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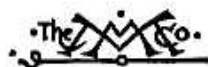
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I. INTRODUCTION

THE ability to recognize the more brilliant stars and to locate the more conspicuous constellations or star groups, is both an interesting and a useful acquirement. The number of people who have a real interest in popular astronomy and a fair acquaintance with the stars and constellations is steadily increasing and they find real pleasure in their information. To the meteorologist who would make observations of the position of the streamers of the Aurora Borealis or locate the place of the appearance and disappearance of bright meteors, a knowledge of the stars and constellations is absolutely necessary. The best way to locate the position of an auroral streamer without the use of apparatus is to observe the stars between which and over which it extends. Similarly the point of appearance and disappearance of a meteor has been definitely determined if the nearest star in each case has been noted. If great