

being incapable of reaching the polar regions without moving the stand when required. If the latter is objected to, the German equatorialⁱⁿ which the telescope projects on one side (with a counterpoise on the other) must be adopted - this construction commands all the heavens without removing the stand. Home & Thornthwaite (121 Newgate St.) make an Equatorial stand on the latter plan, to carry telescopes up to 3 1/2 feet focus, for £10.10.0. It might be worth your while to go to see this (or you may see a print of it on the cover of the "Intellectual Observer" if you or any of your friends take that publication. Home & Thornthwaite's prices are well known to be high - (for instance I could tell you where to get finders or eyepieces at little more than 2/3rds of their price, and will do so if you want them) but still this seems to me cheap as compared with Sleters' price, & at the same rate, even if made as large & strong as Sleters', I think it would not be equally dear.

Yeates & Son, 2 Grafton St. Dublin advertise (without price) an Equatorially mounted Telescope for Students & Amateur Astronomers. possibly, if you have any friend there, he might find out whether they, or Grubb, another celebrated Dublin optician, could sell for a stand separate, cheaper than these London prices. But I should be shy of their direct-glazes without knowing more about them.

I think I have nothing more to tell you on this head. & I fear you will find it very tedious to read & compare it all. But before we have quite done, I must mention another matter.

I do not know what branch of astronomy you feel inclined to take up - but upon this, in some degree, the choice of an instrument would depend.