FIFTY YEARS AGO


Sironi has had the opportunity of seeing cataract due to high tension current and to lightning stroke and comparing the two, he finds the changes identical. He thinks that in lightning stroke the main discharge often misses the person who is affected only by some of the branches, into which the whole breaks up.

Thus the potential is reduced to something like that of high power industrial current. It has been said that the occurrence of a cataract shows that the discharge must have passed through the head; the author's cases seem to show that this is not necessary since the burns produced at the point of entrance and exit were on the body and leg. The appearance of the opacity may not follow the accident immediately but may be delayed for many months.

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