

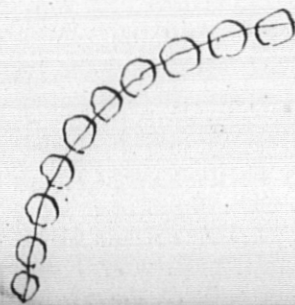
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10 April 1877.

Hardwick Vicarage,  
Hug. R. S. O.

My dearest Arthur,

I have not seen - or have quite forgotten - what Proctor may have written about the ovoid markings on 24. It must be admitted that at first sight they are extremely like ellipsoidal masses floating in an atmosphere - but I believe that it is a mere illusion. You know how incompetent I am to take up the question mathematically but I think it would be easy to show graphically the impossibility: for if we had actual masses to deal with like this



it is obvious that the interstices would disappear from their overlapping, at a very short distance