

acts at such a time. A plate has been exposed on a sitter, and as, after a time which had previously sufficed for the development of the image, very little is to be seen on the film, a change in the light is assumed, and under-exposure taken for granted. A second plate is therefore exposed for a considerably longer time. This time the image comes up, but very weak. It is, in short, an over-exposed picture, much under-developed. If by this the true cause of the apparent slowness of the plate or light has been discovered, yet another plate is exposed, perhaps for the same time at the first, and either by warming the solution, or by longer time, or possibly by some variations in the proportions of the constituents of the developer, a satisfactory negative is obtained. With less knowledge and experience, however, the cause and extent of the difficulty may not be fully ascertained, and a quantity of unsatisfactory work result.

The cause of the evil being recognized, the best remedy is to keep the dark room at a temperature such as the comfort of the operator would suggest as desirable for himself and his work. Merely warming the developer itself is not so satisfactory, as it will soon chill in a cold dish, and it would be difficult to work a succession of plates in anything like equal conditions of temperature with only this aid. Many dark rooms have no convenience for being specially warmed by a stove, but we have known in such cases a great advantage to accrue from merely keeping a small jet of gas burning through the night, and in the intervals during the day when light is permissible. An ordinary paraffin lamp stood low has also sufficed in some cases to prevent the temperature from falling to an uncomfortable degree. There is yet another advantage in keeping out cold from a dark room besides securing normal development and the comfort of the operator. The water pipes, and cistern, where there is one, are preserved from bursting, and the cost in plumbers' work resulting from a single night's frost may considerably exceed the outlay for gas, paraffin, or other fuel employed to keep out the frost for the entire season.

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