

STRANGE LIGHT IN SKY.

Seen from Collinsville.

"Interested" (Collinsville) writes to Brisbane 'Daily Mail' under date of October 17: "About 7 p.m. to-day, between sunset and dark, I noticed a strange light in the sky, in a west-south-westerly direction. This light was near the horizon, and of a yellowish color. It was shaped like an E (script), very narrow at the top, and gradually increasing in intensity, ended at the bottom in a bright light. I first saw the light at 7 p.m., and it gradually faded, until at 7.10 it disappeared. As I have never seen or heard of anything of this character, I would be pleased if you could tell me the reason for its appearance."

The 'Daily Mail' observes:—The light referred to was the luminous matter emitted by a fireball seen from Mitchell, Emerald, and other places on the same day and at the same hour as the light was seen from Collinsville. Apparently "Interested" saw only the latter part of the phenomenon. Had he been watching a few minutes earlier he would have seen the fireball responsible for the light. A full explanation of the fireball appeared in last Thursday's issue of the 'Daily Mail.' After the luminous matter removed from the fireball by friction with the atmosphere has lost its forward motion, due to air resistance, it is not unusual for it to assume fantastic shapes such as that described. This is accounted for by the upper air currents disturbing the material.