

## ANNOYING AURORA BOREALIS.

**Many Telegraph Wires Are Disabled  
for a Time by a Daylight One.**

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 9.—For an hour and a half this afternoon the Western Union Telegraph lines were disabled by a daylight aurora borealis. At least, that is what the telegraph officials say, and the weather man corroborates them. At 2:30 o'clock strange shocks began to be felt upon the wires. These shocks came in waves of increasing violence. After this had lasted several minutes, the wires would work for a time as though there was nothing the matter. Then the shocks would recommence and work would be delayed again. Inquiry showed the same effect as far east as Buffalo, west beyond Omaha, and south to Tennessee. Washington said that it worked the wires to Georgia with difficulty.

A Western Union official said: "We have had trouble with the Aurora Borealis before, and it has been noticed that the weather was always as it is to-day. The shocks registered a force of 280 volts upon some of our lines. The trouble is widespread."

Strange to say, the telephone lines were not affected. Forecaster Cox said: "The Aurora was very strong, and if the day had not been cloudy it could easily have been seen."