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THE ELEMENTS OF PHYSICS. A College Text Book. By E. L. Nichols and William S. Franklin. In three volumes. Vol. III. Light and Sound. New York: The Macmillan Company. London: Macmillan & Company, Limited. 1897. Pp. vii, 201. Price \$1.50.

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