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Mr. Oscar Monning,  
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Morton Smith, of the Gainesville Daily Register, tells me you are interested in astronomical phenomena. I had ask him if he had seen anything in the press about the meteor which appeared late afternoon 17th inst.

I was siting in my back-yard facing east. Had been reading the afternoon paper. As I laid the paper down I was attracted to a light which proved to be one of the most spectacular meteoric displays I have ever seen. Larger than the one which appeared late in May, in an almost northerly direction. This one, appeared at 7:25 P.M. 17th inst., just about the center of the N.E. **quarter of the heavens....** or ~~due~~ northeast about 45 degrees above the horizon. At first it seemed about as large as a large cantelope. Instead of deminishing in size as it descended it became rapidly larger, until when it passed behind some low trees it seemed four or five feet in diameter. It was not red, but a blue white; but as it came nearer the earth a redish perimeter became noticable, with short "efforts" to become streamers. It descended almost vertically,...just moved west about 15 degrees from start to finish. If you should learn anything diefinitely about it I would be glad to have the information.

Truly, *C. L. Stocks D.D.S.*