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MORE BALL LIGHTNING

The latest tale of ball lightning comes from Toronto, where this mysterious phenomenon was observed at 3:30 in the morning, July 20 of this year, by J. Wilkinson, who reports as follows:

"Two balls of fire came in an open window, which faces north. They were about two feet apart and came with a sizzling sound, 'and then some.' Owing to the suddenness with which they appeared and the speed with which they traveled it was impossible to say how large they were, but they were larger than walnuts.

"There was a terrific peal of thunder. I was almost blinded. They seemed to land on the pillow beside me, but I believe they struck the bed light, causing a flash; also a short circuit, which blew out a fuse. Particles of metal from the lamp that was struck fell on the pillow-slips and burned several tiny holes in both of them. It looked at the time as if the pillows were both in flames. The lights in the front of the house were put out, although those at the rear were not affected."

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