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 The Silver Medal of the American Institute was awarded to INSLEY'S ILLUMINATED DAGUERREOTYPES, and we have no doubt the public will award their meed of praise in favor of this splendid improvement. Gallery No. 311 Broadway, above the Irving House. o28-1t*

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EDITOR'S NOTES:

Additional information regarding Insley and his "illuminated daguerreotypes" is available from John Craig's web site, *Craig's Daguerreian Registry*.¹

A brief but informative obituary for Insley is found in *Anthony's Photographic Bulletin* (New York) 25:9 (1 September 1894): 285.²

A ca. 1839 daguerreotype portrait of Insley—now in the collection of the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art—is viewable on the museum's web site, *Developing Greatness: The Origins of American Photography, 1839–1885*.³ The portrait of Insley is included among several Insley family daguerreotypes in Jane L. Aspinwall, "Henry Earle Insley: Artist and Entrepreneur," *Daguerreian Annual 2007* (Cecil: The Daguerreian Society, 2008):76–87. See also Keith F. Davis and Jane L. Aspinwall, *The Origins of American Photography: from Daguerreotype to Dry-plate, 1839–1885* (Kansas City: Hall Family Foundation, 2007): 12–17; Joan M. Schwartz, "The Enigmatic Henry E. Insley," *History of Photography* 16:1 (Spring 1992): 70–72; Roy Blankenship, "Henry Earle Insley: Pioneer Photographer," *South of the Mountains: The Historical Society of Rockland County* 29:1 (January–March 1985): 16–21.

Insley exhibited his "illuminated daguerreotypes" at the New York Crystal Palace. See *Official Catalogue of the New-York Exhibition of the Industry of all Nations. 1853* (New York: George P. Putnam & Co., 1853): 50, 51–53.⁴ A brief description of the method is provided in Samuel D. Humphrey, *American Hand Book of the Daguerreotype* (New York: S. D. Humphrey, 1858): 171.

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): 582.⁵

1. <http://craigcamera.com/dag/>

2. http://www.daguerreotypearchive.org/texts/P8940001_INSLEY-OBIT_ANTH_1894-09-01.pdf

3. <http://www.nelson-atkins.org/art/Exhibitions/DevGreat/CollectionDatabase.cfm?id=51000>

4. http://www.daguerreotypearchive.org/texts/B8530003_CATALOGUE_NY-CRYSTAL_1853.pdf

5. http://www.daguerreotypearchive.org/texts/P8950002_INSLEY-OBIT_APPLETONS_1895.pdf

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