

STRANGE PHENOMENA.

To the Editor of the Portland Guardian.

SIR—While strolling a little way beyond the precincts of the town on Saturday evening last, my attention was attracted by the singular appearance of a FAINT LIGHT, which was moving before me at a distance of a few hundred yards, apparently in a northerly direction, and in an UNDULATING course. I could not ascertain for a certainty what direction it was taking, owing to its ZIG-ZAG movements; sometimes it appeared FLOUNDERING, as it were, in a westerly direction; when suddenly, and for a short time, it would remain STATIONARY; then it would take an easterly direction, tending rather towards Melbourne. Owing to its faint, imperfect, and flickering light, together with its any thing but STRAIGHT-FORWARD course, I was unable to take any further observations. One remarkable circumstance connected with the appearance of this light was, its being accompanied by an EXTRAORDINARY sound resembling the rattling of paper. I must not omit to mention also, that its head, or neck, was of a thin transparent nature; so much so, that I could see, through it, objects on the OTHER SIDE. Its tail, or rather tails, for it had FIVE, were of the same thin vapour-like appearance, with the exception of one, that assumed a red and fiery-like aspect.

An explanation of this strange phenomena, or its cause, will much oblige your friend,

FIGARO.

P. S.—Perhaps, Sir, you will be able also to inform me if, and in what manner, the MERCURY was affected by the appearance of this extraordinary light; I should OPINE it had fallen.