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Dear Mr. Butler:

First let me thank you for the various reprints you have sent. I have gradually read just about everything in them and they have been most enjoyable and interesting. There are a couple of duplicates which I could return to you for your files if you desire.

Haidinger's Brush continues to elude me in spite of your continued efforts to be of help. I got involved in a proposed trip to the Solitario in west Texas in December and this finally came off in early January, but was not too satisfactory because we ran into an ice-snow storm the second day of our sortie. Then I got home to my wife in a mild crisis with a very sore finger which ultimately took her to the hospital for the removal of an abscess under a general anaesthetic and she just finally was dismissed from the doctor's periodic inspection of the area today (tho she was hospitalized only one day back on Jan. 8).

Recently we have had some real clean days and I have stared at the sky at various times and places. Sometimes I seem to see a lot of grayish or darkish streaks pointing sunward but can't believe this is what I ought to see. I have tried your dark blue-Polaroid combination but I will confess I am not sure of just what I ought to see with this combination, nor do I know just how to hold the slide with reference to the sun. I fear you will think I am rather obtuse, and I guess I am.

Yesterday (Sunday) was beautifully clear and I tried in the afternoon and at twilight with a black mirror I have, with unaided eye and with your filter. I did a few times in the northwest (when the sun was in the southwest in the middle afternoon) think I saw a yellowish streak, but it was not 40° long and there were no blue spots or areas as the book mentions—only a sort of dark area surrounding it. It was quite uncertain and unsatisfactory.

I will keep on trying and I have a garden globe which I have been intending to mount and try as our author recommends. We have not put it out in our yard for fear of vandalism, as we live on the edge of town where kids would love to steal it or shoot at it!