

READING for NOVEMBER



As a national family paper, *The Companion* is perhaps at its best in the month of the national family festival. The special *Thanksgiving Number* will smack as truly of the day as the turkey itself. Still another special number will contain our *Announcement* for 1904. During the month the last of the *Harlow* stories, full of the truest family feeling, will be published. Football enthusiasts will find in "*No Holding*" a thrilling story of their favorite game, and the *Queen of Roumania*—to carry our thoughts to other lands—will give a sympathetic account of the peasants of her realm.

THE NOVICE IN CONGRESS

By Hon. John D. Long

The new Congressman feels much like a new boy at boarding-school. He has very often to hide his light under a bushel. What custom prescribes for him and what it proscribes are told in this interesting article by the ex-Secretary of the Navy, who has had the experience himself.



JOHN D. LONG

HOW OBADIAH BROUGHT ABOUT A THANKSGIVING

By Emily Hewitt Leland

It was not strange that Obadiah Waddle suffered because of his name—for which a dollar with a hole in it seemed a poor recompense. But eventually that dollar did good service, as is told in Mrs. Leland's affecting and humorous Thanksgiving story.

THE DOINGS OF THE HARLOWS

By Mary Stewart Cutting

Exciting in incident, tender in sentiment, *The Triumph of Father*, the last of this series, will touch every heart in every family. For Mr. Harlow on one day was tested both by the peril of fire and by unexpected good fortune, and—to the infinite pride of his wife and children—each test showed the pure gold of his character.

LOST ON THE CAMEROONS MOUNTAINS

By Sir Harry H. Johnston

A strange and perilous experience on the pathless and precipitous slopes of a giant volcano is here described by a famous explorer, naturalist and administrator. His narrative is a vivid tale of true adventure.

A GRIZZLY BEAR'S PENANCE

By Herbert F. Coolidge

To begin with, the odds were all with the bear. But the man up the tree had ingenuity, and he conceived a brilliant plan for capturing the grizzly alive. What success he met with the readers of this entertaining tale will learn.

ROUMANIAN COUNTRY-FOLK

By "Carmen Sylva," Queen of Roumania

The Roumanian peasants are picturesque and melancholy, more self-contained than most southern races. This article describing their life is especially interesting for the loving comprehension of the people revealed in the author, who although queen, is not of Roumanian blood.



QUEEN OF ROUMANIA

THE GIRLS AT OVERTON

By Mary Austin

The only girls in Overton were the telegraph operator, the school-teacher and the hotel waitress. When the cloudburst came they proved their courage. Thrilling incidents serve to reveal three charming and unusual girls.

"NO HOLDING"

By Ralph Henry Barbour

Often the captain of the team is not the best player, and jealousies arise. This stirring football story tells how Captain Fob fought the temptation to do injustice to a player better than himself.

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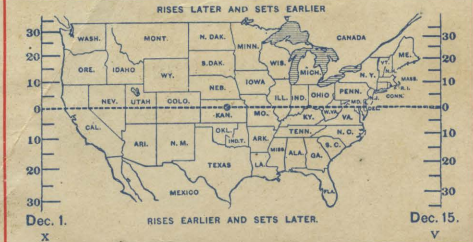
"NO HOLDING"

ALMANAC for DECEMBER

Calendar of Significant Dates.

1	Tue	Habeas Corpus Act re-stored in U. S., 1865
2	Wed	Monroe Doctrine first declared, 1823
3	Thu	Crompton, inventor of spinning-mule, born, 1753
4	Fri	Successful use of oil to calm the waves, 1882
5	Sat	Kossuth arrived in New York, 1851
6	Sun	Capstone of Washington Monument placed, 1884
7	Mon	First state, Delaware, ratified Constitution, 1787
8	Tue	Eli Whitney, inventor of cotton-gin, born, 1765
9	Wed	John Milton, English poet, born, 1608
10	Thu	Treaty of Peace signed at Paris, 1808
11	Fri	Brewster, inventor of the kaleidoscope, born, 1781
12	Sat	Marconi's first "wireless" transatlantic signal, 1901
13	Sun	Bishop Phillips Brooks born, 1835
14	Mon	Tycho Brahe, Danish astronomer, born, 1546
15	Tue	First ten amendments to Constitution in force, 1791
16	Wed	"Boston Tea Party" occurred, 1773
17	Thu	Sir Humphrey Davy, inventor safety-lamp, born, 1778
18	Fri	Thirteenth amendment adopted, 1865
19	Sat	Parry, the famous navigator, born, 1790
20	Sun	Last number of the "Spectator" appeared, 1714
21	Mon	Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock, 1620
22	Tue	First photographic exhibition in London, 1852
23	Wed	Washington resigned his commission, 1783
24	Thu	Treaty of Peace between England and U. S., 1814
25	Fri	Washington crossed the Delaware, 1776
26	Sat	Baron de Montyon, French philanthropist, born, 1733
27	Sun	Kepler, great astronomer, born, 1571
28	Mon	Westminster Abbey dedicated, 1065
29	Tue	Gladstone, English statesman, born, 1809
30	Wed	Gadsden Purchase approved, 1853
31	Thu	Cartier, the explorer, born, 1494

Date	Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon sets	Moon souths	Date	Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon rises	Moon souths
1	6 59	4 39	3 28	h 9 37 a	17	7 12	4 39	5 49 w	11 1m
2	7 0	4 39	4 31	10 29 a	18	7 13	4 40	sets	11 51m
3	7 1	4 38	5 35	11 24 a	19	7 14	4 40	5 49 w	0 41 a
4	7 2	4 38	6 39	p	20	7 14	4 41	6 42 c	1 20 a
5	7 3	4 38	7 42	0 22m	21	7 15	4 41	7 36 v	2 16 a
6	7 4	4 38	rises	1 22m	22	7 15	4 41	8 30 d	3 1 a
7	7 5	4 38	8 12	2 22m	23	7 16	4 42	9 25 u	3 45 a
8	7 5	4 38	9 26	h 3 20m	24	7 16	4 42	10 21 c	4 29 a
9	7 6	4 38	10 28	4 17m	25	7 17	4 43	11 16 u	5 11 a
10	7 7	4 38	11 35	5 10m	26	7 17	4 44	11 01 c	5 55 a
11	7 8	4 38	morn	6 2m	27	7 18	4 44	0 13 g	6 39 a
12	7 9	4 38	0 41	e 6 52m	28	7 18	4 45	1 11 i	7 25 a
13	7 10	4 38	1 46	v 7 42m	29	7 18	4 46	2 11 q	8 15 a
14	7 10	4 39	2 49	d 8 31m	30	7 19	4 46	3 14 i	9 7 a
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16	7 12	4 39	4 51	10 10m					

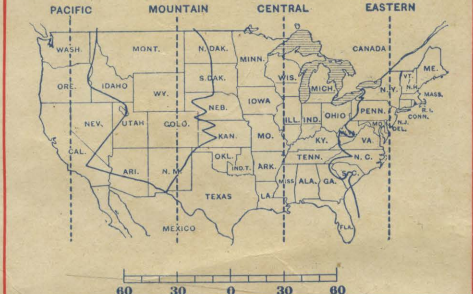


Phases of the Moon	Eastern		Central		Mountain		Pacific	
	d	h m	d	h m	d	h m	d	h m
Full Moon.....	4	1 13	4	0 13 a	4	11 13m	4	10 13m
Last Quarter.....	11	5 53m	11	4 53m	11	3 53m	11	2 53m
New Moon.....	8	4 26 a	18	3 26 a	18	2 26 a	8	1 26 a
First Quarter.....	6	9 22 a	26	8 22 a	26	7 22 a	26	6 22 a

December 22, at 1.00 p. m., central time, the sun is farthest south and Winter begins.

THE TIME MAP.

The results reached in the preceding tables are in "local" time. They may be converted into the standard time used at any given place by means of the map below. Each of the sections bounded by the heavy, irregular lines uses the time of the dotted meridian passing through it. Western Texas, however, keeps central time, although it extends beyond the meridian of mountain time. To use the map, measure the distance from the given place to the time meridian of that section. The result, when compared with the scale at the bottom, will show the number of minutes to be applied to the given local time to secure standard time. The minutes are to be added if the place is west, and subtracted if it is east, of the meridian; e. g., at Boston subtract 16 minutes.



HOLIDAYS OF THE MONTH.

December 4, 1903 (the first Friday), is Arbor Day and a public holiday in Georgia.
December 25, Christmas Day, is a public holiday throughout the nation.

The Editorial Page

takes all life for its province. The staff of contributors has been enlarged, and includes men and women who by ability, experience, study and special opportunity are exceptionally well qualified to treat of the subjects on which they write. Upon questions of personal conduct, of the family, of the school, of the church, of the community, of the nation—in short, upon all the problems which force themselves into every human life at some stage—we shall try, as we have tried heretofore, to give judicious comment and trustworthy information. As to matters of public importance about which there is an honest difference of view, our constant aim is not to sway opinion, but to present such facts and considerations as will best enable the reader to reach for himself independent and well-based conclusions.

“Current Events” and “Nature and Science”

are intended to supplement the editorial page. The first of these departments supplies what the person of intelligence most needs—a convenient record of important events in the current history of the world. The second details in a succinct and interesting fashion the greatest achievements of modern science, and the new and significant discoveries in natural history.

The Health Articles

will be found of great service in the family. Conservative and careful, they will continue to set forth in clear and simple language the best ideas of the medical profession. The subjects selected will be those on which competent opinion seems likely to find the widest popular use.

Two Thousand Bits of Miscellany

comprising odd and valuable information, interesting incidents of travel and adventure and uplifting or diverting anecdotes, are printed yearly in *The Companion*. These pages of varied miscellany will be edited with the utmost solicitude to preserve, and if possible to increase, their usefulness, variety and interest.

The Children's Page

is intended to be a pleasure to every child and a help to every parent. Amusing verses, simple and pretty stories and charming illustrations— attractive not only to children, but to their elders—are provided in great abundance and variety.

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A Word about the Almanac



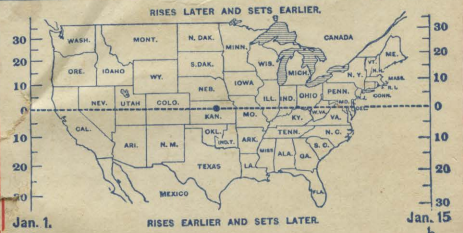
THE calendar of interesting dates combined with our last year's announcement was so cordially welcomed by our readers that we repeat it this year, and give it an addition absolutely unique—an almanac good for any point in the United States. The intricate problem of presenting in the smallest space and in easily accessible form such an enormous amount of information has been worked out with great ingenuity and skill in the Students' Astronomical Laboratory of Harvard College. Information about postal rates, the metric system, weather signals, etc., is also given. Finally, the stories and articles singled out for announcement are arranged by months in the order of their appearance in the paper. Altogether our Prospectus will be interesting and valuable for reference throughout the year.

ALMANAC for JANUARY

Calendar of Significant Dates.

Date	Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon sets	Moon souths	Date	Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon rises	Moon souths
1 Thu	h m	h m	h m	h m	17	h m	h m	h m	h m
2 Fri	7 19	4 48	7 45	2 14	17	7 17	5 3	10 14	3 32m
3 Sat	7 19	4 49	8 41	2 59	18	7 17	5 4	11 17	4 22m
4 Sun	7 19	4 50	9 39	3 43	19	7 16	5 6	morn	5 9m
5 Mon	7 19	4 51	10 37	4 27	20	7 16	5 7	0 18	5 57m
6 Tue	7 19	4 51	11 37	5 13	21	7 15	5 8	1 17	6 43m
7 Wed	7 19	4 52	morn	6 0	22	7 15	5 9	2 14	7 30m
8 Thu	7 19	4 53	0 39	6 50	23	7 14	5 10	3 7	8 17m
9 Fri	7 19	4 54	1 44	7 43	24	7 13	5 11	3 59	9 5m
10 Sat	7 19	4 55	2 50	8 40	25	7 13	5 12	4 46	9 52m
11 Sun	7 19	4 56	3 57	9 40	26	7 12	5 14	5 31	10 39m
12 Mon	7 19	4 57	5 2	10 43	27	7 11	5 15	6 12	11 26m
13 Tue	7 19	4 58	6 4	11 45	28	7 11	5 16	sets	0 12 a
14 Wed	7 18	4 59	rises	0	29	7 10	5 17	6 36	0 57 a
15 Thu	7 18	5 0	6 50	0	30	7 9	5 18	7 33	1 42 a
16 Fri	7 17	5 2	9 9	2 40m	31	7 8	5 19	8 31	2 27 a

Union Flag first unfurled in Cambridge, 1776
 French Academy established by Richelieu, 1635
 Work begun on the Brooklyn Bridge, 1870
 Silk manufacture introduced into Europe, 536
 Stephen Decatur, hero of Tripoli, born, 1779
 Joan of Arc, French national heroine, born, 1412
 Montgolfier, inventor of the balloon, born, 1745
 Jackson's heroic defense of New Orleans, 1815
 First test of the Davy Safety-Lamp, 1816
 First river steamer reached New Orleans, 1812
 Alexander Hamilton, American patriot, born, 1757
 Pestalozzi, educational reformer, born, 1746
 Society of King's Daughters founded, 1886
 Pitt spoke against American Revolution, 1766
 British Museum first opened, 1759
 U. S. Civil Service Commission appointed, 1883
 Benjamin Franklin born at Boston, 1706
 Conference leading to King James Bible ended, 1604
 Bessemer, discoverer of steel process, born, 1813
 First assembly of the English Commons, 1265
 Letters of "Junius" began to appear, 1769
 Ampère, the great French electrician, born, 1775
 Queen Elizabeth opened Royal Exchange, 1571
 Fox, English orator and statesman, born, 1749
 Robert Burns, Scottish poet, born, 1759
 Webster's great speech in reply to Hayne, 1830
 Independence of Greece proclaimed, 1822
 First train across Isthmus of Panama, 1855
 Swedenborg, famous mystic, born, 1689
 W. S. Landor, essayist and poet, born, 1775
 John Marshall became U. S. Chief Justice, 1801



Phases of the Moon	Eastern	Central	Mountain	Pacific
First Quarter.....	d h m	d h m	d h m	d h m
Full Moon.....	6 4 56 a	6 3 56 a	6 2 56 a	6 1 56 a
Last Quarter.....	13 9 17m	13 8 17m	12 7 17m	12 6 17m
New Moon.....	20 6 49m	20 5 49m	20 4 49m	20 3 49m

HOW TO USE THE MAPS AND TABLES.

[This method of showing the times of sunrise and sunset over a large territory was devised and the tables were computed in the Students' Astronomical Laboratory of Harvard College.]

All the almanac tables are accurately calculated for the geographical center of the United States, the point indicated on the map by a black spot. They are practically correct for all points in that latitude, *i. e.*, lying upon the dotted "zero" line which passes across each map.

For any place north or south of the dotted line the time of sunrise and sunset on the 1st or 15th days may readily be found thus: Measure the perpendicular distance of the given place from the zero line, and compare the result with the proper scale. The number thus found will be the number of minutes to be applied to the figures in the table. For places north of the zero line the words printed at the top of the map indicate whether to add or subtract; for places south of the zero line see the words below.

Example: To find the time of sunrise and sunset at Boston on January 1st. The table for January shows that for places on the zero line the sun rises on the first day at 7.19 and sets at 4.48. Refer to the map, measure the distance from Boston to the zero line (a strip of paper with a straight edge is most convenient for the purpose), and compare the result with the scale marked January 1st. This shows 11 as the number of minutes to be applied to the figures in the table. Since Boston is north of the zero

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HOLIDAYS OF THE MONTH.

January 1, New Year's Day, is a public holiday in all the States, including the District of Columbia, Arizona and New Mexico, except Massachusetts, Mississippi and New Hampshire.

January 8, the anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans, is a public holiday in Louisiana.

January 19, Lee's Birthday, is a public holiday in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Alabama.