

to the laws governing these  
simple forms of matter.

I have been very successful  
during the past summer in obtaining  
photographs of stellar spectra and  
in them it seems to me a  
process of evolution is clearly  
marked out.

Yours truly  
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My Dear Professor Tacchini

I have sent by this  
mail an enlarged copy of my  
photograph of the Nebula in Orion.  
You can realize the importance  
of this result. It gives us  
the means of determining any  
marked change that may occur  
in this remarkable body by  
making comparisons with other  
photographs taken in the future,  
and we may thus get a clue