

BRILLIANT AURORA LIGHTS NIAGARA SKY

Dazzling Display Sweeps Third of Horizon Over Gorge and Outlet of River

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Aug. 2.—The Aurora Borealis, leaving only the low southern sky unvisited, flashed brilliantly during several hours this morning over the gorge and the outlet of the Niagara River.

The feature of the display was a long flat arc, resembling a cloud in whiteness, strong enough to obscure some of the stars of the Big Dipper, and extending from northwest to east along more than one-third of the horizon.

It changed to a cupid's bow, to a fish hook or question mark fallen to the left, and finally to a curtain fringe with curved fold.

Between the span and the horizon the sky seemed darker than usual. The vertical lines of light appear to ripple to the right or eastward.

Streamers darted to the zenith and patches of the sky were intermittently lighted and darkened as though a searchlight were being turned on and off or as the surface of calm water is momentarily agitated by light gusts.

Even when facing due south, one could see part of the show on both sides and toward the zenith. The flashes were also visible even when near the moon.

The display was faint at 10 P. M., Eastern standard time, yesterday, strong 1:30 to 3 A. M. today. At 4 A. M. it had faded to a softly glowing arc, hanging low over the horizon and melting into the increasing light of the ordinary aurora.