

Curious Lights.

ON Tuesday night last many people in Casino were considerably perturbed in mind and body by the appearance of a mysterious light which was seen high up in the sky in the direction of Pound Hill. The residents who were out of doors trying to cool themselves noticed this, and at once became more or less alarmed. All sorts of solutions were advanced as to what the light was. The "more informed" portion of the populace thought it was Halley's comet, while others, having become acquainted with the fact that airships were a genuine article, thought it must be one of these ingenious contrivances. Some time back a country newspaper correspondent to one of the Sydney dailies advised that an airship was afloat over Coff's Harbour. This also entered some people's heads as a solution of the phenomenon, while still others imagined that the oft-predicted end of the world had come. Even the interest and curiosity was allowed to disturb the sober deliberations of our civic fathers. One of them was advised there was a strange light in the sky, and he informed the Council. An adjournment was at once made, and aldermen were quickly out in the street "straining their eyes to see." The Mayor, in his anxiety to locate the mystery, climbed the Fire Brigade bell tower. His white-clad figure up the tower caused some surprise to the firemen at the station. No one could solve the problem, but next morning the sequel was divulged. It appears a cadet was flying a "war-kite" with a lantern attachment. Some time ago one of the military officers when visiting Casino gave instructions in the manufacture of such a kite for night-signalling in military tactics, and this enthusiastic young warrior had not forgotten the lesson. He was at once seized with the idea of experimenting on his own account, and evidently with considerable success. This kite was what caused the mental and physical disturbance amongst our sober-minded municipal fathers.