

connection of at least a portion of them with X-ray effects and assigning them all to some morbid condition of the person's own optic nerve and organism.

It may also be of interest to mention that on two or three occasions since I became familiar with the X-ray effects on the retina of atmospheric electrical discharges, I have recognized "dark" flashes, that is, instantaneous withdrawals of existing light instead of pulses of actual light. In view of the recent announcement from Ottawa of the identification of dark flashes of lightning amongst the ordinary lightning strokes, the occurrence of similar phenomena amongst the X-ray effects upon the retina may be of some interest. It would seem that Milton's paradoxical "darkness visible" has a real existence, and I have been forced to wonder if Milton in his blindness, familiar with X-ray flashes, as many who are blind are known to be, had actually witnessed pulsations of the "dark" or inverted kind.