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Professor Stokes, the eminent scientist, has in a most ingenious manner lately demonstrated the presence of suspended matter in flame. The way this is optically proved is by condensing sunlight on the flame, and the light is then scattered by the solid particles in an extremely thin layer, both where the beam enters the flame and where it leaves it. It is polarized in the flame of reflection—an effect however, which is not found in all flames—it being absent, for instance, in that of a Bunsen flame tinged with burning sodium. In the latter case this seems to be due to the fact that the sodium is in the form of vapor, not of solid particles.—New York Sun.

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