

# Orion, Mighty Hunter, To Be Seen High In South Skies

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Aeneid exclaimed, "Bright Orion, armed with burnished gold." And in modern times Fenynson saw "Great Orion, sloping slowly to the west."

According to the ancient myths, Orion was the tallest and most handsome of men. He quarreled with Oenopion and was blinded by this adversary. He set out for the "place of the sunrise," and there his sight was miraculously restored. Again head is madly charging toward him.

The poets of all ages have paid high homage to this fine sky-figure. The Hebrew Job asked, "Canst thou loose the bands of Orion?" Virgil in his Latin head is madly charging toward him.

We shall attempt to trace this figure without a diagram. Should the sky be clear this coming week, let us look high in the south between 8 and 9 p. m. Almost instantly we notice a short line of three prominent stars, very evenly spaced and all of the same degree of brightness, sloping downward toward the left. This line marks the belt around Orion's waist. Hanging from the lowest star of the belt is a short line of a few dimmer stars, which constitute the dagger. On a moonless night, those with good eyes will note that one star of the dagger looks rather fuzzy. Field glasses will reveal a haze around it. This is a faint view of the great Orion nebula so splendid in large telescopes.

But Orion is more than a belt and dagger. Four bright stars, two far above the belt and two below, form a large four-sided figure. Of the two upper, the one to the east is red Betelgeuse in the hunter's right shoulder; the other—not so bright—is in his left shoulder. A few faint stars above a line between the shoulders constitute his head, which is turned to the west.

Of the stars below the belt, the one to the east is in Orion's right knee; the other is the very brilliant, sparkling white Rigel, his left shoe buckle. Another star slightly higher marks his upraised, bent knee. A four faint stars above his right shoulder trace his lifted arm and club; a curve of "hip points" to the west of the left shoulder mark his shield. His threatening attitude is directed at Taurus, the Bull, which with lowered

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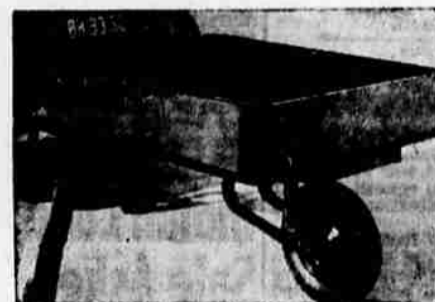


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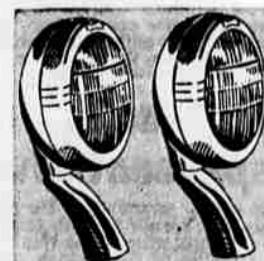
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