## Aurora Borealis Lights The Sky Over New York

A brilliant display of the aurora borealis, or northern lights, provided a dividend of pleasure for New Yorkers on the town on Saturday night.

Streams and rays of greenish, red and white light pulsated and fused for about a half-hour, fading finally at 11 P. M. James S. Pickering of the American Museum-Hayden Planetarium called the display "one of the most brilliant" he had seen in these latitudes.

The phenomenon is caused by the ionization of subatomic particles in the atmosphere. It is often related to sunspot activity.