

**“The Daguerreotype,” (views of Niagara by Gouraud) 3 July 1841**

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THE DAGUERREOTYPE.—When Mr. Francois Gouraud arrived in this city, bringing the daguerreotype apparatus, and proposing to explain the process, we lent him what aid we could, as our readers may remember; and subsequently, at various times, we gave him an occasional paragraph, for which he expressed much gratitude.

For a year past, or thereabout, we had utterly lost sight and hearing of him; and the conclusion we arrived at, long ago, was that he had gone back to France, disappointed and perhaps dispirited. But the idea was agreeably dispelled yesterday morning, when, on entering our workshop, we found lying upon our table three large morocco cases, on opening which we found four large and admirable Daguerreotype views of the FALLS OF NIAGARA, with a letter from Mr. Gouraud, informing us that these were his first attempts in that quarter. Beautiful they are certainly, and of course accurate to perfection. We presume that they will be placed somewhere for public examination.

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**EDITOR'S NOTES:**

Further information regarding Gouraud is found in Ron Polito, “The Emergence of Photography in Boston: 1840–1841,” *The Journal: New England Journal of Photographic History* No. 164 (Spring 2005): 16–32. Polito’s article is also reprinted in *Daguerreian Annual 2006* (Pittsburgh: The Daguerreian Society, 2007): 154–73.

See also François Fauvel-Gouraud, *Description of the Daguerreotype Process, or a Summary of M. Gouraud’s Public Lectures, according to the Principles of M. Daguerreotype. With a Description of a Provisory Method for Taking Human Portraits* (Boston: Dutton and Wentworth’s Print, 1840).<sup>1</sup>

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