

BLESSED DREAMS.

The sunset's smile had left the sky. The moon rose calm and fair. As low a little maiden knelt To breathe her nightly prayer.

The New Comet.

Although a new comet is no cause for general alarm among astronomers, the sudden appearance of the celestial visitor now reported has had a startling effect upon opinion on both sides of the Atlantic.

It has been as unexpected as that of 1760, which the old records say, suddenly became visible in Western Europe when its distance from the earth was estimated to be one-thousandth of the earth's mean distance from the sun.

It is possible that the comet now visible is the same that was reported on June 15 by Professor Gould, from the National Observatory of the Argentine Confederation and cabled from the Cape of Good Hope at a little later date.

On the 9th inst., a telegram from Mr. Gill, the astronomer at the latter point announced: "Bright comet discovered, which on June 15 will be near Gamma Orionis and on June 27 will be near Beta Aurigae in the Northern Hemisphere."

It was seen almost simultaneously by Professors Swift, of Rochester, and Sharpless, of Philadelphia, and Professor Henry, of Paris, the last named observer having seen it about five hours before it was noticed in Philadelphia.

Telegrams from London, as well as all parts of this country, indicate that it was very generally observed, and astronomers are already calculating its course. It is between the bright star Capella and the horizon, carrying a tail about five degrees long, or about as long as the distance between the two pointers in the constellation of the Great Bear, and is visible between half past two and four o'clock A. M.

It seems as yet impossible to ascertain whether it is, as Dr. Gould and others suppose, the great comet of 1807, the diameter of whose nucleus, as measured by Herschel, was 538 miles. This remarkable comet was the finest that had appeared since that of 1760, and was discovered by Pons, at Marseilles, on Sept. 26. In ten days its nucleus became as clear as a star of the second magnitude, its tail distinctly visible, and on Oct. 5 it was seen in the northwest, not far distant from Arcturus.

A month later its tail had undergone division, and it soon became invisible. "It was seen at times to exhibit corrugations or flashes of light," says Professor Watson, "not unlike what is exhibited in the case of the aurora borealis, and it was asserted that it was less than one second of time steaming might be seen to shoot out from the body of the tail to a distance of two and a half degrees."

If the present visitor proves to be the comet of 1807 we may look for some exceedingly fine cometary displays, and in any event it promises to be well worth the closest study of astronomers, as well as the admiring public gaze.

her two years ago if you had one. Go long now—I'm busy mentoned. "Mr. Pinchem." "What, you here yet? Well, what is it?" "I wanted to ask you for, for—" "Didn't I give her to you, you rascal!" "Yes, but what I wanted to ask you for was, not the hand of your daughter, but for a raise of salary."

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