

FOREWORD

THE learned gentlemen of the Greenwich, Washington, and Lick Observatories, who have been sitting up nights during the past year calculating the eclipses and figuring out the gyrations of the moon, which are announced as exclusive information in this Almanack, inform us at the last moment that the Astronomers' Union has suspended them for working over time and inflicted the further inhuman punishment of refusing to allow their names to be mentioned in connection with this volume, which is so well calculated to stand as the monument to their life work.

Our regret occasioned by this unforeseen misfortune is only excelled by the pleasure we experience in informing the world that no such embarrassment confronts us regarding an acknowledgment of the services rendered by Wallace Goldsmith, who has made the pictures, and by Nixon Waterman, George Barr McCutcheon, W. D. Nesbit, Arthur E. Parke, Virginia Van de Water, and their confreres, whose work has made it possible for all of us to start the year with the assurance of knowing everything that is going to happen, and just what to do when it does happen; to say nothing of a lot of gratuitous inside information that a stingy person can save up to use some other year.

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