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We have also to record the death of Henry E. Insley at his residence at Nannet, N. Y., on August 7th, at the advanced age of eighty-three. He was the oldest photographer in America, if not in the world. He began business at the corner of Broadway and Fulton street, in 1840, being associated with his brother-in-law, the late Geo. W. Prosch, under the firm name of Insley & Prosch. In later years he moved to Jersey City. He used double mirrors for reflecting sunlight into his studio, and also blue glass for softening the light. He also patented the process for the “illuminated daguerreotype,” a vignetted bust surrounded by a colored halo. He took the first instantaneous picture of a man walking in the street, which picture was noticed in the New York Sun of that time.

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EDITOR’S NOTES:


See also the obituary for Insley in Appletons’ Annual Cyclopaedia and Register of Important Events of the Year 1894, vol. 19 (New York: D. Appleton and Company, 1895): 582.
