

SEEING THINGS

Early in February, some queer egg-shaped objects, pink and slightly luminous, were seen to pass across the sky near Port Augusta; but this phenomenon was hardly so much as a nine days' wonder, for a South Australian amateur astronomer was ready with a plausible theory about meteors, which most people promptly accepted.

We now know that, in the slang of the moment, Port Augusta "started something." The egg-shaped apparitions about which South Australia was mildly excited five months since, were plainly the harbingers of those "flying saucers" that have been creating such a sensation in America.

Our trans-Pacific cousins have seldom given their imaginations so much play. Multitudes of people have seen the new hosts of heaven flying across the sky in the likeness of saucers; and those who have seen nothing, have been ready to make amends by offering "explanations" of ever-increasing fantasy.

It was left to a Sydney physiologist to point out that "flying saucers" are likely to be nothing worse than red corpuscles in the eye of the observer, and several American and British scientists having hastened to agree that this

is a valid theory, the greatest known epidemic of "seeing things" may fairly be supposed to be on the wane.