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FOREWORD.

The globe photometer, or more properly, the Ulbricht integrating sphere is not in itself a photometer. It consists of a hollow globe or sphere, usually of from 18 to 80 inches in diameter, lined with a white material having as nearly as possible a perfectly diffusing surface. Ulbricht demonstrated in 1900 that if a light source be placed in such a globe, the illumination of a small translucent window flush with the globe lining would be proportional to the total light flux emitted by the light source within the globe, provided however that the window were screened from the direct rays by a small opaque screen, and the only rays incident upon the window be those reflected from the entire globe lining. This fact immediately brot this novel integrating device to the attention of photometric engineers, for it is necessary to take but one reading to get the total light flux of the source to be measured, where it is necessary with other devices to take a large number of readings or to rotate the light source. This is not expedient nor accurate for arc lamp photometry on account of the natural variability of arcs. The globe can be used in connection with an ordimary photometer bar or some special photometer. It can be demonstrated mathematically the the illumination received by the window is a constant, times the total light flux emitted by the light source within the globe. This constant

^{*} Barrows, Light, Photometry and Illumination, page 186.