

A Year Of Thirteen Months?

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If the most favored plan goes through, as at present indicated, another month will be added to our calendar as a world holiday—24 hours set apart in which we can think of peace, prosperity and universal love.

Already most of the nations on earth have agreed, the National Chamber of Commerce have approved of the general reform, and there seems to be no doubt that our calendar will be revised as more practical in basis. In every country, there will be seven days in every week, four weeks in every month and 13 months in every year.

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Sir Alan Cobham, now visiting in Canada, has won for himself the most important flights made by him since 1922. In that year it was merely a little jaunt to North Africa. In 1925 he flew to Capetown and return, and, this year, he flew to Australia. LOWER LEFT shows another view of Sir Alan, his wife and dog in the garden of their English home after his Australian flight and RIGHT shows the air hero's young son, Geoffrey Alan, as he looked in the British empire. This map shows the air hero's young son, Geoffrey Alan, as he looked in the British empire.

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The Forbidden City General Hertzog

Mecca—the cradle of Islam—is unlike any other city on earth. It is a city where, it is believed by Muslims, Adam himself first made the house of God, where Abraham erected the Kaaba, where God's radiance shone upon heaven and earth.

Millions of Muslims have died for it through history, millions upon millions have kissed the black stone which is built in the corner of that room, writes Sirdar Akhal All Shah in John's London Weekly.

The carpet is a yearly gift from Egypt, where in Cairo unmarried women prepare it, and as soon as a new one arrives the old covering is removed and cut up in small pieces and sold to the pilgrims as sacred relics.

A little farther away is the spring of Zam Zam which is believed to have been shown by the angel to Hagar. The pilgrim, after encircling the "House of God" seven times, offers his prayers beside the room which lodges the stone.

Between these buildings and the colonnades that surround the shrine on all sides—only the Haram—the courtyard is very spacious, measuring about 250 paces by 210 paces, whilst fifteen gates offer a way out.

But between the times of prayer one sees the most curious and grotesque streets of Mecca are not narrow and although sanitation is unknown, there is no dirt.

There are, of course, no places of amusement for the city is not meant for recreation there. The pilgrim goes to pray. Worldly distractions would be unthinkable.

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Cough Caused Constant Coughing. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. Mrs. D. M. Nolan, Douglastown, N.B., writes: "Two years ago I had a terrible cold which settled in my bronchial tubes and caused constant coughing, and I could not sleep day or night. I read about Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup and thought I would give it a trial. After taking three bottles I was completely rid of my cough, and have never had a cold since."

THE VILLAGE OF LARGO. The little fishing village of Largo, Pictou, Scotland, the birthplace of Alexander Selkirk, the unadorned original of Defoe's "Robinson Crusoe," has undergone no great change since its famous son set out on his travels, writes John Landels Love. It has recently come into prominence through a cable flashed across the world announcing the death there of William Gillies, the last direct descendant of Defoe's hero.

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