

A correspondent of the Manchester Examiner wrote from Chorlton on August 8, calling attention to "the magnificent phenomenon of Tuesday night last (5th inst.), which appeared in the northern heavens. Returning from the direction of Chorlton Green towards Keppel Road, one's eye was entranced as with a magic spell by one of the most beautiful sights ever witnessed. I have had the pleasure of seeing a goodly number of heavenly or solar sights, but few, if any, surpassing this one. The object has surely been more than mere nothing here. It was first noticed to the right of and above Ursa Major, shot downwards at a high rate of fire, then apparently nearing the top of the 'Pointers,' burst with a vivid shower of variously coloured sparks, like those it apparently the distance of a 'pointer' to the other—a streamer of the length of and resembling the tails of stars often called the 'Venus Hunter's Girdle,' part of the constellation Orion, the bar across the whole. Then the bar itself varied in size, and sparsely of quivering light. Suddenly a shower of sparks of various sizes and colours fell around