CONROW-TESLA NOCTURNAL ILLUMINATOR

This machine is a recent version of Professor A.D. Conrow's original Noctillum Apparatus (Nocturnal Illuminator) created at his ADC Radio Lab. Professor Conrow's original work was inspired by a meeting of top scientists gathered to discuss "Exploring Novel Methods for Concentrating Aether & Other Practical Applications of Quantum Mechanical Actions". An inner-working group, of which he was an executive member, also discussed many of the scientists' lack of sleep and their increasing inability to sleep restfully after pondering the uncertainty of Dr. Heisenberg's uncertainty issues, etc.. Although still somewhat vague, it is my understanding that Professor Conrow modified a light-sensitive phantastron circuit (per Tesla's request) back in the late 1920s and early '30s to create an automated apparatus that could detect when the lights in the room were shut off. By automating this process, the scientist or other user didn't have to concern him or herself with turning on a nightlight manually (which they were often accused of forgetting to do). He named his apparatus Noctillum and used one beside his bed as his only source of light when the overhead or reading lights were not on. Many a good and sound night's sleep did Conrow attribute to his trusty Noctillum!

Using Prof. Conrow's original schematics, drawings and notes, I have assembled this apparatus to Conrow's exacting standards. It uses an original, vintage vacuum-rectifier tube, brass uprights, bakelite components, vintage telegraph wire and more modern parts where vintage components were not available. The machine is protected by a glass dome mounted on the base, but will operate with or without the glass dome in place.

OPERATION: To use your new Noctillum, you simply plug it in and the tube will glow orange at all times to indicate that there is power applied to the apparatus. Then, when the room lights are switched off, or your finger is placed on the Phantom Oculus Photon Sensor, both the Red and Green jeweled indicator lights begin projecting light onto your ceiling so you can see to get around in the dark. Pleaese note that you may need to move your Noctillum around the room until you find a location where the unit can “see” the room light when it is on. Likewise, the Noctillum's Phantom Oculus should be “dark” at night so it will turn the jeweled indicator lamps on properly. In addition to the Noctillum, Conrow also developed a separate apparatus called the “Conrow-Tesla Sleep Inducer Apparatus”. Tesla was addicted to the sound of his high-frequency oscillating apparatus and its associated spark-gaps which created a distinct “hissing” or “sizzling “ sound that could quickly lull a person to sleep. Tesla had mentioned this effect to Professor Conrow who quickly developed a small bed-side apparatus to help him sleep. This device has helped many scientists fall fast asleep as it produces a gentle hiss or rushing sound. Conrow liked the falling-water adjustment because it reminded him of his beloved Niagara Falls where he spent so much time with General Electric. If you are interested in learning more about Professor Conrow's theories, inventions, prototype apparatus and patent models, please visit www.victorianmachines.com or e-mail at victorianmachines@gmail.com.

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