALLS, WI. (109)	4-12-97	1830	REDFORD, IA. (110)
4-12-97	2400	EAU CLAIRE, WI. (111)	4-12-97	EVE	HANOVER, IL. (112)
4-12-97	EVE	HAYWARD, WI. (113)	4-12-97	EVE	KENOSHA, WI. (114)
4-12-97	NITE	CAMP POINT, IL. (115)	4-12-97	NITE	GOLDEN, IL. (116)
4-12-97	NITE	BEARDSTOWN, IL. (117)	4-12-97	NITE	ELKHART, IN. (118)
4-12-97	NITE	ANGOLA, IN. (119)	4-12-97	NITE	PLYMOUTH, IN. (120)
4-12-97		ELIZABETH, IL. (121)	4-13-97	0330	SUPERIOR, WI. (122)
4-13-97	AM	MARTIN, TN. (123)	4-13-97	2100	SHELDON, IA. (124)
4-13-97	2200	MADISON, WI. (125)	4-13-97	2400	WATERVILLE, MN. (126)
4-13-97	EVE	APPOLLONIA, WI. (127)	4-13-97	EVE	SANBORN, MN. (128)
4-13-97	EVE	HASTINGS, MN. (129)	4-13-97	EVE	LA CYGNE, KS. (130)
4-13-97	NITE	BRUCE, WI. (131)	4-13-97	NITE	HILLSBORA, WI. (132)
4-13-97	NITE	DURAND, WI. (133)	4-13-97	NITE	WOODWARD, OK. (134)
4-13-97	NITE	CARTERVILLE, MO. (135)	4-13-97		HANKINSON, ND. (136)
4-13-97		WARSAN, IL. (137)	4-13-97		WAUNAUKEE, WI. (138)
4-13-97		VOLGA, SD. (139)	4-13-97		ARLINGTON, SD. (140)
4-13-97		MONTGOMERY, MN. (141)	4-13-97		CLARA CITY, MN. (142)
4-14-97	1900	KENTON, O. (143)	4-14-97	1900	BARNESVILLE, ND. (144)
4-14-97	B 2000-2130	AVILLA, IN. (145)	4-14-97	2111-2130	MELITA, MAN., CAN. (146)
4-14-97	2130	GLENBORA, MAN., CAN. (147)	4-14-97	2200	MAYFIELD, KY. (148)
4-14-97	EVE	MIFFLIN, O. (149)	4-14-97	EVE	BEAVER CREEK, MN. (150)
4-14-97	EVE	CROOKSTON, MN. (151)	4-14-97	NITE	FULTON, AK. (152)
4-14-97	NITE	GLENWOOD, WI. (153)	4-14-97	NITE	ANGUS, MN. (154)
4-14-97	NITE	MONGO, IN. (155)	4-14-97	NITE	WASHINGTON, IA. (156)
4-14-97		EVAN, MN. (157)	4-14-97		KEITHSBURG, IL. (158)
4-14-97		NEVADA, IA. (159)	4-14-97		SHELBINA, MO. (160)
4-15-97	2100	BAXTER SPRINGS, KS. (161)	4-15-97	2100	LAKE MILLS, WI. (162)
4-15-97	2125	MINOT, ND. (163)	4-15-97	EVE	MT. OLIVE, IL. (164)
4-15-97	EVE	CARVER, MN. (165)	4-15-97	NITE	NIAGARA FALLS, NY. (166)
4-15-97	NITE	SEXTONVILLE, WI. (167)	4-15-97	NITE	CLEAR LAKE, WI. (168)
4-15-97		VILLISCA, IA. (169)	4-15-97		CORSICANA, TX. (170)
4-15-97		PRAIRIE ROND, MI. (171)	4-15-97		CHARLOTTE, MI. (172)
4-15-97		CRAB ORCHARD, KY. (173)	4-15-97		EVAN, MN. (174)
4-16-97	2000	ARROWSMITH, IL. (175)	4-16-97	2000	VANDALIA, IL. (176)
4-16-97	2030	HAMILTON, MO. (177)	4-16-97	2200	LAWRENCEBURG, IN. (178)
4-16-97	EVE	KINGSTON, IL. (179)	4-16-97	EVE	DEKALB, IL. (180)
4-16-97	EVE	GIBSON CITY, IL. (181)	4-16-97	EVE	CHANKASSEN, MN. (182)
4-16-97	NITE	LONGVIEW, TX. (183)	4-16-97	NITE	NEWARK, O. (184)
4-16-97	NITE	SHERBURNVILLE, IL. (185)	4-16-97	NITE	LANDESSVILLE, IN. (186)
4-16-97	NITE	DELAVAN, MN. (187)	4-16-97	NITE	HOFFMAN, MN. (188)
4-16-97	NITE	HUMBOLDT, IA. (189)	4-16-97	NITE	GOLDSBORO, NC. (190)
4-16-97	NITE	LAMONT, WI. (191)	4-16-97		LEITCHTON, IL. (192)
4-16-97		MANNON, IL. (193)	4-17-97	AM	GUTHRIE, KY. (194)
4-17-97	2030	WORTHAM, TX. (195)	4-17-97	2100	HAMILTON, MO. (196)
4-17-97	2130	PADUCAH, KY. (197)	4-17-97	NITE	ENNIS, TX. (198)
4-17-97	NITE	THREE RIVER, MI. (199)	4-17-97	NITE	WAWAKA, IN. (200)
4-17-97	NITE	BAGLEY, WI. (201)	4-17-97		NORTH DALLAS, TX. (202)



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4-17-97		FRANKLIN GROVE, IL. (203)	4-18-97	0030	CALIFF, TX. (204)
4-18-97	0530	HARVE, MT. (205)	4-18-97	2200-2300	KIOWA, KS. (206)
4-18-97	EVE	WETMORE, KS. (207)	4-18-97	EVE	FLEMINGVILLE, IA. (208)
4-18-97	NITE	OSGOOD, IN. (209)	4-18-97	NITE	CARROLLTON, MO. (210)
4-18-97		FRANKLIN GROVE, IL. (211)	4-19-97	2015	GENESCO, IL. (212)
4-19-97	2100	DALLAS, TX. (213)	4-19-97	2200	DALLAS, TX. (214)
4-19-97	EVE	DENVER, CO. (215)	4-19-97	NITE	GROESBECK, TX. (216)
4-19-97		ALBANY, D. (217)	4-19-97		DUNLAP SPRINGS, TN. (218)
4-19-97		MADISON LAKE, MN. (219)	4-20-97	0100	WALNUT GROVE, MN. (220)
4-20-97	2200	AKRON, D. (221)	4-20-97		JACKSONVILLE, FL. (222)
4-20-97		NEWPORT, AK. (223)	4-21-97	EAM	SOUTH BRISTOL, NY. (224)
4-21-97	2000	TIPTON, IN. (225)	4-21-97	2100	CHICAGO, IL. (226)
4-21-97	EVE	JAMESTOWN, NB. (227)	4-21-97	NITE	GALION, O. (228)
4-21-97	NITE	FERGUS FALLS, MN. (229)	4-21-97	NITE	MINERAL POINT, IL. (230)
4-21-97		SAVANNAH, D. (231)	4-21-97		ELBOW LAKE, MN. (232)
4-21-97		JACKSON, MI. (233)	4-22-97	NITE	YONKERS, NY. (234)
4-22-97	NITE	CUMBERLAND CO., VA. (235)	4-23-97	NITE	CERRILLOS, NM. (236)
4-23-97		HIAMATHA, KS. (237)	4-24-97	EVE	DMER, MI. (238)
4-24-97	NITE	LOGANSPOUT, IN. (239)	4-24-97		CARLISLE, KY. (240)
4-25-97	EVE	SUNBURY, D. (241)	4-25-97	NITE	FREELAND, MI. (242)
4-25-97	NITE	EMPORIA, KS. (243)	4-26-97	NITE	BURR OAK, KS. (244)
4-28-97	NITE	FOX LAKE, MN. (245)	4-30-97	NITE	MILES CITY, MT. (246)
4-97	EVE	LEROY, MN. (247)	4-97	NITE	LEXINGTON, NB. (248)
4-97	NITE	EL RENO, OK. (249)	4-97	NITE	CHAPEL HILL, NC. (250)
4-97		NELSON, WI. (251)	4-97		GREELEY CO., NB. (252)
4-97		NEBRASKA CITY, NB. (253)	4-97		WHITTEN, IA. (254)
4-97		HUMESTON, IA. (255)	4-97		PIONEER, IA. (256)
4-97		ELKADER, IA. (257)	4-97		LAMINE, MO. (258)
4-97		LYNNVILLE, TN. (259)	4-97		PULASKI, TN. (260)
4-97		SPRINGFIELD, TN. (261)	4-97		KASHVILLE, TN. (262)
4-97		GRANITE FALLS, MN. (263)	4-97		ONARGA, IL. (264)
4-97		ROWELL, IL. (265)	4-97		BELVIDERE, IL. (266)
4-97		SHULSBURG, IL. (267)	4-97		GRAND RIDGE, IL. (268)
4-97		OAKLAND, IL. (269)	4-97		MARION, IL. (270)
4-97		FORRESTON, IL. (271)	4-97		PERCY, IL. (272)
4-97		ROANN, IN. (273)	4-97		WATERLOO, IN. (274)
4-97		TISHOMINGO, OK. (275)	4-97		SILVER CLIFF, CO. (276)
4-97		CAMBRIDGE, D. (277)	4-97		ALLIANCE, O. (278)
4-97		BENTONVILLE, AK. (279)	4-97		FAYETTEVILLE, AK. (280)
4-97		SHERMAN HILL, WY. (281)	4-97		SHELDON, ND. (282)
4-97		CHRISTINE, ND. (283)	4-97		(284)
5-2-97	EAM	WILLIS, KS. (285)	5-11-97		VALLONTA, IN. (286)
5-12-97		HANOVER, IN. (287)	5-97	EVE	BEECH GROVE, O. (288)
5-97	EVE	FT. LYNN, AK. (289)	5-97	NITE	ANTELOPE, ND. (290)
5-97		CUYAHOGA FALLS, O. (291)	4/5-97		WINSIDE, NB. (292)
4/5-97		CONNEAULVILLE, PA. (293)	4/5-97		MEADVILLE, PA. (294)
4/5-97		ENDERLIN, ND. (295)			

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DATE:	HOUR:	LOCATION:	DATE:	HOUR:	LOCATION:
10-96	DUSK	SAN FRANCISCO, CA. (1)	11-16-96	2100	ALAMEDA, CA. (2)
11-18-96	EVE.	STOCKTON, CA. (3)	11-19-96	NITE	OAKLAND, CA. (4)

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11-20-96	EVE	OAKLAND, CA. (5)	11-22-96	1800	SAN FRANCISCO, CA. (6)
11-22-96	1850	OCEAN VIEW, CA. (7)	11-22-96	1900	SAN FRANCISCO, CA. (8)
11-22-96		OAKLAND, CA. (9)	11-22-96		SAN LEANDRO, CA. (10)
11-22-96		SEBASTOPOL, CA. (11)	11-22-96		SACRAMENTO, CA. (12)
11-24-96	1830	HAYWARDS, CA. (13)	11-24-96		SAN LEANDRO, CA. (14)
11-25-96	1800	GRASS VALLEY, CA. (15)	11-25-96		LIEDEL PLACE, CA. (16)
11-25-96		SAN FERNANDO, CA. (17)	11-29-96		DELANO, CA. (18)
11-30-96		REDLANDS, CA. (19)	12-2-96	2200	MARYSVILLE, CA. (20)
12-3-96		HEALDSBURG, CA. (21)	12-4-96	1830	RENO, NV. (22)
12-4-96	NITE	WOODVILLE, CA. (23)	12-96		ALBANY, OR. (24)
12-96	2300	SAN JOSE, CA. (25)	1-97		DELAWARE (26)
3-7-97	2145	SOUTH OMAHA, NB. (27)	3-22-97	NITE	BYRON, MI. (28)
3-27-97	NITE	STOCKTON, KS. (29)	3-27-97		ATCHAFON, KS. (30)
3-27-97		HOLTON, KS. (31)	3-27-97		CONCORDIA, KS. (32)
3-28-97	EVE	JUNCTION CITY, KS. (33)	3-28-97	NITE	STOCKTON, KS. (34)
3-29-97		BELLEPLAIN, KS. (35)	3-97		HILLSDALE, MI. (36)
3-97	EVE	KEARNEY, NB. (37)	3-97	2000	HARLAN, IA. (38)
4-1-97		NEW ORLEANS, LA. (39)	4-3-97	NITE	STOCKTON, KS. (40)
4-5-97		OTTAWA, KS. (41)	4-8-97	2000-2100	SPARTA, IL. (42)
4-9-97	2130	GRINNELL, IA. (43)	4-9-97	NITE	ELBURN, IL. (44)
4-10-97	2000-2100	TAMPICO, IA. (45)	4-11-97	2045	CHESTERTON, IN. (46)
4-11-97	EVE	ARCADIA, WI. (47)	4-11-97	EVE	HOUGHTON, MI. (48)
4-12-97	2000	CAMBRIDGE, IL. (49)	4-12-97		FULTON, IL. (50)
4-14-97	2000-2100	HANKINSON, ND. (51)	4-14-97		HART, MI. (52)
4-15-97	EVE	AKRON, O. (53)	4-15-97		COLUMBUS, NB. (54)
4-15-97		CLARKS, NB. (55)	4-16-97	NITE	FARNEY, TX. (56)
4-16-97	NITE	PADUCAH, KY. (57)	4-16-97	NITE	DALLAS, IA. (58)
4-16-97		KYTE RIVER, IL. (59)	4-17-97	2000	LINDEN, MO. (60)
4-17-97	2100	PRINCETON, KY. (61)	4-18-97	NITE	HALLOCK, MN. (62)
4-19-97	EAM	PITTSBURG, PA. (63)	4-19-97	2200	RIDGEVILLE, IN. (64)
4-19-97		SWANSEA, IL. (65)	4-20-97	NITE	RIDGEVILLE, O. (66)
4-20-97	NITE	MERIDEN, IL. (67)	4-24-97	2400	LAUREL HEIGHTS, TX. (68)
4-26-97	NITE	NORWALK, CT. (69)	4-29-97	0030	BUENA VISTA, CO. (70)
5-3-97	AM	MCCARTHRU, O. (71)	5-3-97	NITE	HATTIESBURG, MS. (72)
5-7-97	NITE	COCHRANTON, PA. (73)	5-9-97	NITE	SALIDA, CO. (74)
4/5-97		MAYHEW, WI. (75)	4-97	EVE	PHILLIPS, WI. (76)
4-97	NITE	HEWINS, KS. (77)	4-97		LONG LAKE, MI. (78)
4-97		FUDGE CREEK, IA. (79)	4-97		BRUNSWICK, MO. (80)
4-97		CLINTON, MO. (81)	4-97		LOGANSPOUT, IN. (82)
4-97		ALMA, CO. (83)	4-97		ALTA VISTA, KS. (84)

The following is a list of the reports of insufficient data in which the report was of a moving colored light.

DATE:	HOUR:	LOCATION:	DATE:	HOUR:	LOCATION:
11-26-96	2000	BAKERSFIELD, CA. (1)	4-10-97	2245	BLOOMFIELD, IA. (2)
4-12-97	2030-2100	WARREN, IL. (3)	4-12-97	EVE	TAYLORVILLE, IL. (4)
4-13-97	2145	MELROSE, MN. (5)	4-13-97	NITE	MOTLEY, MN. (6)
4-14-97	2100	DETROIT, MN. (7)	4-14-97	2100	MIDDLEVILLE, MI. (8)
4-14-97	2230	HILLSBORO, O. (9)	4-14-97	2400	KENOSHA, WI. (10)
4-15-97		MOLINE, IL. (11)	4-15-97		JAMESTOWN, ND. (12)
4-16-97	NITE	BENSON, MN. (13)	4-16-97		BENTON, TX. (14)

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DATE:	HOUR:	LOCATION:
4-19-97	1900	DALLAS, TX. (15)
5-9-97		SILVER PLUME, CO. (17)
4-97	0200	MARION, IN. (19)
4-97	2130	GRAND HAVEN, MI. (21)

DATE:	HOUR:	LOCATION:
4-21-97		HOLDENVILLE, OK. (16)
5-11-97		SILVER PLUME, CO. (18)
4-97	2100	HIAWATHIA, KS. (20)
4-97		SHULLSBURG, MI. (22)

## APPENDIX E

The following represent those that were felt to be balloon hoaxes. This cannot be confirmed, but they gave the impression of being such.

DATE:	LOCATION:	REPORT:
11-15-96	SAN ANDREAS, CA.	During the evening, many saw a moving light for 10 minutes. It was a large bright light, size of a saucer and going east. (1)
11-16-96	OAK PARK, CA.	A lone witness saw airship high in the sky. It was <u>circling</u> and left a <u>smoke trail</u> . (2)
11-17-96	SACRAMENTO, CA.	For <u>30 minutes</u> , a resident saw airship going to southwest. It was rising and like a light with a dark, <u>egg shaped body</u> above it with the small end forward. He heard voices from it. (3)
11-17-96	SAN FRANCISCO, CA.	A person saw a strong white light with a dark body above it. It was going slowly northeast. (4)
11-20-96	OAKLAND, CA.	Two residents saw a bright light with possible propellers. As it passed over, it angled down. (5)
11-22-96	OAKLAND, CA.	For 20 minutes, during the afternoon, many saw a light going west. It was low, then rose higher. Most witnesses felt it was a balloon. (6)
11-23-96	SAN FRANCISCO, CA.	Between 2100-2130, many saw a light moving slowly and in an undulating manner. It rose slowly and steadily during the rainy night. (7)
11-23-96	SAN FRANCISCO, CA.	At 1900, a witness saw a light that appeared to be attached to a dark object. It was high and going east. (8)
11-24-96	OAKLAND, CA.	Many saw a moving light at 1900. It was 1000 feet up and moving east, with the wind. (9)
11-26-96	HAYWARDS, CA.	At 1700, the witness saw the airship rise from a <u>canyon</u> and go west. (10)
11-28-96	ALAMEDA, CA.	During the night, a few people saw a light for <u>20 minutes</u> . It suddenly appeared and flared to the size of a man's head. It rose, went west, turned, and left south. (11)
12-96	BATTLE MOUNTAIN, NV.	A light was seen to rise straight up from the earth. It was to the north and went west. (12)
12-96	ELKO, NV.	Many saw a light rise above the horizon to a great height. It was seen for <u>2 hours</u> . It was to the north and went west. (13)
2-16-97	NORTH PLATTE, NB.	A few people saw a light the size of a barrel. It would rise straight up to about 200 feet and then <u>descend very rapidly</u> . It sent out sparks as it descended. This was <u>repeated several times</u> . (14)
2-24-97	PAWNEE, NB.	At 2100, many saw the airship. It would move along, <u>then dart down</u> . It <u>repeated this several times</u> during the 1 1/2 hours it was seen. (15)

DATE: LOCATION: REPORT:

3-13-97 NORTH LOUP, NB. On the clear, moon lit night, many saw a brilliant ball of fire to the west and going east. It varied in intensity and frequently threw out sheets and streaks of sparks. (16)

3-26-97 BELLEVILLE, KS. At 2120, telegraph operators saw a light half the size of a train headlight, but of a bluish tint. It hovered 1 mile over the city for 45 minutes. (17)

3-27-97 TOPEKA, KS. A large, blood red light was seen by a large number of people at 2130. It was high to the west and going to the northeast. It would disappear and reappear. After 45 minutes, it went out like a candle being blown out. (18)

3-29-97 CHANUTE, KS. During the night, a light was seen to pass over from the northeast to the southwest. It took 10-15 minutes to do this and was 1000 feet up. (19)

3-30-97 CHANUTE, KS. The sighting was an exact duplicate of above. (20)

3-31-97 ALBIA, IA. During the night, the airship passed over. (21)

4-2-97 ONEIDA, KS. A light like a train headlight was seen high in the southwest. It had a dim outline of a vast object belching flame and smoke. The light grew brighter as it darted about. (22)

4-3-97 OLIVET, KS. At 2030, the airship was seen going west. At times the lower part appeared heart shaped and the center opaque. It had rays of light extending obliquely down to the right and left. It moved as if under human control and some thought they heard music. It was seen 40 minutes. (23)

4-8-97 CARROLTON, MD. During the night, a few people saw a light pass over erratically. It took 1 hour to pass from west to east. (24)

4-8-97 HARLEM, MD. Several railroad employees saw a strange moving light move across the heavens. It was seen at night and was 1 mile up. (25)

4-9-97 AURORA, IL. At 2130, many saw a moving light pass over. (26)

4-9-97 FREEPORT, IL. Many saw a strange acting white light at 2100. It moved east to west at a tremendous speed. It shifted about in an uncertain manner and rose as it approached the city. The sky was partially overcast. (27)

4-9-97 JOLIET, IL. A few people saw a light pass over during the night. (28)

4-9-97 MAXWELL, IA. At 2000, a few people saw the airship pass over going east. It then turned north and left. (29)

4-9-97 ROCKFORD, IL. Several saw a bright, peculiar light north of them and going southwest at 2030. It dimmed as it moved away. They heard human voices from the terrestrial regions in the direction of the airship. (30)

4-10-97 CHILLICOTHE, IA. At 2130, a resident saw the airship pass over going to the northeast. (31)

4-10-97 DANVILLE, IA. Several saw the airship very high to the east at 1830. (32)

DATE:	LOCATION:	REPORT:
4-10-97	SALESBURG, IL.	During the early hours, an operator saw the airship pass over. (33)
4-10-97	GRINNELL, IA.	Several saw a bright red light with a dark bulk above it at 2100. It passed over going southwest to northwest in an undulating, zigzag course. (34)
4-10-97	JANESVILLE, WI.	During the night, many saw a bright light going north. It passed over in an erratic manner. (35)
4-10-97	LA HARPE, IL.	At 2030, a few people saw a light that would fade and brighten. It was seen 15-20 minutes as it passed over going south. (36)
4-10-97	MELROSE, IL.	A lone resident saw the airship hover 200 feet up during the night. (37)
4-10-97	MENMOUTH, IL.	At 2020, many saw a light to the northwest and was going northwest. It seemed to act like a hot air balloon and was brighter than a star. (38)
4-10-97	SIOUX CITY, IA.	The airship was seen to pass over at 2115. (39)
4-10-97	WHAT CHEER, IA.	At 2100, a red light was seen going northwest. It had movements like a paper balloon. (40)
4-10-97	WINTERSET, IA.	A balloon shaped affair with a hanging appendage shaped like a whale with lights was seen at 2100. The witness said it was going north. (41)
4-11-97	SUPERIOR, WI.	During the night, several saw an oblong, white light for 15 minutes. It was to the southwest and moving rapidly. It changed to yellow, to red and had a small green light at the rear. (42)
4-11-97	ANDERSON, IN.	Several saw a bright light that was larger than a star during the evening. It was seen for 10 minutes, <u>seemed under intelligent control, and they heard the rattling of wings.</u> It was 5,000 feet up, passed over at 20 MPH, and going to the north. <u>It circled as it passed over.</u> (43)
4-11-97	BUSSEY, IA.	At 2000, many saw a very strong light <u>for 1 hour.</u> It was to the northwest and most of the witnesses felt it was a balloon or a kite. (44)
4-11-97	ELKHART, IN.	Between 2200-2400, many saw the airship pass over rapidly. It was seen <u>for 30 minutes.</u> (45)
4-11-97	MERRILLON, WI.	At 2230, an operator saw a red light that passed over very high. It changed to white and appeared like a star. (46)
4-11-97	NEWTON, IA.	A large number of people saw the airship at 2000. It was to the north and something like <u>a parachute with a light dropped from it, but nothing was found.</u> (47)
4-11-97	SOUTH BEND, MI.	The airship was seen to pass over during the evening. (48)
4-11-97	STEVENS POINT, WI.	During the night, a few operators saw the air- ship pass over. (49)
4-12-97	COLUMBIA, SC.	At 0030, a newspaperman saw a very large bal- loon going southeast. It had a basket attached and <u>heard voices from it.</u> (50)

DATE: LOCATION: REPORT:

4-12-97 FARLINVILLE, KS. During the night, a few people saw the airship pass over to the northeast. It took 1 hour to do this. It had projections of light extending downwards and at the sides and the ends were pointed. (51)

4-12-97 JONESVILLE, MN. At 2100, a few saw a large red light which circled to the north. (52)

4-12-97 STOCKBRIDGE, WI. Several saw the airship pass over during the evening. (53)

4-12-97 WEST BRANCH, IA. A 2115, many saw the airship for 5 minutes. It passed over going to the northwest. (54)

4-13-97 CARLINVILLE, IL. A large number saw the airship pass over. (55)

4-13-97 CINCINNATI, O. At 0200, a resident saw the airship moving very high and very fast. It was shaped like a balloon but was wider from side to side. (56)

4-13-97 MADISON TWP, IA. A few saw a light to the west at 2100. It was going northwest and appeared like a light attached to a paper balloon. (57)

4-13-97 MICHIGAN CITY, IN. At 2100, a few saw a bright light. Most of felt it was a balloon since they could see a dark body under it. It passed over, 600 feet up, and going to the east. (58)

4-13-97 NEVADA, IA. The airship was seen to pass over, 2000 feet up, going northwest to southeast at 1945. (59)

4-14-97 ARKANSAS CITY, KS. A railroad employee saw the airship during the night. It had red and green lights and was going southwest. When it was about over the Arkansas River, it dove toward the earth. (60)

4-14-97 NEAR SHELBURN, IN. At 2330, a few saw the airship rise in the southwest. It was barrel shaped, pointed in the front, bound by heavy bands, and had a steering apparatus in the rear. It was 200 feet up and going northeast. (61)

4-14-97 BLUFFTON, O. During the evening, a few saw the airship pass over. (62)

4-14-97 CLARKSVILLE, TN. A resident saw the airship pass over. (63)

4-14-97 DALLAS, TX. A resident saw a peculiar object that sailed like a bird. It appeared like an illuminated balloon and had 2 great lights. It was going to the south. (64)

4-14-97 FORT WAYNE, IN. During the night, a pear shaped object was seen. It had the apex down, was yellow, and from the sides 2 rays of light was seen. It was to the west and going northwest. It was seen for 20 minutes. (65)

4-14-97 MIDDLEVILLE, MI. At 2230, a bright light was seen to rise in the east. It had a car attached, colored lights and scattered smoke and sparks. It left to the southwest. (66)

4-14-97 PORTLAND, IN. A few saw a light pass over during the night. (67)

4-14-97 ROCK FALLS, IL. Many saw a bright light with a strange form attached at 2100. It was to the west and passed over. (68)

4-14-97 SAVOY, IL. A resident saw the airship pass over. (69)

DATE:	LOCATION:	REPORT:
4-14-97	SHELBY, MI.	At 2100, a large number saw a balloon like object with a green and white light pass over. (70)
4-14-97	STERLING, IL.	Many saw a light pass over to the west at 2100. (71)
4-14-97	WARSAW, IL.	During the night, many saw a large dark body to the right of a bright white light. It was going west. (72)
4-15-97	ASTORIA, IL.	The airship was seen to pass over <u>at a terrific speed.</u> (73)
4-15-97	CLAYTON, MI.	A few saw the airship pass over during the evening. (74)
4-15-97	COUNCIL GROVE, KS.	During the night, a few saw the airship pass over going southwest to northeast. (75)
4-15-97	EDINA, MO.	A few saw a small light like a small balloon at night. (76)
4-15-97	PITTSFORD, MI.	At 2156, an operator saw the airship pass over. (77)
4-15-97	QUINCY, IL.	A few saw a red light larger than Venus. It was going north. After it passed below the timberline and was lost to view. Five minutes later, it rose again. It was seen at 2100. (78)
4-15-97	RUSSELLVILLE, KY.	For 10 minutes, a few saw a moving light with a large black body during the night. It circled to the west. (79)
4-15-97	SPRINGFIELD, IL.	At 1930, many saw a bright light to the west and going to the northwest. Some said it came down in Washington Park, rose a little, and went out. It was seen again and rose higher. (80)
4-16-97	BEAVER DAM, KY.	A large number of people saw a dark object with light to the south. It was seen during the night and <u>noise of its movements were heard.</u> (81)
4-16-97	DALLAS, TX.	During the night, a resident saw an object <u>like a cigar.</u> It was large in the middle and small both ends. It had great searchlights and <u>great wings like an enormous butterfly.</u> It moved to southeast with the wind. (82)
4-16-97	FORT WORTH, TX.	A resident saw an object like a bird with <u>wings outstretched</u> and had a headlight. It was seen at night and to the west. (83)
4-16-97	FORT WORTH, TX.	During the night, several <u>railroad men</u> saw the airship pass over. (84)
4-16-97	LOUISVILLE, KY.	A few saw a light going northwest for 2 minutes during the night. (85)
4-16-97	MARSHALL, TX.	During the night, a <u>railroad man</u> saw the airship pass over. (86)
4-16-97	NASHVILLE, TN.	At 2300, many saw a cluster of light descending toward the city. When 200 yards of the ground, <u>a strong current of wind from the north</u> swept it south. It gradually ascended to an upper air stream and left. (87)
4-16-97	RANKIN, IL.	Many saw the airship pass over at 2000. (88)
4-16-97	DOG RUN, O.	During the evening, a resident saw the airship pass over. (89)



DATE: LOCATION: REPORT:

4-18-97 FORT WORTH, TX. A resident saw the airship pass over during the night. (90)

4-18-97 JASPER, AL. Between 2000-2100, several saw a light pass over. (91)

4-18-97 WEST POINT, NB. At 2120, many saw a huge, dazzling, white light with a small red light beneath it. It passed over going northeast to southwest. (92)

4-18-97 DALLAS, TX. A few saw a bright light pass over at 1945. It was 1 mile up and going northwest. Some said it made a whining, whizzing noise. (93)

4-19-97 DALLAS, TX. At 2100, a resident saw the airship pass over at 200 MPH. (94)

4-19-97 LEAVENWORTH, KS. Several saw the airship 1 mile up and going to the northwest at 0315. It was going 30-40 MPH and at times the wind seemed to blow it off course. At times the outlines of a boiler like arrangement could be seen. It was seen for 20 minutes. (95)

4-20-97 BARNESVILLE, O. A light was seen to hover for 15 minutes during the night. It was bright, 3-4 degrees long, and brighter than Venus. It suddenly went out. (96)

4-20-97 BARTLETT, TX. During the night, many saw a very large ball of fire that dropped 3 smaller balls. It was going southwest. (97)

4-23-97 FITCHVILLE, O. For 2 hours, an object like a huge fish was seen going southeast. Some said it was a large balloon. (98)

4-23-97 ZANESVILLE, O. A few saw the airship pass over during the night. (99)

4-24-97 HILLSBORO, WI. At 2100, many saw a bright light that hovered over the city. It left east. It was the size of a water pail and had dark lines on the sides. It changed from white to red to blue. (100)

4-25-97 WARRENTON, OR. Few saw a very large balloon going slowly to the northwest. (101)

4-29-97 MT. VERNON, O. At night, a few saw object like a paper balloon for 5-8 minutes. It passed over going northeast to southwest. (102)

4-97 DOWNING, WI. The airship passed over during the night. (103)

4-97 MAPLE GROVE, WI. At 2100, a few saw a colored light rise in the east. It left to the northwest. (104)

4-97 NEW TROY, MI. The airship was seen to pass over 2000 feet up. (105)

4-97 N. PORTAL, NWT, CAN. The airship was seen to pass over. (106)

4-97 RED KEY, IN. A resident saw the airship pass over. (107)

4-97 TINA, MO. A cigar shaped object, was seen on a zigzag course at 100 MPH. It had a light about the size of a water bucket. (108)

5-1-97 WINNIPEG, CANADA At 2100, many saw the outlines of a dark object that carried a strong headlight. It was seen 15 minutes as it passed over going 50 MPH to the northwest. It moved with the wind. (109)

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DATE:	LOCATIONS:	REPORT:
5-2-97	BUFFALO, KS.	A few saw a light in the sky at 2100. It bounced up and down and went out. Later they saw a light rise from a cornfield and split. One part went up and the other went down. (110)

5-4-97	CLEVELAND, O.	At 1945, a few saw 2 exceedingly bright lights going southwest at 4-5 MPH. The balloon was 2 1/2 feet long, 1 1/2 feet wide, and had 2 lights in the front, 1 on the bottom, and at the rear. The light moved alternately up and down. They moved like 2 balloons tied together. They were 900 feet up. (111)
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5-4-97	NEW HAVEN, CT.	A resident saw a bright light with a body behind it during the night. It moved from the east to the west. It appeared to change course several times. (112)
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5-6-97	CLEVELAND, O.	At 2000, few saw a light going east. Some felt it was a balloon as some men were seen on top of a building and balloons had been sent up on many occasions. (113)
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5-10-97	LOUISVILLE, KY.	A brilliant light was seen at 2045 by many. It was to the east and moved northwest. It was the size of a hat. When it was nearly overhead, it veered to the north and circled. (114)
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5-97	ROME, GA.	The airship was seen to pass over. (115)
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The following listing is of the reports that were felt to be kites. They all exhibited characteristics that a kite with a lantern would have.

DATE:	LOCATION:	REPORT:
FALL 96	HASTINGS, NB.	The airship was seen to hover and circle for 30 minutes. It was 500 feet up and returned to its starting point. (1)

11-19-96	EUREKA, CA.	At 2130, a very bright light was seen moving in an undulating and zigzag path. It would descend near the water and then ascend. It did this 3 times in the 35 minutes it was seen. (2)
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11-19-96	SAN FRANCISCO, CA.	Over 50 people saw 2 white lights with a red light between them for 30 minutes. It was to the west and was seen at 0200. It crossed 1/10 of the sky in the time seen. (3)
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11-21-96	SAN FRANCISCO, CA.	At 1600, many saw a bird like machine that hovered to the south. (4)
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11-22-96	SAN FRANCISCO, CA.	For 15 minutes, many saw 3 bright lights close together at 1940. The rays of one light went northwest, one to the southwest, and one went straight down. They were moving slowly to the south at 200-300 feet up. (5)
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11-25-96	LOS ANGELES, CA.	A few people saw 3 lights moving east in a zigzag pattern. (6)
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1-31-97	HASTINGS, NB.	At 2130, a glaring light was seen circling. It went north for 3 miles at 300 feet up. It hovered for 5 minutes, ascended 200 feet and hovered for 8 minutes. It then descended 200 feet, circling as it did. It then went west for 2 miles, slowed and circled for 15 minutes. It then descended and left after being seen for 30 minutes. (7)
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2-5-97	INAALE, NB.	During the night, many saw an object that had 2 sets of large wings and a headlight. It had 3 smaller lights at regular intervals on each side. It was conical shaped, 30-40 feet long, and a large fan shaped rudder. Some of them heard voices and laughter. (8)
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DATE: LOCATION: REPORT:

2-7-97 YORK, NB. A few saw a bright light to the west and moving northwest at 2100. It disappeared and reappeared suddenly. Then it suddenly lowered, moved south, and then north. (9)

2-8-97 HASTINGS, NB. This is an exact duplicate of the sighting dated 1-31-97. (10)

2-23-97 OMAHA, NB. During the night, many saw moving lights of different colors. They seemed to be attached to an oblong object. (11)

2-25-97 BEATRICE, NB. A kite shaped object the color of a lantern was seen at 2240 going north at 1/2 mile up. It would recede then reappear somewhere else, but more plainly. (12)

2-25-97 GRAND ISLAND, NB. Many saw a light for over an hour at night. It would approach and then recede. (13)

2-25-97 HASTINGS, NB. The airship was seen for 5 hours starting at 2335 by many people. It was moving east, 1/2 mile up, and in an undulating path. (14)

2-25-97 WYMORE, NB. At 2135, a bright light was seen going northwest. It went north and travelled 20 degrees at a terrific rate. It turned west, then south, made a circuit of the city, and descended to 1/2 mile. It then rose of 1 mile and left. (15)

2-97 KEARNEY, NB. Many saw a light that would dim and then brighten between 1930 and 2200. It would go north and was seen 2 or 3 times during the month. (16)

3-3-97 PAWNEE CITY, NB. Between 2200 and 2300, a few saw the airship circling to the west. It moved as if guided by human hands. (17)

3-15-97 OMAHA, NB. A large light passed over and it moved as if controlled by a human agency. (18)

4-3-97 STORM LAKE, IA. Several saw a light that swayed like a bird flying against the wind. They heard voices and the working of machinery. It was seen at 2200 and watched for 30 minutes as it went northwest in an undulating pattern. (19)

4-6-97 VINTON, IA. At 2100, several saw the airship to the southwest as it was going northeast. It moved like a bird flying against a wind; darting to and fro. It would rise quickly and lower gently as if under perfect control. It was low enough for a swishing sound to be heard. (20)

4-8-97 ATCHISON, KS. A resident saw a peculiar light that had the appearance of a lantern on a kite's tail. It was seen at 2300 for 2-3 minutes. (21)

4-8-97 CISCO, IL. The airship was seen by a lone man to the north. It was known that boys in the area had been flying kites with lanterns attached. (22)

4-10-97 CLARINDA, IA. At 2015, a few saw a large ball of flickering, yellow light. It was to the north at 45 degrees elevation and going northwest. It was seen for 30 minutes. It radiated brilliant flashes and had a car beneath it that was 15 inches long and 6-8 inches high. (23)

4-10-97 LA CROSSE, WI. Many saw a bright light to the west for 1 hour. It was going to the northwest and was seen for at 2000. Some saw yellow and blue lights. Binoculars revealed an oblong object suspended beneath the light. (24)

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4-10-97 MIDDLETOWN, IA. During the night, several saw red and green light going south. A train was said to have passed under it. (25)

4-10-97 N. MANCHESTER, IN. For 15 minutes, many saw 2 brilliant light about 10 feet apart. The night was partly cloudy. It was to the northwest and going west erratically at 50-60 MPH at 500-600 feet up. (26)

4-10-97 NEVADA, MO. During the evening, many saw a large structure that had white and green lights and made a rustling noise. It was to the south of town. (27)

4-10-97 WAUCOMA, IA. Many saw a bright light going south at 2000 feet up, It was seen at 2100. Binoculars revealed 2 lights, front one white and the rear one blue, separated by the dim outline of a cigar shape. (28)

4-12-97 ELGIN, IL. A light was seen by many to the southeast at night. It hovered and moved like a light attached to a kite. (29)

4-12-97 TOPEKA, KS. For 10 minutes, a few saw a light at 2030. It was to the west and moved like a lantern attached to a kite. The sky was cloudy at the time. (30)

4-13-97 LITTLE FALLS, MN. At 2130, a few saw a colored light moving rapidly northwest to southeast. Binoculars showed it was like a huge butterfly with fans like those of a windmill. There was an unconfirmed rumor that somebody was flying a kite with lanterns attached. (31)

4-16-97 MANSFIELD, TX. A cigar shaped object with wings or sails outstretched was seen by a few people at 2145. It had a headlight, green side lights, and a red taillight. It was the size of a box car. It was first at 500 feet altitude, dipped to 300 feet, and then ascended to a greater height. (32)

4-16-97 MERRA, IL. Several railroad men saw a flat, rectangular object with red and white lights pass over at 1945. It was going to the northwest. (33)

4-17-97 SLEEPY EYE, MN. During the night, a resident saw a barrel shaped object with small colored lights. It was seen for over an hour and acted like a kite. (34)

4-17-97 UPPER SANDUSKY, O. Several saw a 40 foot long, cigar shaped object that had huge wings for 30 minutes. It was to the northwest and going north. It had purple, yellow, and green lights. Once it made a dive toward the earth, but recovered. The moon was shining and the sky was rather cloudy. 9350

4-18-97 ASHLAND, O. At 2300, a resident saw a snake like object with 6 green lights. It was going south and he lost sight of it for a few moments. Then it rose again, went northeast, and descended again. It did not reappear. (36)

4-18-97 LYONS, NB. For 3 1/2 hours, many saw an object with a headlight and a taillight. It had outlines between them resembling the fans of a windmill. It was to the southeast and moving northwest at 4-6 MPH. It was first seen at 2130. It made a large circle 2-3 times and left. (37)

4-20-97 WAHOO, NB. At 2400, several people saw the airship to the northeast. It moved like a light on a kite. (38)

DATE: LOCATION: REPORT:

4-22-97 MARQUETTE, MI. A large number of people saw a white light with the outline of a black body going to the northeast at 2045. It was moving at 60 MPH. It was said that a kite with a lantern had been sent up, but this was not confirmed. (39)

4-25-97 LOGANSPOUT, IN. At 2230, several people saw an object to the east. It was like a kite and had red, white, and blue lights. (40)

4-28-97 CLEVELAND, O. An object was seen at 45 degree elevation to the west and moved slowly east. It was seen at 1930 and was 1000 feet up. It was like a bat of light which assumed the form of a huge kite with lights attached to the perpendicular part of the frame and at each corner. (41)

4-97 ARMSTRONG, MD. During the night, a resident saw a red light that looked to be attached to a kite. (42)

4-97 SENECA, KS. A red light that acted like a kite, diving and rising, was seen to the east. (43)

#### APPENDIX F

The following reports are those felt to be due to meteors. From the witness description, this is very obvious.

- | DATE:    | LOCATION:        | REPORT:   |
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| 10-22-96 | NEVADA, CA.      | At 1810, <u>3 balls of fire like a train of cars</u> was seen. They were seen for 30 seconds and left a long, fiery trail as they left north. (1)   |
| 3-97     | CLARKS, NB.      | Several residents saw a light like a giant ball of fire at 2100. It broke up and <u>2 pieces went downward</u> and the main body went south. It was very rapid and came from the north. (2)   |
| 4-2-97   | OTTAWA, KS.      | At 2000, several saw a light like an arc light to the west. It was surrounded by an aureola of green. One side was like a headlight and the other like a taillight. It shot out rays of light. When it was <u>descending</u> , it was going north. When it was <u>ascending</u> , it was going south. (3) |
| 4-8-97   | MILTON, IA.      | Several residents saw a bright light for a few seconds at 2130. It was to the northwest and going northwest. (4)  |
| 4-13-97  | AVONDALE, IN.    | A resident saw a <u>carried colored light</u> for a few seconds at 0300. It made a <u>low rumbling sound</u> as it went north to south rapidly. (5)   |
| 4-13-97  | MUNCIE, IN.      | This was identical to the above, but was dispatched from Muncie and raises the question of plagiarism. (6)  |
| 4-14-97  | DOWAGIAC, MI.    | At 2300, a few people object which left 3 trails of fire and <u>the odor of garlic</u> , which remained for 2 hours. (7)  |
| 4-14-97  | SOUTH HAVEN, MI. | A <u>cigar shaped airship</u> was seen at 2000. It was moving west at a tremendous speed. (8)   |
| 4-14-97  | ORANGE, TX.      | During the night, a bright light was seen. It was moving southwest to northeast and left a trail of paler light several hundred feet long. (9)  |
| 4-16-97  | SALEM, IL.       | A light was seen moving rapidly. It had a headlight, a green light behind, and left a trail of purple sparks and the <u>odor of sulphur</u> . (10)  |
| 4-16-97  | BARLAND, TX.     | A blaze of light, 150-200 feet long, was seen going northwest for 2 minutes. It was seen by <u>a few railroad men</u> . (11)  |
| 4-17-97  | CHICAGO, IL.     | At 1930, a residents saw a bright light that crossed the sky in 45 seconds. It was to the southwest and went northeast. (12)  |
| 4-18-97  | ELMER, MO.       | A resident saw a light with a trail of light at night. (13)   |
| 4-19-97  | MANISTIQUE, MI.  | During the night, many people saw a <u>cigar shape</u> with a bright light in the center. It was going west at <u>1000 MPH</u> . (14)   |
| 4-20-97  | GALVESTON, TX.   | A big white light was seen at 0520 by a resident. It was very high, going south, and seen 1 minutes. It was 75 feet long and appeared to roll over slowly. (15)   |

DATE: LOCATION: REPORT:  
4-22-97 LYNCHBURG, VA. Between 2100 and 2200, a few residents saw an object pass over, going east at a tremendous speed. It was like a white cloud, but when it was closer saw a big searchlight with rows of twinkling lights on the sides. It was immense and had tremendous outspreading wings. It left, appearing as a white cloud again. (16)

4-24-97 COLUMBUS, O. A report was circulated that the airship had crashed into a barn at 1900. It made a "dull heavy, sickening thud" and the airship was completely burned. (17)

5-8-97 CINCINNATI, O. Many saw a brilliant light pass over, southeast to northwest, at 100 MPH, at 2000. It was very high and some said it appear to be cigar shaped. (18)

## APPENDIX G

These reports are felt to be not real. This would indicate that they are a hoax of perpetrated by either the witness or the newspaper. The criteria for this judgement was outlined in the chapter titled "It Is Seen".

DATE:	LOCATION:	REPORT:
11-16-96	SACRAMENTO, CA.	A cigar shaped object was seen by a resident at 0100. He though he could hear voices from. (1)
11-16-96	WINNEMUCCA, NV.	At 2400, many saw a ball of fire moving rapidly west. A voice was heard to say, "Lower the ship," and a hand came out and took a Chinese flag from a mast. (2)
11-17-96	SACRAMENTO, CA.	Two residents heard voices singing and saw a bright light moving high in the sky. (3)
11-17-96	SACRAMENTO, CA.	Several trolly workers saw an airship and heard voices and singing. (4)
11-17-96	SACRAMENTO, CA.	A brilliant light was seen by several people. It was 300-400 feet up and they heard singing from it. Another source made no mention of the voices. (5)
11-17-96	SACRAMENTO, CA.	A resident saw the airship and hear a voice say, "We are too low down here. Send her up higher." This was followed by a discussion on the feasibility of going higher. Other sources made no mention of the words heard. (6)
11-17-96	SACRAMENTO, CA.	A few saw the airship ascending at a slant. They heard a "merry chorus" from it. (7)
11-17-96	SACRAMENTO, CA.	A resident saw a bright light and a faint shape behind which gave the idea of a balloon shape. It was going west at an altitude of 1000 feet. He found other trolly carmen who saw it at East Park. They said they heard music and a voice say, "Well, we ought to get to San Francisco by tomorrow noon." (8)
11-22-96	ANTIOCH, CA.	At 2113, many saw the airship pass over at a high altitude. When it hovered, a terrible gust of wind hit the town. It threw out signals to one of the witnesses. (9)
11-22-96	REDWOOD CITY, CA.	Two residents saw a cigar shaped object that had a headlight and ponderous wings at 2200. It was seen for 10 minutes going south at a tremendous speed. (10)
11-22-96	SAN JOSE, CA.	Many saw a moving light at 2300. It was using paddles as propellers. (11)
11-23-96	LATHROP, CA.	A resident saw a cigar shaped silhouette that had smoke coming from the ends. It descended near the insane asylum. (12)
11-24-96	HANFORD, CA.	During the night, a light surrounded by a halo of dazzling light. It was at 45 degree elevation and flapping wings were seen. (13)
11-26-96	EAST SAN JOSE, CA.	At 1900, 2 lights, one behind the other, was seen for 2-3 minutes. They were 6 inches in diameter and their motion indicated flapping wings. It was at 1500 feet and moving at 60-100 MPH. It came from the north, turned east, then southwest, then west, then south, and left southeast. (14)



DATE: LOCATION: REPORT:

11-26-96 OAKLAND, CA. A black cigar shaped object was seen at 2000. It was moving southeast to west at 1200-1500 feet up at a tremendous speed. It was 100 feet long and the tail was triangular with one apex attached to the surface which appeared to be tarnished aluminum. As it neared Lorin, it turned quickly and left west. It was seen again at 2030. (15)

11-26-96 SAN JOSE, CA. At 1900, the airship was seen moving slowly northwest to west in a zigzag pattern. It had wings that flapped forward and down. A red light hung below the craft and a cone shaped projection in the front was 20 feet long. (16)

11-26-96 SAN JOSE, CA. Many saw a light moving south, rapidly and 900 feet up. It sank to the west, then they saw 2 lights which rose as one light. It left, one behind the other. It was seen at 1900. (17)

12-76 NR. RENO, NV. A resident saw a light, 500 feet up. Two lights were seen to flash out. He heard a voice say, "We are 4 degrees too far north, change the course." (18)

3-3-97 WOOD RIVER, NB. At 0117, the airship was seen to pass over. It was 1 mile up and the outline was plainly seen. (19)

3-31-97 SALESBURG, MI. Many residents saw a brilliant white ring on a huge, black, flame tipped object. It was seen for 30 seconds at 2200 when it passed over going north. They heard human voices and a sharp crackling sound. (20)

4-2-97 ZANESVILLE, O. Railroad employees saw the airship moving rapidly to the southwest. It was during the day and it was 200 feet up. (21)

4-8-97 OSSEO, IL. The airship stopped for repairs "having dislocated a wing. August Anderson rubbed the fracture with 'dead shot' and it left for Cambridge to take something." (22)

4-8-97 WAVERLY, IA. During the night, a resident saw the airship. It had wings and a dash of a balloon and bicycle. It had green light on the port and a red on the starboard. A cow catcher was in front. It passed over and he heard a familiar voice say, "Say, boys, just boost her up a couple of thousand feet higher till we get out of sight of town. You see she's got a revolver." He had seen a man from Waverly apparently get into the airship. (23)

4-9-97 KENOSHA, WI. During the evening, many saw a cigar shape body with a framework and wings. (24)

4-9-97 PERRY, OK. An object was seen at 0100 very high to the southwest. It had a headlight, other lights, and 2 sets of wings or sail. One set was some distance above the other and they fanned the air alternately. The craft seemed to be under perfect control. (25)

4-9-97 PERRY, OK. At 2215, a newspaperman saw the airship. It was 100 feet long, 25 feet wide, and had fans or wings on each side that moved very rapidly. A searchlight flashed on the city several times. It had other smaller lights and moving objects were seen. It was very high and circling. (26)

4-9-97 RIDOTT, IL. Several saw a cigar shaped object at 2359. It was to the east and moved west slowly. It had white and green lights on the ends and wings on the sides. At each end was a propeller. (27)

4-9-97 STERLING, IL. At 2030, several saw a large star, 2000 feet up, moving rapidly to the northwest. Working wings or side propellers were seen. (28)

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DATE: LOCATION: REPORT:

4-10-97 AMES, IA. For 8 hours, beginning at 2130, a bright light with a winged, cigar shaped car attached was seen 1 mile up and moving southwest to northwest. The lights were constantly changing from red to green. (29)

4-10-97 ANDERSON, IN. Several saw a bright light at 0100. They could hear the shuffling of wings as it moved south at a terrific speed. (30)

4-10-97 FOND DU LAC, WI. The airship was seen at night by a few people. It had a green light at the tail and a red light at the front. They could see guy ropes and riggings. (31)

4-10-97 KEWANEE, IL. The operator saw the airship pass over in the early morning hours. He wired Galesburg to be on the look-out. (32)

4-10-97 RACINE, WI. At 0010, a resident saw the airship at 45 degree elevation and moving north-northwest. It had red, blue, and yellow lights. Some of the lights were fixed and some whirled about in an eccentric manner, throwing off sparks. He had to hold to a fence to keep from falling. He returned to Mr. Smoger's, but it was closed. He heard an authoritative voice giving orders and at intervals he heard "Hic Hick Ugh" with a hissing sound. (33)

4-10-97 STILES, WI. A few saw the airship at night. It was high and moving east at a terrible rate. The witnesses had been drinking, and had "replenished their glasses with magnifying power for the 8th time." (34)

4-11-97 NEAR DUBUQUE, IA. At 2130, many, on a train between here and Minneapolis, Mn., saw the airship which was the size and shape of a small tug boat. It had a white light in front and red in rear. The wings were working fast. (35)

4-11-97 CHARLES CITY, IA. Several saw a brilliant light approaching from the west at 1945. It passed over rapidly. It was a peculiar phosphorescent light that palpitated in undulating waves of the bottom. Some said they saw "Waterbury Clothier" on it. It made a sizzling sound that was felt to be a freak of the Mason City gas that was used. A letter was dropped which read: "Sorry we can't stop. Have an engagement with Updegraff early tomorrow morning at Washington to fix a deal for the Charles City Post office." They had recieved a call from Mason City that it was on its way. (36)

4-11-97 CHRISTIANA, WI. At 2300, a few residents saw a 35-40 foot long airship going northwest. It moved rapidly and was 75 feet up. (37)

4-11-97 CLARENCE, IA. The airship landed and frightened some cattle in the morning. (38)

4-11-97 HAWARDEN, IA. Several residents saw the airship for 3 minutes at 0030. It was conical shaped, 60 feet long, and had 4 sets of wings. The wings were 15 feet long and located 10 feet apart. It had 2 red lights at the stern and a bright searchlight at the bow. The searchlight was turned on the town for a time. They heard the working of machinery and voices mingled with the laughter of women. It left north. (39)

4-11-97 KIRMUNDY, IL. A 100 foot long airship with a headlight and 2 red taillights was seen at 2000. (40)

4-11-97 LOGANSPOUT, IN. At 2300, several saw a green light going rapidly east at an altitude of 2 miles. It looked like a barber pole with a shaving mug suspended from it. It was said to have cast a shadow. (41)

DATE: LOCATION: REPORT:

4-11-97 MANISTIQUE, MI. A multi-colored light was seen to the east during the evening. It was half the size of the moon and cast a shadow. (42)

4-11-97 MASON CITY, IA. At 1930, a large number saw a cigar shaped object that was 90 feet long and 12 feet in diameter. In the center was a large cylinder that was 5 feet in diameter and 19 feet high. This was where the gas was stored. The captain said he stopped to get from Mason City gas because it was the best. It had an immense pair of wings made of a gauzy substance enclosed in steel frames and a steering apparatus like a pigeon tail. It was pale green and had a headlight and red and green lights on the rear. It took on supplies, including alcohol. (43)

4-11-97 MAUSTON, WI. Several saw a very large green and white light going northwest at 2030. It moved like a boat on rough water. A letter was found and is in the chapter on physical evidence. (44)

4-11-97 NEWELL, IA. Several saw a bright light that was so intense that one witness had to cover his eyes. It was seen in the evening. (45)

4-11-97 SHEBOYGAN, WI. During the early morning, a few residents saw a light that was too large for a star. It was to the east and moving rapidly to the south. They heard music and could faintly distinguish "Just Tell Them That You Saw Me." (46)

4-12-97 ADAIRVILLE, KY. Many saw a bright light to the north, moving south at 1 mile altitude. It was like a train headlight and had wings or propellers on the sides. The headlight was 20 inches in diameter and the taillight was red. It had a 10 foot long steel body. It was seen for 1 hour at 2030. (47)

4-12-97 CEDAR FALLS, IA. At 2130, a large number of people saw a bright light 3 times the size of Venus. It had red and green lights. It was like a huge swan in motion with lights attached to either wing. It made a hissing sound. It was seen for 40 minutes at it moved from southeast to northwest at an altitude of 1000 feet. (48)

4-12-97 CONDO, WI. The airship was seen to land for gas which was supplied by Mr. Dinshore. A Judge Eray and several prominent citizens took a ride to Springfield in it. It left east. (49)

4-12-97 DEKALB, IL. In the morning, a resident saw the airship land and take on supplies near Normal School. The provisions were furnished by local merchants. He saw a barrel of sugar being delivered there. (50)

4-12-97 DULUTH, MN. The witnesses were spending the night on a roof in hopes of seeing the airship. There were indications that they were drinking as they had to replenish their "refreshments" several times. At 2315, they saw a light to the west. With 1 eye closed, they saw 3 airships. With both eyes open, they saw a confused mass of green and blue lights. One of the ships seemed to be making signals. (51)

4-12-97 JACKSONVILLE, IL. An airship like a Regalia cigar done up in tin foil was seen to pass over at night going west. When it was over the railway tanks, it lowered a siphon. (52)

4-12-97 LINCOLN, IL. At 1945, during a heavy rain and lightning storm, a large number saw multicolored lights going south. Some witnesses said they saw wings, and some heard voices. It was 2000 feet up and a photo was obtained. (53)

4-12-97 MARSHALL, MO. A cigar or butterfly shaped object was seen by a few people at 2000. It had golden wings and eyes that shone up and down the creek. (54)

DATE: LOCATION: REPORT:

4-12-97 MINERAL POINT, WI. A large light, the size of a house, was seen at night. It had 3 cupola, atop which saw an American eagle with wings outstretched. It moved in a swaying manner. When it was directly overhead, they saw a tubular contrivance that had been let down. One witness grabbed it and tried to climb up. The other witness pulled him back. (55)

4-12-97 NEW HOLLAND, IL. At 2200, a light with all the colors of the rainbow was seen in front of an object like the skeleton of a huge butterfly. It was going northeast rapidly. (56)

4-12-97 PERRY SPRINGS, IL. Several railroad employees saw an aluminum cigar shaped object that had wings on the sides. It was very low and going west, slowly. They heard an accordion playing "Just Tell Them That You Saw Me." The witnesses were on a train at the time. (57)

4-13-97 ARMSTRONG, IA. A red light was seen during the evening to the north. The witness said they heard female voices singing "After The Ball." When it was 2 miles west of town, it changed direction from west to north. (58)

4-13-97 CANTON, SD. An object was seen that had a red light in front and a green at the rear. It was seen by several at night. It was propelled by huge wings or fans as it went north. A change of angle of the fans caused it to rise or fall. (59)

4-13-97 COLBY, WI. At 2100, many saw a cigar shape with a red light at one end and green at the other. It had wings, a rotating fin at the rear, and a house in the center. It was to the west and going north at a rapid rate. (60)

4-13-97 CRESSON, TX. An operator saw an object like the top of a passenger coach pointed at both ends. It had a powerful searchlight in front and several smaller lights on the sides. It was 60 foot long and had bat like wings. It was going southeast at a terrific rate. (61)

4-13-97 DANVILLE, IN. Several saw the airship to the northwest at 2030. It passed over and they heard voices and singing. (62)

4-13-97 DENTON, TX. During the night, several saw a cigar shaped object for 20 minutes. It was going southeast and was 1/2 mile up. It had 2 great mugs thrusting out from each side, a broad tail for steering, and a long beak or blade on front. It had a searchlight and windows on the side through which shone smaller lights. It cast a 50 foot long shadow on the moon. (63)

4-13-97 DYERSVILLE, IA. A resident saw a balloon like object pass over going east to west. It had large wings that worked like windmills at a terrible rate. A broad, flat attachment in the rear, which when raised, lowered the ship, and vice versa. (64)

4-13-97 EVANSVILLE, MN. At 2400, an operator saw a bright white light that changed to red or blue. It passed over going southeast to northwest and was high up. He had received word from Melrose that it was on its way. (65)

4-13-97 WAVELOCK, NB. Many saw red and green lights, 500 feet up at 2100. They heard singing and noise of machinery. (66)

4-13-97 MINOT, ND. At 2350, several saw something that carried red, green, and white lights. It was seen for 1 1/4 hour, going southeast to northwest at 500-1000 feet up. It was following the line of the Soc tracks. It moved 100 miles in the time seen. (67)

DATE: LOCATION: REPORT:

4-13-97 NEAR FRANKFORT, IN. Several saw a cigar shaped object with riggings, wings, and green, yellow, and white lights. It made a swishing and roaring sound. It was going southwest during the evening hours. (68)

4-13-97 PARDEEVILLE, WI. The airship was seen to pass over in the night. It made an unearthly screech. (69)

4-13-97 SHEWANO, WI. During the evening, several saw a strong, red light moving east to south at a high rate. Some said it was a huge ball of fire with several smaller light of different colors. Some said it was shaped like a bat. (70)

4-13-97 ST. PAUL, MN. Many saw a light that changed colors to green, red, white, and yellow. It was seen at 2100 and for 30 minutes. It hovered to the northwest for 15 minutes. It appeared to be dragging its anchor and was slowly ascending. Several thought they heard the command to cut the anchor. It accelerated and left. (71)

4-13-97 TWO HARBORS, MN. At 2120, several saw the airship in the southwest going northwest. One witness said the bright light was a flash exposure for pictures of the Earth to be taken to Mars. It hovered over the party and a pail was lowered with a silver dime in it. The party filled it with Boch, but drank a little. They then sent down a nickel and requested a copy of the Iron News. (72)

4-13-97 WASHINGTON, DC. The airship was seen by many at 2100. It was seen below the clouds, but disappeared above the clouds. (73)

4-14-97 ANDALUSIA, IL. At 2300, several saw the airship surrounded by clouds. One witness fired a shot at it. The air became so strong with sulphur that breathing was difficult. Fearful noises issued from it. (74)

4-14-97 DANFORTH, TX. The airship was seen for 30 minutes at 2302. It was 1 mile up and whistled "down brakes" when over the city. A brass band played "The Midway Plaisance" and Handel's "Wedding March." A parachute was let down and attached to this was a piece of parchment covered with strange characters. (75)

4-14-97 DUBLIN, IA. The airship was seen and it was so low that one man could hear the fireman shoveling coal. (76)

4-14-97 ELKHART, IN. At 0530, a photographer saw the airship for 15 minutes to the southeast. He took a photo of it which showed a cigar shaped object with a basket attached. It had long triangular wings and 3 people in the basket. He heard the wings fluttering. (77)

4-14-97 HILLSBORO, IL. The airship was seen in the evening to the west. (78)

4-14-97 HOPE, AK. At 2300, an operator saw a large, dark object with a searchlight which was focused on the witness. It was going northwest in a zigzag manner and was 1 mile up. (79)

4-14-97 HORNELLSVILLE, NY. The airship passed over at night and dropped a letter. For contents, see chapter on physical evidence. (80)

4-14-97 LAWRENCE, KS. At 0300, a resident saw a ball of fire with a projection on top. He saw it for 1 hour and it was moving west rapidly. This report was identical, except for name, as the report at Abilene, KS., of 4-13-97. (81)

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4-14-97 MARION, IN. Several saw a large cigar shaped object with broad wings at 1900. It passed over going northwest. The light would fade and brighten and the weather was cloudy. (82)

4-14-97 MOBERLY, MO. Many saw a 50 foot long object like a ship with lights in every window. It was seen at 2330 and going south at an altitude of 1 mile. It had a very strong light in front, an enormous rudder, and was enclosed in a luminous vapor. (83)

4-14-97 RED OAK, IA. A resident saw the airship at 2300 and heard celestial music coming from it. (84)

4-14-97 SLEEPY EYE, MN. A photograph was taken of a 100 foot long object that had large, wing like sails at both ends. It was seen at 2302 and was 1 mile up. The photographic plates were broken. (85)

4-14-97 SPRINGFIELD, IL. A cigar shaped object with an elongated basket beneath was seen by a resident in the early morning. It was 1/8 mile up and going southeast to northwest at 10 MPH. Its searchlight hit the capitol dome 3 times and made the copper top glisten. It made a soft roaring sound. (86)

4-14-97 WALNUT GROVE, IL. A resident saw a light, low in the northwest and moving southeast. Suddenly, a loud crash was heard and part of the barn roof was torn off. A frightened cow knocked the witness out. When he came to, he said the airship hit the barn, but sailed away. (87)

4-15-97 BATTLE CREEK, MI. A multi-colored light was seen going west at 2300. It was in view for 45 minutes. A large sailors needle and a letter was found in front of the Daily Moon office. It said the airship had started from San Francisco and made the Great Lakes in one day and was now on its return trip. (88)

4-15-97 CABOOL, MO. A passenger on a train, at night, saw a large object with a brilliant light. It was like a dragon fly having 2 sets of wings. The superior wings were 2 times as wide and 6 times as long as a passenger coach, the inferior set extended to the rear. The body was cigar shaped and the size of a coach. (89)

4-15-97 DEADWOOD, SD. At night, many saw a light on Terry Peak. Several went to investigate and found a cigar shaped object with enormous wings. (90)

4-15-97 DOW CITY, IA. At 0530, several saw the airship going west. They heard foreign voices, but understood that they had a mission. (91)

4-15-97 DUNKIRK, O. Several railroad men saw an object as large as a wagon bed. It had wings stretching from each side and a propeller at each end. There was a red light in front and green one in back. They heard men's voices. It was seen at 2015 and was moving east at a very low altitude. (92)

4-15-97 FAYETTEVILLE, NC. At 2000, many saw a ship with rigging and red and green lights. (93)

4-15-97 FORT WORTH, TX. Some railroad men saw a large, dark object with a bright headlight. It passed over during the night and was going southeast. (94)

4-15-97 GROGAN, MN. The airship passed over during the night going from northwest to southwest. Dim outlines were seen and it dropped a package containing a letter. The contents of it are in the chapter on physical evidence. (95)

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4-15-97 HOYT, IA. A 0200, a resident saw the airship moving southeast to northwest. It was like a whaleback ship with screw propellers. It was buoyed up by 2 sets of powerful shutters and lighted with electricity. He heard people talking. (96)

4-15-97 ISHPEMING, MI. A resident saw a bright light at 2400. He heard a grinding, grating, and hissing sound. There was an exchange of notes of a political nature. (97)

4-15-97 NORFOLK, NB. During the evening, a witness saw a great bird like object going north. Bright lights flashed out from the front and green lights at the rear. It was cigar shaped, winged, and had a canvas canopy. When it was over the standpipe, a pail was lowered and it was filled. (98) ←

4-15-97 PARIS, TX. At 0200, several saw a 200 foot long cigar shaped object to the northeast and going east. It had attachments like great fans which were projected at a 45 degree angle. The one in front was elevated and the one at the rear was depressed. (99)

4-15-97 QUINCY, IL. Several saw the airship coming down the river. It whistled ineffectively for the drawbridge to open. It rose and flew over it. (100)

4-15-97 SIGBOURNEY, IA. During the night, many saw a light that was so bright that it had to be viewed through smoked glasses. It had 2 flagstuffs, 2 wings, and a bell rope hung out behind. The head was most hideous. (101)

4-15-97 WELLSVILLE, MO. A resident saw the airship going south at 2115. It stopped 1/2 mile west of town and took on 3 tons of coal. (102) ←

4-16-97 ASTORIA, IL. The airship passed over and a letter was found on Saturday. See the chapter on physical evidence for contents. (103)

4-16-97 BOYNTON, IL. At 2130, a resident saw a cigar shaped object that tapered at both ends. It passed over going southwest at 30 MPH. It was 150 feet long, 50 feet wide, winged, and had different colored lights on the side. (104)

4-16-97 BUCYRUS, IL. Many saw a cigar shapedcraft with wings and a headlight. It was red and fiery. It passed over at 0130, 1 mile up, and going southeast. (105)

4-16-97 COPPACK, IA. At 0900, many saw a rectangular object with yellow, broad, spreading, unmovable wings. There were numerous turbine wheels on the undersurface and it made a humming noise. It came so low that the hull plowed a ditch across a hill that was 5 rods long, 3 feet deep, and left a curious pile of machinery. (106) ←

4-16-97 DANVILLE, IL. Many railroad men saw a cigar shaped object with a bright light in front and red and blue lights on the sides. The headlight shifted from side to side. It was seen for 10 minutes at 2000. It was said to be going 120 MPH. (107)

4-16-97 FARMINGTON, NY. In the early morning, several saw a light pass over. Several said they heard the sound of a steam propelled vessel. The next day a parachute of oiled silk was found with a message that the airship Pegasus had passed over at 0145 and was going from the Atlantic to the Pacific in 5 days. (108)

4-16-97 HUNTINGDON, TN. The airship was seen directly overhead at 2230. A note was dropped from it. Prof. Longnaye interpreted it. It said "Is Col. Tom Baker in town? If so, we will land and take him on board. We have a high up place for Tom." (109) 11

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4-16-97 JACKSON, O. At 2200, several saw an object to the southeast. It had a body like the water works standpipe. The rudder was like the tail of a whale and it carried a large headlight that was pointed toward Washington, DC. (110)

4-16-97 JEFFERSON, IL. Several saw a cigar shaped object with a headlight at each end. It was during the night and was in the northeast going south. (111)

4-16-97 KAUFMAN CO., TX. At 2100, a resident saw the airship directly overhead and going south. It was like a Chinese dragon with fire from its nose. The fore and hind legs were pin shaped and were the propellers. (112)

4-16-97 LANSING, MI. A resident saw object that was 800 feet long at 2230. It had Japanese lanterns all along the top, a large fan-tailed sail, and was a dark bay color. He heard voices that sounded like Jim Baird and Charlie Bicker. (113)

4-16-97 MARION, O. Several saw a cigar shape with a bright, spreading light at 2000. It was going southwest at a very high altitude. (114)

4-16-97 NASHVILLE, TN. A resident saw a strange object at 0245 that was going northwest. It was a cigar shaped object that was 65 feet long and rounded at both ends. It had broad plates that extended at right angles to and above it on both sides. These shifted with a clank and it rose. A large propeller was at the stern as were red and green lights. A large searchlight swung from side to side. (115)

4-16-97 RHOME, TX. At 2030, many saw an airship for 5 minutes as it went west at a short distance up. It was the size of a small passenger coach and had a searchlight and 5 lighted windows on the side. It was going 150 MPH. (116)

4-16-97 SABINAW, MI. Several railroad men saw a 30 foot long cigar shape at 0200 going southeast. It was low and moving at 25 MPH. A light illuminated the whole thing. A long basket hung 10 feet below the object. It had red and yellow lights. They heard a noise like a snare drum being played rapidly. (117)

4-17-97 ABILINE, TX. At 2330, several residents saw the airship going at a tremendous speed. It was 700 feet long and had windows that were brilliantly lighted. They heard the faint strains of music as from a powerful orchestra. It was going southwest, but when almost out of sight it veered to the southeast. (118)

4-17-97 ALLERTON, IL. During the election, the airship landed for several moments and was boarded by several people. This was at 1500. (119)

4-17-97 ANTWERP, O. Many saw a large airship at 0800. It was going southwest as it passed over. When near the town, it lowered and a republican saw the word "PROSPERITY" painted on the side. (120)

4-17-97 ASHTUBULA, O. At 2300, several heard a peculiar whizzing noise. They saw the airship apparently stuck in a bank of heavy clouds at an altitude of 1 mile and 32 feet. They heard voices coming from it. Three of the witnesses saw 2 airships, while 2 others saw only 1. (121)

4-17-97 ATLANTA, GA. The story was circulated that 300-400 airships were hovering over the city all day. They were allegedly gathering people to fight in Cuba. The Atlanta papers made no mention of this story. (122)

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4-17-97 CAMERON, TX. At 1500, several saw the airship to the northwest and it was going southwest. It was like a great whaleback ship with immense wings fore and aft. There were great fins on the sides and underneath. There was a great commotion on board and signals were given with a change of colored banners. It made a humming sound and emitted streaks of dazzling white light. (123)

4-17-97 COLORADO, TX. A great, black, cigar shaped object with tremendous flapping wings was seen. It had a windmill like tail and 2 powerful searchlights that were cast on the city during the nighttime sighting. (124)

4-17-97 BALVESTON, TX. At 0300, the airship was seen going south at 240 feet above the earth. It was pointed at both ends and had a headlight. It was like a great bird with the wings flapping regularly. It followed the coast line. The sky was cloudless and the moon shone bright. (125)

4-17-97 GRANT, MI. Several saw a 200 foot long airship during the evening. It was 1 mile up and going north. (126)

4-17-97 HILDRETH, NB. During the evening, several saw a moving light. The first to see it said it had 2 lights. Later observers said it had 3 lights or eyes. Others who saw it still later said it had 5 eyes and a 300 foot long tail. (127)

4-17-97 LADONIA, TX. Several saw a 300 foot long airship that was surrounded by a dim, misty light. It passed over going rapidly from northeast to southwest. It had a bright headlight, lights shining from cabin windows, and the wings were huge. It was seen at 0300. (128)

4-17-97 MILAN, TN. A light was seen by many as it passed over. It was 1/2 mile up and going east to west. It was 25 feet long and hovered briefly. It was seen at 2020. (129)

4-17-97 NASHVILLE, TN. At 0130, several heard a sound like a pistol shot and one man was hit in the head by a champagne cork. They heard a round of laughter and voices as from Herman Haslock and Col. Wm. J. Slater. They saw a dark object with bright lights around it. It showed red and green lights. (130)

4-17-97 PADL, OK. A 75-100 foot long object was seen at 2035. It had a headlight like a train. It was going south at 1/4 mile up and at 45-50 MPH. (131)

4-17-97 TRENTON, TN. At 2030, several saw a large conical mass for 5 minutes. It was cigar shaped and had a red light on the right side and green on the left. It was in the north, going east at 15 MPH at 1500 feet up. (132)

4-17-97 WEST, TX. An object with a whaleback body and bat like wings was seen by several at 2230. It was going southeast at a tremendous rate and 200 foot altitude. It had a powerful headlight and windows from which lights shone. (133)

4-18-97 CRIPPLE CREEK, CO. At 1300, a large number of people saw a cigar shaped object that seemed to be dropping. It was 2 miles up and moving slowly northward. It had a polished surface and field glasses revealed wings or propellers. They saw what they thought was a cloud of papers falling from it. (134)

4-18-97 CRIPPLE CREEK, CO. A resident saw the airship to the north at night. It was a speck above Mt. Pisgh and a letter was found. The contents of the letter is in the chapter on physical evidence. (135)

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4-18-97 DALLAS, TX. Several saw the airship to the northeast. It was very high and passed over at a tremendous rate. It was 100 feet long, had a strong searchlight, smaller lights on the sides, and cast a dim shadow. (136)

4-18-97 DALLAS, TX. At 1400, several saw a 60 foot long cylindrical object going southeast. It had rapidly moving wings and a wheel at the rear. It was said to have landed. (137)

4-18-97 DAVISON, MI. A 30 foot long light was seen at 2230 by several people. It was to the north and moving southwest. It made a whizzing sound and a piece of paper fell from it. The contents is in the chapter on physical evidence. (138)

4-18-97 FARMERSVILLE, TX. The airship was seen and voices were heard singing "Hearer My God to Thee" and temperance material was distributed. (139)

4-18-97 GALLIPOLIS, O. A resident saw a cigar with huge, flapping wings extended from the sides. It had a flaming green headlight and a red light at the rear. He heard voices in a strange tongue. It stopped at the reservoir and took on water. They found a bottle with a note in it. It left slowly west. (140)

4-18-97 HEARNE, TX. An airship with Spanish words on the bow was seen at 0200 by a lone resident. He felt it was a filibustering expedition to Cuba. (141)

4-18-97 JORDAN, IL. At 2100, a man saw a cigar shaped object land at Bressler's Mill. It took on water and rose straight up to 1573 feet. It then left west. (142)

4-19-97 COWGILL, MO. The airship was seen at 2400 going southeast to northwest. It had a dazzling headlight, wings spread, and red and green lights. (143)

4-19-97 CUTLER, O. Several saw the airship at night going east at 1000 feet up. It was the size of a steamboat, winged, and had a searchlight on the bow. They heard the noise of a gas engine. (144)

4-19-97 NEW ULM, MN. At 2100, the airship was seen passing over going west. When it was over the city, it stopped, hovered, descended to 100 feet, then shot upward, and left. One source said it dropped several typed pages describing how it was built. (145)

4-19-97 PALO PINTO, TX. A huge object with a very large headlight was seen going north at 2100. The next day a letter was found attached to some large nails with twine. The contents can be found in the chapter on physical evidence. (146)

4-19-97 BOLIVAR, TN. At 2100, several heard a roaring and splashing sound. They saw a light above the trees coming down the river. Its motive power was under the water. The light was attached to it by a cable which hit the bridge and broke. The airship left south. A monster serpent showed its full length in the air and dropped back into the water. One witness said there were 2 airships; the other saw only 1. This was due to the fact that the former visited the Palace Saloon twice and the latter once. (147)

4-19-97 CAMDEN, NJ. A dark, cigar shaped object was seen emitting flashes of red fire and darting in and out of the clouds. Since the time was 2000, it was said to have been a dark cloud lit by the sun. (148)