

Comet. I had instructions sent to me some time ago, but I have not been able to find them for you, and I have not seen it myself. I should scarcely think you would be able to see it with your glass. But I hope you will make all that you can, of every opportunity of studying the great Comet now visible, as it may be many years before we are permitted to witness such a brilliant one again. These objects are generally seen best with slow power - and if you can manage to take one of the old glasses belonging to the eye-end of your telescope and fit it into a paper tube, so as to turn it into an eye-piece, you will probably find it will give you a more beautiful view than a higher power - and for showing the tail well a low power is absolutely necessary - in order that there may be field enough, and contrast enough with the surrounding dark sky.

If your telescope behaves as well as I should expect, you will be able to see some of its interesting features - for instance, the greater brightness of the two edges of the tail, indicating its real structure to be a hollow Cone - a form frequently observed in the tails of large Comets - the greater condensation of the left side of the tail (to the naked eye) as well as its curvature