

Explanations of the Calendar Pages.

At the head of the respective pages for each month are given the ordinary tables of the changes and quadratures of the Moon. The 1st and 2d columns show the mean times of the rising and setting of the Sun. The quantities are only set down to the nearest minute, the uncertainty of the observed times of the rising or setting of heavenly bodies on land, caused by the varying amount of horizontal refraction and the general liability to the intervention of terrestrial objects in such observations, renders a closer approximation unnecessary for ordinary practical purposes. In the 3rd columns, marked "south," are given the times which should be shown by a well regulated clock or watch when the Sun is on the Meridian. The 4th column shows the moon's place. The 5th column contains the mean times of the rising or setting of the Moon. The quantities are only set down to the nearest minute, for the reasons mentioned above in respect to the Sun.

Explanations of Astronomical Symbols and Abbreviations.

☉ The Sun,	♄ Saturn,	° Degrees,	♋ Cancer, <i>The Crab</i> ,
☾ The Moon,	♃ In Conjunction,	' Minutes,	♌ Leo, <i>The Lion</i> ,
☿ Mercury,	☐ In Quadrature,	" Seconds,	♍ Virgo, <i>The Virgin</i> ,
♀ Venus,	♁ In Opposition,	d. Days h. hours,	♎ Libra, <i>The Balance</i> ,
♁ The Earth,	♊ Ascending Node,	m. Minutes,	♏ Scorpio, <i>The Scorpion</i> ,
♂ Mars,	♋ Descending Node,	s. Seconds,	♐ Sagittarius, <i>The Archer</i> ,
♃ Jupiter,	N. North, S. South,	♈ Aries, <i>The Ram</i> ,	♑ Capricornus, <i>The Goat</i> ,
♁ Herschel, or	E. East,	♉ Taurus, <i>The Bull</i> ,	♒ Aquarius, <i>The Waterman</i> ,
the Georgian,	W. West.	♊ Gemini, <i>The Twins</i>	♓ Pices, <i>The Fishes</i> ,

Chronological Cycles.

Dominical Letter	B.	Julian Period	6566
Golden Number	11	The year 5614 of the Jewish Era commences on October 3d, 1853.	
Epact	20	The year 1270 of the Mahomedan Era commences on October 4, 1853.	
Solar Cycle	14		
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Movable Festivals.

Septuagesima Sunday	January 23	Low Sunday	April 3
Quinquagesima Sunday	February 6	Rogation Sunday	May 1
Ash Wednesday	" 9	Ascension Day	" 5
First Sunday in Lent	" 13	Pentecost, Whit Sunday	" 15
Palm Sunday	March 20	Trinity Sunday	" 22
Good Friday	" 25	Corpus Christi	" 28
Easter Sunday	" 27	Advent Sunday	November 27

Holidays observed at Public Offices.

Circumcision	January 1	Corpus Christi	May 26
Epiphany	" 6	St. Peter and St. Paul	June 29
Annunciation	March 25	All Saints Day	November 1
Good Friday	" 25	Conception B. V. M.	December 8
Ascension Day	May 5	Christmas Day	" 25
Birth Day of the Queen	" 24		

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