

Motion Pictures Don't Move

Sight is not instantaneous and it takes the eye a bit of a second to wipe out one picture before it is ready to receive another, says the Better Vision Institute. This lingering of pictures in the eye is known as persistence of vision.

A flash of lightning may last for only about one hundred-thousandth of a second, but the impression of the light persists in the eye for at least a tenth of a second, says the Institute. If a bright spark at the end of a tick is rotated rapidly, the eye sees a complete circle of light.

It is because of this persistence of vision that modern motion pictures are possible. Moving pictures really never move while they are thrown on the screen. Consider a picture in which a person is walking. Individual pictures at the rate of 20 per second are projected on the screen. In each picture the person is in a slightly different position. They are projected, one at a time, on the screen. The eye sees the first picture for about only one-twentieth of a second. Then while this picture persists in the eye for another twentieth of a second, the screen is darkened by a shutter in the projector before the next picture is shown. The eyes see about 20 pictures per second, with a dark interval between each picture. Every picture remains perfectly still on the screen. The film is moved only in the dark intervals when the shutter cuts off the light. The pictures seem to move because persons and objects vary their positions in the successive pictures.

After an absence of a few days, Mrs. Carl Rash, of Forest Hill, d., and three of her children are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Estep.

Uncle Bud Edwards spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. M. Williams and spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Richardson.

Attorney Walter E. Wiles and father, Sidney Wiles, of Chicago, are visiting relatives and friends here.

Franklin Hendrix, who has a position at Portsmouth, Va., is pending a few days here.

Mrs. Johnson Sanders and little daughter spent a few days here last week and was accompanied home Friday by Mrs. C. H. Sanders who visited with them and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanders.

Mrs. Herbert Lyons, of Sparta, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Osborne near here.

Bear down on caution—not the accelerator!

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