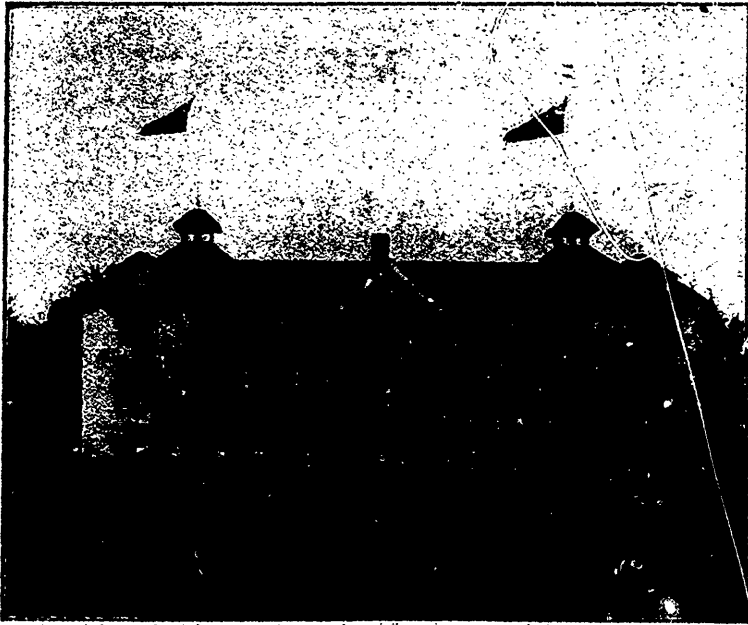


the night sky, celestial objects stand out clear-cut and with marvellous beauty. The atmosphere is pellucid. Setting stars can be followed down to the very horizon, and I have often seen Capella, that lovely sun in Auriga, skirting through the branches or the distant tree-tops along the north-western skyline. In other less favorable localities, stars are commonly bedimmed by, or lost in, the low hanging mist, dust and haze, which either blur or effectually extinguish them before they set. During the past summer I was surprised at the wealth of detail revealed day after day upon the sun, especially where there were spots and faculae, and night after night upon the



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moon, and in the interesting planetary systems of Jupiter and Saturn. I quite agree with the celebrated American astronomer who spends his holidays in Muskoka, that in our northern districts a first-class field glass will usually do the work of a small but excellent telescope used almost anywhere farther south. Then, in addition to the peculiar astronomical, observational advantages, there are frequent displays of auroræ and atmospheric effects of unrivalled variety and beauty. The latter include gorgeous sunsets, mock suns, solar halos and rays.