

COUNTING IN DOZENS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	X	E	10
one	two	three	four	five	six	seven	eight	nine	dek	el	do

Our common number system is decimal - based on ten. The dozen system uses twelve as the base, which is written 10, and is called *do*, for dozen. The quantity *one gross* is written 100, and is called *gro*. 1000 is called *mo*, representing the meg-gross, or great-gross.

In our customary counting, the places in our numbers represent successive powers of ten; that is, in 365, the 5 applies to units, the 6 applies to tens, and the 3 applies to tens-of-tens, or hundreds. Place value is even more important in dozenal counting. For example, 265 represents 5 units, 6 dozen, and 2 dozen-dozen, or gross. This number would be called 2 *gro* 6 *do* 5, and by a coincidence, represents the same quantity normally expressed as 365.

Place value is the whole key to dozenal arithmetic. Observe the following additions, remembering that we add up to a dozen before carrying one.

94	136	Five ft. nine in.	5.9'
31	694	Three ft. two in.	3.2'
96	3E2	Two ft. eight in.	2.8'
19E	1000	Eleven ft. seven in.	E.7'

You will not have to learn the dozenal multiplication tables since you already know the 12-times table. Mentally convert the quantities into dozens, and set them down. For example, 7 times 9 is 63, which is 5 dozen and 3; so set down 53. Using this "which is" step, you will be able to multiply and divide dozenal numbers without referring to the dozenal multiplication table.

Conversion of small quantities is obvious. By simple inspection, if you are 35 years old, dozenally you are only 2E, which is two dozen and eleven. For larger numbers, keep dividing by 12, and the successive remainders are the desired dozenal numbers.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 12 \overline{) 365} \\
 \underline{12 30} + 5 \\
 12 \underline{) 2} + 6 \\
 0 + 2 \quad \text{Answer: } 265
 \end{array}$$

Dozenal numbers may be converted to decimal numbers by setting down the units figure, adding to it 12 times the second figure, plus 12² (or 144) times the third figure, plus 12³ (or 1728) times the fourth figure, and so on as far as needed. Or, to use a method corresponding to the illustration, keep dividing by X, and the successive remainders are the desired decimal number.

Fractions may be similarly converted by using successive multiplications, instead of divisions, by 12 or X.

Numerical Progression		Multiplication Table	
1	One	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 X E
10	Do .1	Edo	2 4 6 8 X 10 12 14 16 18 1X
100	Gro .01	Egro	3 6 9 10 13 16 19 20 23 26 29
1,000	Mo .001	Emo	4 8 10 14 18 20 24 28 30 34 38
10,000	Do-mo .000,1	Edo-mo	5 X 13 18 21 26 2E 34 39 42 47
100,000	Gro-mo .000,01	Egro-mo	6 10 16 20 28 30 36 40 46 50 56
1,000,000	Bi-mo .000,001	Egro-mo	7 12 19 24 2E 36 41 48 53 5X 65
1,000,000,000	Tri-mo and so on.	Ebi-mo	8 14 20 28 34 40 48 54 60 68 74
			9 16 23 30 39 46 53 60 69 78 83
			X 18 26 34 42 50 5X 68 76 84 92
			E 1X 29 38 47 56 65 74 83 92 X1

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DOUZE NOTRE DIX FUTUR

by Jean Essig

DOUZE: Notre Dix Futur (TWELVE: Our Future 'Ten').
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92 rue Bonaparte (6^e), Paris, 1955. 170 pp.

The latest important addition to the international duodecimal movement is this clear, carefully documented book by M. Essig which appeared in France in 1955. M. Essig apparently became interested in duodecimals in the winter of 1939-1940 "on the Lorraine front" in the early days of World War II. He was encouraged to put his further thoughts into concrete form by the late Pierre Lecomte du Nouy, whose philosophical and scientific writings are known to a wide circle of American readers.

In his modest introduction the author states that "the purpose of this study--however revolutionary it may appear--is only to implant as widely as possible certain ideas which, once recognized, would facilitate for all men all the calculations they need to make."

He sets about this purpose straightforwardly. Part I is devoted to "principles." After examining the Roman, Indo-Arabian, and other earlier number systems, together with the development of place-value, and prevailing unit systems (weights and measures), he makes the reasonable suggestion that numbers and unit systems should have the same base, and a better base for the former might be selected than the one we have.

Part II deals with "applications." He sets up the duodecimal system in customary form (he uses reversed 7--2 -- for \mathcal{X} and reversed 2--7 -- for \mathcal{E} and distinguishes duodecimal from ordinary numerals by enclosing the former in typographic boxes) and goes carefully and clearly through the four fundamental operations, roots, and logarithms.

A separate chapter is devoted to fractions and divisibility, pointing out the superiority of duodecimals over decimals in expressing many small fractions as whole numbers, and its frequent advantage in obvious factorability. The circle and its divisions together with the hour take another chapter. M. Essig follows most other duodecimalians in accepting the 20 hour day. Because of the very small size of the duodecimal second, he introduces in circular division the *prime*, the 10th part of the duodecimal minute.

His substantial section on The Units (weights, measures, etc.) cannot be presented adequately in a brief review. As a

Frenchman he naturally proceeds from the metric units, but is thoroughly familiar with the proposals made on this side of the Atlantic, and specifically cites the writings of Mr. George Terry, this reviewer, and the Duodecimal Society. His proposals are not radical; in the main they simply adapt metric units to duodecimal notation. For example, his fundamental unit of length would be the duodecimal kilometer set at the Earth's circumference divided by 10,000. This brings the duodecimal meter to a value of 1.116 of the present meter. Volume derives from the duodecimal meter cubed, bringing the new liter to 0.805 present liters; this four-fifths "corresponds quite closely to the long accepted capacity of our bottles." For mass, the duodecimal ton would be 1000 kilograms. Units of speed, acceleration, and force are derived from these.

For temperature, M. Essig discusses the theoretical advantages of 100 degrees between freezing and boiling, but prefers the principle of least change here, and accepts the 84 (100) degrees of the present Centigrade scale. His great calorie is the amount of heat needed to raise 1 duodecimal kilogram of water from 0 to 1 degree. He has further proposals, including electrical units, but suggests that specialists, on the basis of his tentative suggestions, should set about the task of constructing a system of basic units related in size to the existing units, but adapted to the proposed new numeration.

In a concluding chapter M. Essig states that "To present the principles, to demonstrate the practicality, and to stimulate consideration in the widest possible circles and assure broad dissemination, such is--at present--our sole ambition." However, he is hopeful of further developments. Pointing out the drastic changes that did occur in France after 1789 and in Russia after 1918, he weighs the disadvantages to the generation that would be involved in a change in the number system against its advantages in a world where technology is vastly increasing in importance, discusses the newer methods of intercommunication among nations, and is obviously optimistic though not assured that change is possible.

His book is certainly a persuasive, effective tool for stirring up interest in France in this movement. On publication, it received a first-page notice in *Figaro*, one of the most important French publications. Various French technical organizations have expressed interest, and M. Essig is to conduct a conference on the subject at the University of Paris on 17 November.

DOUZE: Notre Dix Futur includes a good bibliography and an index. The Duodecimal Society has imported some copies, and these are available while they last at cost, which is \$1.50, postage included.

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THE DOZENAL (DUODECIMAL) NUMBER SYSTEM

by O. R. Tucker

1. INTRODUCTION

Advocacy of "metric" as opposed to "inch" systems of measurement sometimes springs from wrongly associating with the base 10, the place method of giving a numerical symbol multiple or fractional values. More often, such advocacy springs from supposing that the present number system based on 10 is inviolable. This also is a mistake: our present Arabic system will probably in time give way to a system which uses the place method for changing the numerical value of a symbol, but which bases the system on the dozen instead of on 10. Change-overs to decimetric measures may therefore prove to have been the result of short-sighted policies.

2. HISTORICAL

The origin of the decimal system is the accident that homo sapiens has 10 fingers, though not all primitive peoples get to dealing with large numbers by ordering them in groups of 10.

The Roman number system was in force in Europe for some 2000 years, giving way to the Arabic system in the 10th century. The advantages of the Arabic system spring from the discovery of a symbol for none in enabling any large or fractional number to be denoted by the relative positions of nine "digits" and the symbol for none. (Note the respective periods of service of the Roman and Arabic systems).

The French government some 150 years ago decreed the use of the decimetric system for measures (excluding measures of time and of angles, because the decimal system does not fit in with the associated natural phenomena). Other governments followed the French lead with various reservations besides that relating to measurement of time and angles. In 1896, the British government also proposed to follow the French, but the intention was abandoned, partly because Herbert Spencer led an opposition using mathematical and philosophic arguments.

Now, Essig advocates revision of the French decimal system on the duodecimal base ("*Douze Notre Dix Future*", Jean Essig, pub. Dunod (1955), 92 Rue Bonaparte, Paris). The American Duodecimal Society exists to prepare the way for a similar change in the U.S.A.

3. DOZENAL NOTATION

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 X £ 10 100
 One two three four five six seven eight nine dek el do gro

Do stands for dozen

Gro stands for gross

Names for larger powers of Do are available.

4. PLACE VALUE AND CONVERSION

265 2 gro + 6 do + 5 (= 2.65 gro or 26.5 do)

Decimal 365 to dozenal

$$\begin{array}{r} 12 \overline{) 365} \\ \underline{12 \ 30} \\ 2 6 \\ \hline 365 = 265 \end{array}$$

Dozenal to decimal

$$\begin{aligned} 265 &= 5 + 12 \times 6 + 12 \times 12 \times 2 \\ &= 365 \end{aligned}$$

$$365 = 265$$

5. ADDING

136	5 ft. 9 in.	5.9 ft.
694	3 ft. 2 in.	3.2 ft.
<u>3£2</u>	<u>2 ft. 8 in.</u>	<u>2.8 ft.</u>
<u>1000</u>	<u>£ ft. 7 in.</u>	<u>£.7 ft.</u>

Force of habit makes it difficult at first to count up to do before carrying, but it is a fairly easily changeable habit.

6. MULTIPLICATION

	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	X	£	10
2	4	6	8	X	10	12	14	16	18	1X	20
3	6	9	10	13	16	19	20	23	26	29	30
4	8	10	14	18	20	24	28	30	34	38	40
5	X	13	18	21	26	2£	34	39	42	47	50
6	10	16	20	26	30	36	40	46	50	56	60
7	12	19	24	2£	36	41	48	53	5X	65	70
8	14	20	28	34	40	48	54	60	68	74	80
9	16	23	30	39	46	53	60	69	76	83	90
X	18	26	34	42	50	5X	68	76	84	92	X0
£	1X	29	38	47	56	65	74	83	92	X1	£0
10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	X0	£0	100

A few hundred years ago, citizens did not memorize the decimal multiplication table but carried it around with them on paper. A government standardizing the dozenal system would

probably provide this facility. The dozenal table is easier to memorize than the decimal because it is more regular - see Cols. 3, 4, 8 and 9.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Eq. } 365 &= 3 \times X \times X + 6 \times X + 5 \\ &= 3 \times 84 + 50 + 5 \\ &= 210 + 50 + 5 \\ &= 265 \end{aligned}$$

7. ADVANTAGES OF THE DOZENAL SYSTEM

I am not competent to discuss the advantages of the dozenal system. The Duodecimal Society of America affirms that the potential benefits, both in everyday life and for mathematics and science, are very great and that general use of the dozen base would lead to discoveries in theory of numbers and in the higher branches of mathematics (because a more rational number system would provide a better tool than the one in use and would promote those leaps of imagination into the unknown which originate discoveries). The advantages spring from the fact that 3 and 4 are factors of 10 but not of 10. Following are hints of the sort of advantage:

- Time and angle measurements have not been decimalised because the decimal base does not suit the number of solstices and equinoxes, the phases of the moon, the seasons, the number of moons to the solar year, the simple divisions of the circle into thirds, quarters, sixths and twelfths, and the mariners' compass.
- Compare the place system in the two notations for denoting commonly occurring fractions of pi:

	$\frac{2\pi}{3}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{\pi}{12}$
Decimal	.666..pi	.5pi	.333..pi	.25pi	.1666..pi	.08333..pi
Dozenal	.8pi	.6pi	.4pi	.3pi	.2pi	.1pi

- Merchants did not choose the dozen and the gross as package units arbitrarily, but for economic packing. The dozenal system would simplify all packaging and invoicing arithmetic.
- 33-1/3% and 66-2/3% are a nuisance in the decimal notation because they become 33.333..% and 66.666..%. In dozenal notation these become 40% and 80%. (The pre-Spencer Prime Minister who was irritated by "those

damned dots" had a good case, but it lay against the base 10 and not against the dot).

- (e) All arithmetic involved in 3-shift working (probably a permanent feature of industry, even as weekly hours of work decrease) will be simpler on dozenal than on decimal notation.
- (f) Calculating machines generally work on the binary scale, but the dozenal scale is preferable to the decimal scale from the point of view of their designers and users with regard to the preparation of material to feed to the machines and to the production of their output in convenient form. Similarly (probably as regards control apparatus involving cyclic operations.
- (g) Quick and accurate reading of instrument scales is a subject of increasing importance. Scale units divided into 10 sub-units, with or without a heavy half-way line, are not good from this point of view. The hour marking on a clock and the inch-to-a-foot marking on a draughtsman's scale are good. (There may be a psychological connection with division into right, left and centre and of landscapes into foreground, middle-distance and background).

Against the above advantages, the objections to a change-over are:

- (i) getting everyone to forget the old and to use a new multiplication table and to acquire the habit of counting to a dozen before carrying;
- (ii) altering measures;
- (iii) altering the dates in history books in use and learning to deal with obsolete numbers in the decimal form (as we deal with Roman dates on monuments).

Except for the diversity of people involved and objections to gradualness, these objections are not deterrent to a change-over. To a large coherent company working in isolation from other communities, the difficulties would present themselves as re-tooling problems to be overcome. But events seem to be forcing homo sapiens into a coherent community, and the time for rationalising our number system may come much sooner than Spencer expected.

8. DO-METRICS (Duodecimal Society of America)

(Memo: 10 stands for a dozen; 100 for a dozen dozens; 1000 stands for a dozen dozen dozens.)

Linear	Mechanics Scale	Basic Scale
	10 points = 1 line	10 karls = 1 quan
	10 lines = 1 inch	10 quans = 1 palm
	10 inches = 1 foot	10 palms = 1 yard
		1000 yards = 1 mile
Weight	10 carats = 1 gram	Volumes
	10 grams = 1 ounce	(1 palm) ³ = 1 dometric pint
	10 ounces = 1 pound	(3 in.) ³ = 1 dometric lb.
Liquid	10 dribs = 1 dram	of water which
	10 drams = 1 founce (fl.oz.)	is 2½% less
	10 founces = 1 pint.	than 1 lb.
		avoirdupois.
Temperature	100° between freezing and boiling point of water.	
Time and angles	A single measure based on successive dozenal divisions of day and circle.	

9. CONCLUSIONS

- (a) Traditional systems of measurement using the factors 2, 3 and 4 are based on a profounder and more satisfying logic than decimetric measures.
- (b) Rationalising of measures internationally should await rationalising of the number system in use by changing from the decimal to the dozenal base.
- (c) Users of ABC⁺ (etc). measures should not merely defend these measures on grounds of established usage, but should also advertise the fundamental defects of the decimal system.
- (d) For the present, in international work, the current practice of compromising between the two systems and the publication of parallel tables of dimensions should continue.

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HENRY MARTYN PARKHURST

by Ralph H. Beard

One of the most devoted of our duodecimal pioneers was Henry Martyn Parkhurst, who published in 1889 a table of duodecimal logarithms for the numbers from 1 to 143 to 26 places, and for the numbers from 101 to 2159 to 12 places.

He became the first American phonographic reporter, and made this his profession. For six years, (1848-54) he was Chief Official Reporter for the United States Senate, and reported the famed speeches of Clay, Calhoun and Daniel Webster. For twenty years he was official reporter for the Superior Court in New York City, having his offices at 25 Chambers St. He was the first to introduce women to the profession of stenography, - using a modification of the system of Isaac Pitman, (who was also a duodecimal pioneer.)

For forty years he published The Plowshare, a magazine devoted to alphabetic reform. He wrote two books, The Stenographer, (1870), and An Introduction to Stenophonography (1889). He published two other magazines, The American Reporter, and The Complete Phonographer, which were later combined with The Plowshare. All the work of writing these texts, setting the type from the special fonts that he used, and printing them, were the work of his own hands. And these were only his professional activities.

He invented a universal language, he devised a new musical notation, he invented and constructed an "Harmonic Organ", he patented a new form of proportional dividers, he wrote papers on "A New Currency", and "A New Mode of Minority Representation". These might be considered his collateral interests, for his major avocation was astronomy.



John Adelbert Parkhurst of Yerkes Observatory published a biographical sketch of Henry Martyn Parkhurst in Popular Astronomy #154, 1908, from which much of the data for this paper was lifted. He states that the amount of solid and useful work accomplished by this amateur would be a credit to any professional astronomer. These two men never met, but from a correspondence extending over fourteen years, he placed Henry Martyn Parkhurst in the front rank of workers in stellar photometry.

From the pages of The Plowshare, we have abstracted the duodecimal papers and tables of this amazing pioneer and innovator, which follow. Henry Martyn Parkhurst was born in New Hampshire in 1825, and died, after a brief illness, at the age of 82, in his home at 173 Gates Ave., Brooklyn.

We wish to express our gratitude to the New York Public Library for the scholarly research and cordial collaboration extended to us.

DUODESIMAL LOGARITMS.

It iz wel non dat de desimal scal orijinated wid de number ov de figerz. De best scal for matimatical purposez iz de duodecimal scal. F du not men tu asert dat de dijts wer not mad tu crnt wid. On de contrari, it iz mor uogural tu crnt de mofun in opniq de hand az wel az in futiq de figerz. Stranj az it ma az it ma sem, it wil not materiali interfer wid de old sistem tu adopt de nu. It wud be nesesari tu od tu figurz for ten and e-levn, for hwiq j wud recomend x and a. De familyar namz ov duzn and gros wud provjd for de comun numbærz, and it wud be ezi tu iuvent namz for de hjr numberz. A duzn gros ma be cold a murion, for egzempl, and den we sud hav de burion, tru- rion, ets. It wud produs no confuzun tu lern dat 6 tizm 9 qr fifti-for, or for duzu sics. De foloij tabl ov logaritms iz bast on de nu scal, n beij yuzd for x. We hop it ma be yusful at sum tjm, if ov no furder yus at prezent dan tu col atensun tu de sub-ov a fundamental aritmetical reform.

	0	1	2	3	4	5
1	0000	0477	08A2	10A1	1482	1821
2	3420	3664	3897	3nAA	4113	4318
3	537A	552A	5695	5836	5993	5A25
4	6841	6964	6D84	6An0	70A8	720A
5	7932	7n28	7A20	8011	101	1n9
	6	7	8	9	n	A
1	1A5A	2275	2572	2551	2A15	3184
2	4512	4700	48n1	4n75	5041	5204
3	6071	61A6	6335	6471	65n4	6715
4	731A	7427	7533	7634	7738	7836
5	8295	37A	462	543	624	703
0	7n0	9492	n061	n73A	A152	A6A5

DUODECIMAL NOTATION

by Henry Martyn Parkhurst

Something more is needed than invention, or unusual conviction of the importance of the invention, before it can be adopted. The machine must be constructed. If the railroad system of the world were suddenly destroyed, with everything used specially in connection with it, it would be a long time before we would be able to renew it. The rails must be made before they can be laid. The manufactories must be built before the rails can be made; and I will not venture to enumerate the work that must be done before the manufactories could be built and equipped. Yet the mass of the people having been educated to the knowledge of what is required, and there being no doubt of the utility, the work would proceed rapidly.

Far otherwise is it with a new invention not yet reduced to practice. All its preliminary work must be done, and nobody knows how to do it. The pioneer feels the way, by long labor and much experimenting, and educates others, until at last all is accomplished.

The phonetic reform has waited for all this preliminary work. Although nearly a generation has passed since I commenced *The Plowshare*, and much more since the first phonotypes were made, there is not yet in existence (1874) one complete font of type adapted to represent the pronunciation of the English language. Isaac Pitman still uses a different vowel scale, and I am still compelled to use makeshifts in italic because the proper matrices have not yet been made.

Metrological reform has long been pressed forward, and there are yet comparatively few who understand it, and fewer still who cannot more conveniently use the old weights and measures. But there is a special difficulty here, that the reform is not sufficiently radical, and that in the form in which it is pressed, it sweeps away all the benefits of the old divisions into 3, 6, and 12, the dozen and the gross.

The practical importance of the duodecimal reform is illustrated by the fact that the advantages of conforming to the base of the notation have not been sufficient to cause the substitution of 10's for 12's even in this country, where for a century we have had a decimal currency. In almost all cases, articles of merchandise are sold by the dozen and the gross. One reason for this is the facility of packing. 10 inch cubes will occupy a space $5 \times 2 \times 1$. 12

inc cubes will occupy a space $3 \times 2 \times 2$. The former will require 34 inches of enclosing surface, while the latter will enclose $\frac{1}{5}$ more with but 32 inches of enclosing surface. To pack 10 of these 10's we require a box $5 \times 5 \times 4$ and to pack 12 of the 12's a box $6 \times 6 \times 4$, making no material difference between the two. But proceeding another step, to pack 10 of these 100's we require a box $20 \times 10 \times 5$, and for 12 of the others $12 \times 12 \times 12$. So for goods of other forms, will these 12's allow at every step an approximation to the cubic form of least enclosing material, the 10's at each alternate step, at least, must take a form considerably elongated.

Counting by 2's, 3's, 4's or 6's will be as easy and mechanical as counting by 2's or 5's now is, completing the cycle with the dozen.

The mathematical advantages of the duodecimal notation may be illustrated by a few statements. All numbers in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, are divisible by 2. All ending in 0, 3, 6, 9, are divisible by 3. All ending 0, 4, 8, are divisible by 4. All ending in 0, 6, are divisible by 6. If the last two figures are divisible by 8 or 9, so is the whole number. The multiplication table is therefore much simplified.

Another illustration is the formation of the table of squares, which require no computation, the last figures being 1, 4, 9, 4, 1, 0, etc., and the preceding difference being constant except that it increases by 1 at every 6th number; that is, next following each terminal 9.

A geometrical illustration is found in the important fact that the radius of a circle is exactly equal to the cord of $\frac{1}{6}$ the circumference, and consequently the natural sin of $\frac{1}{12}$ the circumference is precisely one half the radius.

An astronomical illustration is found in the fact that the moon revolves around the earth in so nearly $\frac{1}{12}$ of a year. Dividing the year into 12 months, the sun's apparent motion in one month is $\frac{1}{12}$ of a complete circle. A corresponding diurnal motion divides the day into 12 hours.

In weighing, (and the same principle applies to the denomination of money used in making change), a series of weights composed of 1 and successive powers of 2, will weigh any amount by simple addition; and a series of 1 and the successive powers of 3, will weigh any amount by addition and subtraction. A series of 1, 2, 6, and 1, 2, 6 dozen, etc., is a mean between the two, adapted to the new notation.

The Duodecimal Metrical System

The advantages of the metrical system are great but they arise altogether from the correspondence between the base of the system and the base of the notation. The adoption of any metrical system will be a very much greater and a very much more radical change than the adoption of phonotypy. All of our knowledge of weights, measures and distances will require to be replaced by new values. Before making such a sweeping change it would be well to reform our notation, and then to prepare a metrical system in conformity with the new notation.

In The Plowshare for October 1851, I called attention to the duodecimal notation, which I asserted to be the best possible scale for mathematical purposes. I do not propose to argue the advisability of adopting that scale. But assuming that it is to be adopted, it will entirely overturn the old metrical system; and I propose to investigate the proper basis for a new duodecimal metrical system.

I consider it unwise to adopt as a basis an unknown, indefinite, or varying quantity. For all these reasons, a meter founded on the French system seems to me objectionable.

But the mean sidereal day is a unit of time, varying so slowly and so slightly, if at all, that its value for the year 2000 will practically be its value for thousands of years. The length of a pendulum making 100 000 vibrations per day at the equator, at the level of the sea, in vacuum, and at the temperature of melting ice, will give us a standard, easily ascertained with any desired degree of precision, and requiring no change from any possible advance in the sciences or arts.

The length of the new standard is about 4.692 inches. Its cube, the new standard of capacity, is about 1.788 quarts. This volume of distilled water, weighing 3.727 pounds avoirdupois is the standard of weight. This pound of fine gold will be the standard of value and the currency. All the standards have the same units.

The adoption of the new system would not compulsorily displace the old with regard to already determined quantities, such as land surveys. The new coinage and its benefits ought to be sufficient to insure its introduction.

The persistent refusal by the people to adopt the decimal metrical system arose from the fact that for every bisection it became necessary to divide by 5. The duodecimal system

for 2 bisections requires a division by 3, but this is rather an advantage than otherwise, as is manifest by the widespread adoption of the dozen and the gross, notwithstanding its incongruity with the received notation.

(Footnote: The foregoing is an abridgement and collation of material in a number of issues of The Plowshare, and a transliteration from the author's phonetic and phonotypic form. The following logarithmic tables are extracted from a section on duodecimal tables in the last issue of The Plowshare, #119, August 1889. As stated in the specimen page reproduced from The Plowshare, he uses A for Σ.)

DUODECIMAL TABLES.

BY HENRY M. PARKHURST.

TABLE 1.—Logarithms to 20 Duodecimals.

Table with 4 columns of logarithmic data, starting with 1 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 00 and ending with 81 A171 A283 9111 9100 2739 A285 37.

TABLE 5.—Logarithms to 10 Dwecimals.

101	0049 8AA3 229X	141	1447 AA04 X269	181	25X1 512X 5046
102	0097 1288 124X	142	1533 1514 9AX1	182	260A 4902 3242
103	0124 0017 1270	143	155X 0232 AAA1	183	263X 4853 5005
104	0170 7742 3214	144	15X4 859X 6147	184	2668 7422 1816
105	01A8 9AX5 5364	145	161A 2111 8586	185	2696 95XX 4X51
106	0244 7982 3985	146	1655 514X 1670	186	2704 9473 X868
107	0290 1210 5817	147	168A 5708 8890	187	2732 7755 AX7X
108	0317 2195 52A8	148	1705 3645 9010	188	2760 4273 9802
109	0361 X958 8X8A	149	173X XA78 9516	189	2789 A228 1A93
10X	03X8 319A 47X4	14X	1774 2A20 92A5	18X	27A7 4655 7566
10A	0432 3362 99X5	14A	17X9 6530 0103	18A	2824 8356 5605
111	0501 3158 A438	151	1857 4226 4097	191	287X A04X OA36
112	0546 2A02 6967	152	188A A57X A747	192	28X7 X078 1462
113	058X X850 6X34	153	1904 4495 A364	193	2914 7630 0670
114	0613 2635 X677	154	1938 6AX6 68X3	194	2941 8546 XA93
115	0657 2327 9497	155	1970 7323 6968	195	2969 9X21 3A01
116	069X X595 AX9A	156	19X4 52AA 1743	196	2996 2893 A24A
117	0722 286X 8025	157	1X18 OA66 XAA5	197	2X02 613X A598
118	0765 3216 5742	158	1X4A 6514 0080	198	2X2X 7A36 5239
119	07X7 AA00 6XX0	159	1X82 97A2 A987	199	2X56 849X 1A95
11X	082X 448X 8X69	15X	1XA5 X833 A087	19X	2X82 7405 8947
11A	0870 64X5 3884	15A	1A28 9646 467X	19A	2XXX 4990 5X07
121	0933 X646 30A3	161	1A92 089A 7814	1X1	2A41 7523 X615
122	0975 1392 7546	162	2004 517A 1646	1X2	2A69 0722 1680
123	09A6 376A 5196	163	2036 7525 6374	1X3	2A94 4422 9956
124	0X36 8636 6124	164	2068 7784 0127	1X4	2AAA 6840 2761
125	0X77 1048 5784	165	209X 5943 8772	1X5	3026 7790 5047
126	0XA7 2240 8X6A	166	2110 1X4A 833A	1X6	3051 7269 3680
127	0A37 0071 7022	167	2141 7A11 0237	1X7	3078 54X8 644A
128	0A76 6774 1792	168	2172 AA72 8AX5	1X8	30X3 22X3 7362
129	0AA5 9AX0 5116	169	21X4 201A 8XXA	1X9	3109 986A 9X20
12X	103A X185 4830	16X	2215 20AX 88A1	1XX	3134 3X22 3329
12A	1073 7178 A096	16A	2216 0235 X109	1XA	315X 8793 X681
131	1130 3952 0A37	171	22X7 2717 2298	1A1	31XA 234A 382X
132	116X 3612 48A5	172	2317 610A 9X1A	1A2	3215 3182 0721
133	11X8 025X 858X	173	2347 9439 490X	1A3	323A 2849 96X0
134	1225 5X4A A485	174	2377 9A04 20A6	1A4	3265 0A82 6X3A
135	1262 8302 176X	175	23X7 8750 0689	1A5	328X 9A78 2808
136	129A 85A0 4576	176	2417 5580 6782	1A6	32A4 5846 5216
137	1318 5510 X660	177	2417 0518 X646	1A7	331X 0200 867X
138	1354 A5X9 00A0	178	2476 5863 X351	1A8	3343 5476 5012
139	1391 2585 3138	179	14X5 915A AX92	1A9	3368 9442 8978
13X	1409 31X5 3851	17X	2514 X90A 5374	1AX	3392 0134 8354
13A	1445 0990 01X1	17A	2515 X754 0618	1AA	33A7 1763 1A05

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201	3445 1040 4231	241	4138 3913 5337	281	48AX 6110 84XA
202	3469 XA14 0650	242	4154 0567 1465	282	4918 1X25 861A
203	3492 7772 2607	243	4174 8358 1X17	283	4935 8A31 4375
204	34A7 31X8 A5AA	244	4195 32A3 58A7	284	4953 3435 7853
205	351A 9612 3229	245	41A5 9401 A272	285	4970 9140 6114
206	3544 2837 A622	246	4216 2690 3548	286	498X 2253 X363
207	3568 6873 88A7	247	4236 6A27 287A	287	49X7 6779 6766
208	3590 9718 1586	248	4256 X557 4496	288	4X04 X4AA 4869
209	35A4 A3X7 6797	249	4277 1169 2A45	289	4X22 1663 1X72
20X	3618 AA06 3718	24X	4297 2A69 3A36	28X	4X3A 4032 6938
20A	3640 A480 6047	24A	42A7 3A04 00A1	28A	4X58 5X33 3673
211	3668 6A83 2AX8	251	4337 356X 427X	291	4X92 7727 2973
212	36A0 3131 3A89	252	4357 1A92 539A	292	4XXA 7629 7042
213	3713 X17X 2A1A	253	4376 A819 A8X8	293	4A08 697A 67X6
214	3737 40A6 3669	254	4396 8694 A444	294	4A25 5566 7382
215	375X 8A32 0170	255	43A6 4787 5086	295	4A42 35A0 2146
216	3782 0879 7241	256	4415 AA01 3488	296	4A5A 0X99 7888
217	37X5 3525 248A	257	4435 6486 3568	297	4A77 9834 4383
218	3808 5100 9A56	258	4455 00X6 2AX2	298	4A94 5X41 7667
219	382A 5818 4871	259	4474 4A68 X49X	299	4AA1 1506 87X6
21X	3852 5283 8157	25X	4493 9099 9448	29X	5009 8450 847X
21A	3875 388X 4305	25A	44A3 0484 6932	29A	5026 2861 3937
221	38AX 9778 0343	261	4531 4865 8844	2X1	505A 16A5 3X49
222	3921 5079 97XX	262	4550 5872 A2X9	2X2	5077 6147 2449
223	3943 A558 691X	263	456A 5A5A 8369	2X3	5098 X07A 8454
224	3966 4X23 5119	264	458X 5633 3067	2X4	50A0 149A 9XA9
225	3988 92X5 4X92	265	45X9 4118 9A55	2X5	5108 41A0 6725
226	39XA 0771 51X6	266	4608 217A 6940	2X6	5124 63A6 9716
227	3X11 3052 3767	267	4626 A446 66X2	2X7	5140 7XAA 5774
228	3X33 4556 8X29	268	4645 7X20 9837	2X8	5158 8A07 5055
229	3X55 4X91 41A1	269	4664 3711 3992	2X9	5174 9A1A 5847
22X	3X77 4448 7849	26X	4682 X722 1A20	2XX	5190 9244 511X
22A	3X99 2X53 0538	26A	46X1 4X60 8444	2XA	51X8 8583 035X
231	3A20 9006 3792	271	471X 32AA 418A	2A1	5220 53X0 041A
232	3A42 478A 6397	272	4738 7431 8X12	2A2	5238 2X37 9367
233	3A63 4A18 6770	273	4756 X8A3 0690	2A3	5253 AX33 X341
234	3A85 5137 3X13	274	4775 1509 X462	2A4	526A 8434 X432
235	3AX6 9A35 8474	275	4793 348A 8878	2A5	5287 4303 4251
236	4008 1X21 5252	276	47A1 47X6 14XX	2A6	52X2 4713 X139
237	4029 AX04 2556	277	480A 5278 5782	2A7	52AX 646X 9A9X
238	404X 6XXA 721A	278	4829 5106 2003	2A8	5316 0754 9439
239	406A 80X9 1465	279	4847 4315 6589	2A9	5331 6392 147X
23X	4070 8406 2036	27X	4865 28A0 X552	2AX	5348 A567 2X30
23A	40A1 7850 10A7	27A	4883 065X 4882	2AA	5364 40X0 6211

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301	5396 A804 X282	341	59X8 3093 8148	381	634X 0216 8A9A
302	53A2 2800 5A85	342	5X01 704A 33A8	382	6361 9444 8987
303	5409 5171 5776	343	5X16 X6X6 0978	383	6375 615X 85A2
304	5424 709A A9A8	344	5X30 1823 15A4	384	6389 2642 AX31
305	543A 8590 2X11	345	5X45 4445 61X9	385	63X0 X6A7 X675
306	5456 9446 4726	346	5X5X 6754 3377	386	63A4 63A3 8198
307	5471 988X 6852	347	5X73 8552 5278	387	6408 1764 7993
308	5483 96X4 X499	348	5X88 9X42 A888	388	641A 8761 0A13
309	54X3 8X95 4748	349	5XX1 XX28 A502	389	6433 3337 2573
310	54AX 7864 A2A4	34X	5XA6 A50A 3203	38X	6446 96A1 33A8
311	5515 6015 2739	34A	5A0A A6A0 X777	38A	645X 3649 63AX
312	5547 10A6 1538	351	5A39 X781 9337	391	6485 24A5 4682
313	5561 9X31 X5X9	352	5A52 9676 X22A	392	6498 7409 4801
314	5578 6163 8840	353	5A67 807X X378	393	64XA AA10 4313
315	5593 1X93 6857	354	5A80 6194 7A73	394	6503 4204 5714
316	55X9 9205 2X48	355	5A95 3X03 1396	395	6516 80XA X351
317	5604 3A40 7261	356	5AXX 1149 0345	396	6529 4790 8191
318	561X X285 5564	357	6002 9AA1 2708	397	6541 2X99 0915
319	5635 401A 7063	358	6017 6576 5918	398	6554 5948 169A
320	564A 938X 90A3	359	6030 2A63 7160	399	6567 8A18 AX67
321	5666 2156 847A	35X	6044 X277 3977	39X	657X X6A4 8X33
322	5680 6543 1601	35A	6059 55A8 4878	39A	6592 0394 5642
323	5707 4638 064X	361	6086 6X51 6000	3X1	65A8 3370 1A41
324	5721 6A17 0367	362	609A 0A6X A2X7	3X2	660A 4270 1AX0
325	5737 8X30 8191	363	60A3 6X04 658A	3X3	6622 4980 5046
326	5751 X384 6X83	364	6107 AA98 4814	3X4	6635 5022 XX93
327	5767 A35X 3080	365	6120 4X12 X730	3X5	6648 5019 7989
328	5781 A979 2X87	366	6134 9550 XX22	3X6	665A 476X 7X52
329	5797 AX25 0468	367	6149 1735 7923	3X7	6672 3A17 A058
330	57A1 A521 1281	368	6161 6467 8845	3X8	6685 2XX3 51A1
331	5807 X670 XA3A	369	6175 8929 8673	3X9	6698 168A 1A39
332	5821 9257 X569	36X	6189 A942 2273	3XX	66XX AX90 0A7X
333	5851 5188 XA25	36A	61X2 24XA 8453	3XA	6701 9A0A 1856
334	5867 2519 89A8	371	620X 6657 AA12	3A1	6727 502A 55A8
335	5880 A317 2914	372	6222 805A 994X	3A2	673X 2121 6X30
336	5896 7784 8713	373	6236 9206 9061	3A3	6750 XX43 6615
337	591A 6116 0559	374	624X 9A17 85XA	3A4	6763 7397 333A
338	5935 0830 3726	375	6262 X393 X909	3A5	6776 3562 7A7A
339	594X 6X0X X310	376	6276 X3AA 0347	3A6	6788 A363 7129
340	5964 0374 X98X	377	628X 9A97 142X	3A7	679A 699A A229
341	5979 60X9 7A4X	378	62X2 9326 70A9	3A8	67A2 2055 6706
		379	62A6 822A X1AA	3A9	6804 8AAX 3679
		37X	630X 68A1 4178	3AX	6817 3684 0277
		37A	6322 4A31 AX12	3AA	6829 9X10 6726

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401	6852 9689 4006	441	7109 7586 4271	481	7543 1011 7A30
402	6865 2A61 25X2	442	711X A698 X6A5	482	7553 5834 36X8
403	6877 8083 1745	443	7130 3A4X X244	483	7563 X19X 0887
404	688X 0X34 XX02	444	7141 6A9X 7A60	484	7574 2487 A817
405	68X0 5438 35X3	445	7152 X390 8807	485	7584 64AA 3199
406	68A2 9693 0979	446	7164 1479 508A	486	7594 X279 0189
407	6905 1582 AXX2	447	7175 4262 1945	487	75X5 1982 4017
408	6917 5109 9971	448	7186 6944 348A	488	75A5 5214 4069
409	6929 84A1 3489	449	7197 9125 2491	489	7605 83A4 15X5
40X	693A A533 159A	44X	71X8 A206 3244	48X	7615 A322 9624
40A	6962 2215 0920	44A	71AX 0AX8 X16X	48A	7626 1AX1 52A9
411	6976 6944 114X	451	7220 3A7A A42A	491	7646 6953 0935
412	6988 8794 7069	452	7231 4A73 1A19	492	7656 8X48 1031
413	699X X28A AX63	453	7242 5971 3263	493	7666 X895 5775
414	69A0 A633 A938	454	7253 6477 719A	494	7677 0478 2848
415	69X3 0646 298X	455	7264 688A 5773	495	7687 19A5 4A4A
416	6X15 1308 4A49	456	7275 69A2 2563	496	7697 308X 1247
417	6X27 1840 207A	457	7286 6825 1443	497	76X7 40AA 415A
418	6X39 1X27 1X88	458	7297 6369 5AA A	498	76A7 4X8X 22X8
419	6X4A 1887 0169	459	72X8 5804 7A56	499	7707 55A7 81X6
41X	6X61 13X1 43A9	45X	72A9 4973 X8XX	49X	7717 5X84 X462
41A	6X73 0773 9A73	45A	730X 3838 5974	49A	7727 60A2 9428
421	6X96 X513 6A18	461	7330 0912 X184	4X1	7747 59A4 A134
422	6XX8 8XX4 085X	462	7340 XA27 1A44	4X2	7757 548A 2630
423	6XAX 7137 09A2	463	7351 8X59 A0A0	4X3	7767 490X 3A66
424	6A10 5052 233A	464	7362 66A0 4749	4X4	7777 3XA3 3740
425	6A22 2832 AA4X	465	7373 4063 9703	4X5	7787 2X43 1745
426	6A34 009A 0791	466	7384 1339 4A22	4X6	7797 173X X05X
427	6A45 9213 A0X8	467	7394 X336 5653	4X7	77X7 01X3 4A13
428	6A57 6017 1X1A	468	73X5 7058 2265	4X8	77A6 X5A5 X2A5
429	6A69 26XX 35X5	469	73A6 86X3 9850	4X9	7806 8777 1A22
42A	6A7X XX52 X521	46X	7406 AX56 6826	4XX	7816 66X8 3X38
42A	6A90 6X8X 5024	46A	7417 7A95 792X	4XA	7826 436X 3X2A
431	6AA3 X184 6041	471	7438 A479 8439	4A1	7845 A228 912A
432	7005 5446 0836	472	7449 6925 0908	4A2	7855 88X7 191X
433	7017 03X4 7573	473	745X 1A01 704X	4A3	7865 531X 336X
434	7028 7021 8308	474	746X 8X10 5591	4A4	7875 2007 135A
435	703X 153X 8X43	475	747A 3652 X387	4A5	7884 X66X 7317
436	704A 7739 3023	476	748A X009 A817	4A6	7894 6X89 8850
437	7061 161X 8427	477	74X0 42AX A810	4A7	78X4 3065 605A
438	7072 71X4 6509	478	74A0 X327 06X8	4A8	78A3 XAA X 77AX
439	7084 0654 2840	479	7501 408A 371A	4A9	7903 6912 3XA4
44X	7095 57XA 2677	47X	7511 9770 A469	4AX	7913 23X5 50X4
44A	70X6 X632 A366	47A	7522 2A91 1638	4A1	7922 9838 X479

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501	7941 AX28 6281	541	810A 9X7A 7XX8	581	8471 1027 7X22
502	7951 6786 6AA3	542	811X 8031 6861	582	847A 3616 21AA
503	7961 12X8 8522	543	8129 5A9A 7399	583	8489 5X2X 12A8
504	7970 7793 965A	544	8138 8946 6991	584	8497 8068 07AA
505	7980 1X44 9357	545	8147 14XA 22X8	585	84X5 X110 7A7A
506	798A 7X80 671X	546	8155 XX52 2727	586	84A3 AAX0 6806
507	799A 1884 0409	547	8164 81A3 4X63	587	8502 1898 4321
508	79XX 7454 1419	548	8173 5356 6005	588	8510 3400 826A
509	79AX 09A1 84X1	549	8182 22A9 2X75	589	851X 4952 1A59
50A	7X09 6119 8307	54X	8190 A0G1 4485	58X	8528 6111 4X97
50B	7X18 A214 A717	54A	819A 7807 7440	58A	8536 72AA 0516
511	7X37 8938 A393	551	81A9 0525 4X35	591	8552 9163 X766
512	7X47 1367 4X54	552	8207 869X 4X78	592	8560 9X20 3A26
513	7X56 5768 8329	553	8216 4658 5471	593	856X X509 7107
514	7X65 9941 7AX9	554	8225 0420 301A	594	8578 XX28 3A07
515	7X75 18XA 258A	555	8233 7AXX 64A5	595	8586 A178 AXXX
516	7X84 5632 2144	556	8242 3584 0224	596	8594 A340 3AA9
517	7X93 914A 5318	557	8250 X965 4X84	597	85X2 A336 X941
518	7XX3 0643 X292	558	825A 3A53 50XX	598	85A0 A165 3490
519	7XA2 3914 3356	559	826X 0A4X 92X3	599	85AX XX08 0A79
51X	7A01 6981 67A6	55X	8278 7954 1X25	59X	8608 X4X8 X720
51A	7A10 9808 695A	55A	8287 2568 3427	59A	8616 99A5 341X
521	7A2A 2X37 0422	561	82X4 3403 674X	5X1	8632 8303 2441
522	7A3X 5220 2541	562	82A2 9648 1125	5X2	8640 7300 X786
523	7A49 73X6 546A	563	8301 36X2 1XA1	5X3	864X 6136 30X5
524	7A58 9352 7184	564	830A 954X 53A4	5X4	8658 49X8 7719
525	7A67 A0X1 5801	565	831X 3209 7730	5X5	8666 3497 X171
526	7A77 0813 XX42	566	8328 88X0 4A58	5X6	8674 1X04 86A3
527	7A86 212X 8710	567	8337 2187 56X3	5X7	8682 016A 9978
528	7A95 342X 8814	568	8345 7487 5734	5X8	868A X355 87X3
529	7AX4 4514 8XX1	569	8354 05X1 1233	5X9	8699 837X A356
52X	7AA3 53X5 702X	56X	8362 5511 04A8	5XX	86X7 6224 2603
52A	8002 6062 0894	56A	8370 X257 4A22	5XA	86A5 3A09 A0X0
531	8029 6A59 16A7	571	8389 7379 4555	5A1	8710 XAX1 12A5
532	802A 7199 3A34	572	8397 4755 2735	5A2	871X 838A 8350
533	803X 7208 4412	573	83X6 394X 8523	5A3	8728 5601 0254
534	8049 7027 0375	574	83A4 7962 5X19	5A4	8736 2675 77XA
535	8058 6836 1371	575	8402 4795 2898	5A5	8748 A572 134X
536	8067 6236 493A	576	8411 3427 6A58	5A6	8751 82A2 A830
537	8076 5628 8180	577	841A 6X9X 2411	5A7	875A 8X78 9558
538	8085 4811 8904	578	8429 X371 8830	5A8	8769 1488 11X2
539	8094 37XX 3A48	579	8438 1666 9927	5A9	8776 9921 53X2
53X	80X3 237A 3034	57X	8446 4782 13X9	5AX	8784 6001 4583
53A	80A2 1145 3295	57A	8454 7700 30X3	5AA	8792 2128 131X

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601	87X0 5X9X 0842	641	8A04 1A5X 7041	681	91AA 8X22 5654
602	87A7 1725 8634	642	8A11 36A1 00X8	682	9208 4A44 64AX
603	8809 91AX 7709	643	8A1X 50A0 0648	683	9215 10A4 768X
604	8812 4721 4337	644	8A27 6558 XX00	684	9221 8A70 176X
605	881A AX92 4A40	645	8A34 7873 3A81	685	922X 4956 5327
606	8829 7092 3A28	646	8A41 8X37 X719	686	9237 0606 A125
607	8837 2121 7695	647	8A4X 9X6A 19A2	687	9243 8141 A8A0
608	8844 9000 X16X	648	8A57 X951 6542	688	9250 3743 A966
609	8852 3930 5XX4	649	8A64 A6X3 5960	689	9258 A011 3X14
60X	885A X4A1 1183	64A	8A72 02X5 5235	68X	9265 6366 455X
60A	8869 4A03 20X0	64A	8A7A 0957 9A46	68A	9272 1587 6243
611	8884 5661 99X5	651	8A95 1653 8827	691	9287 362A 7257
612	8891 A7XA 5004	652	8AX2 189X 1239	692	9293 X473 362X
613	889A 5790 6706	653	8AXA 1996 814X	693	92X0 6184 706A
614	88X8 A605 88A4	654	8AA8 1945 X81X	694	92X8 A963 X33X
615	88A6 5293 5548	655	9005 1768 2104	695	92A5 6411 581X
616	8903 X9A6 2XAX	656	9012 1441 A633	696	9302 0949 9874
617	8911 4372 71A5	657	901A 0A8A 81A5	697	930X 7155 2X04
618	891X 9785 0290	658	9028 0391 91A1	698	9317 1430 1575
619	8928 2X32 0193	659	9034 AX48 77X1	699	9323 7596 X048
61X	8935 7A36 0XXA	65X	9041 A178 891A	69X	9330 1611 8A29
61A	8943 0X95 83A9	66A	904X X362 571X	69A	9338 7519 26X0
621	8959 X625 7A98	661	9064 8318 6924	6X1	9351 6A63 3644
622	8967 3016 A8X9	662	9071 70X9 9297	6X2	935X 06X2 76X9
623	8974 7565 X073	663	907X 5936 381A	6X3	9366 60A3 A950
624	8981 A932 895A	664	9087 443X 7109	6X4	9372 A597 85X1
625	898A 3A9X 19XX	665	9094 291A 0714	6X5	937A 4952 1AA0
626	8998 8084 6AA2	666	90X1 1238 1086	6X6	9387 9A9A 872X
627	89X6 000X 6154	667	90X9 A532 1609	6X7	9394 3100 872X
628	89A3 39A4 5009	668	90A6 96X5 6X85	6X8	93X0 80A5 6325
629	8X00 763X 9523	669	9103 7716 X1A6	6X9	93X9 0A82 5X32
62X	8X09 A126 11AX	66X	9110 5606 42A9	6XX	93A5 5923 A748
62A	8X17 2672 9A48	66A	9119 3374 6097	6XA	9401 X55X 394X
631	8X31 90A2 6672	671	9132 X68X 4533	6A1	9416 7653 0271
632	8X3A 01X6 3916	672	913A 8036 X90A	6A2	9422 AA12 0X79
633	8X48 3141 5984	673	9148 5463 836X	6A3	942A 4267 4941
634	8X55 5440 5415	674	9155 2751 1X98	6A4	9437 8497 408X
635	8X62 87X3 7AA4	675	9161 A81A 8475	6A5	9444 05X2 2X89
636	8X6A A2XA 7465	676	916X 892A 8682	6A6	9450 4584 5512
637	8X79 1860 9101	677	9177 6821 725X	6A7	9458 8442 3954
638	8X86 4077 6831	678	9184 2595 9140	6A8	9465 0198 2129
639	8X93 6338 58A8	679	9190 A210 7043	6A9	9471 3X0X 4593
63X	8XX0 8463 A973	67X	9199 790X 585A	6AX	9479 7519 302X
63A	8XX9 X436 6449	67A	91X6 428A 9X63	6AA	9485 XA05 197X

TABLE 5.—Logarithms to 10 Dwecimals.

701	949X 5731 4481	741	9762 359X X703	781	9X10 X794 X82A
702	94XG 8972 4372	742	976X 2217 7351	782	9X18 5290 1853
703	94A2 AX91 8813	743	9776 0945 8162	783	9X23 188A 726X
704	94A1 2X8A 9659	744	9781 A365 7139	784	9X2A 6191 0352
705	9507 5968 XXX8	745	9789 9877 5288	785	9X37 0595 5185
706	9513 8725 4941	746	9795 807A 6964	786	9X42 68X1 3348
707	951A 1381 7186	747	97X1 6376 3348	787	9X4X 0XA0 7489
708	9528 1X19 9486	748	97X9 4563 X1X3	788	9X55 7003 9244
709	953A 4516 5243	749	97A5 2644 6X44	789	9X61 101X 1920
70X	9540 6X13 8X2	74X	9801 0618 8X27	78X	9X68 6A3X 613A
70A	9548 91A2 0X8X	74A	9808 X4X4 7675	78A	9X74 0962 72A5
711	9561 1613 164A	751	9820 5A18 8935	791	9X87 0301 5X57
712	9569 3656 6135	752	9828 3685 6144	792	9X92 5X38 940X
713	9575 5580 274X	753	983A 1127 1976	793	9X99 1479 7667
714	9581 7388 6A17	754	983A X681 A285	794	9XX5 4X04 3563
715	9589 9077 1154	755	9847 7A12 1911	795	9XA0 X255 005A
716	9595 X84X 6X24	756	9853 5258 0224	796	9XA8 35A0 02XA
717	95X2 0304 X051	757	985A 2497 A737	797	9A03 8851 7010
718	95XX 1863 0325	758	9866 A612 176X	798	9A0A 19A9 A330
719	95A6 30X5 6167	759	9872 8642 X20X	799	9A16 6X71 3A69
71X	9602 4410 6804	75X	987X 556X 4690	79X	9A21 AX30 0008
71A	960X 5620 5A69	75A	9886 2891 0152	79A	9A29 48A6 2883
721	9622 764A 3A68	761	9899 7904 7A78	7X1	9A40 2366 1388
722	962X 8578 X284	762	98X5 4416 2X34	7X2	9A47 6A50 396X
723	9636 9827 6421	763	98A1 0X24 0120	7X3	9A52 A643 0154
724	9642 9A80 8100	764	98A8 932X 2A73	7X4	9A5X 4042 51X2
725	964X X700 7208	765	9904 5731 2891	7X5	9A65 854X 991A
726	9656 A127 7412	766	9910 1X31 2785	7X6	9A71 0964 4987
727	9662 A63X 0390	767	9917 X02X 5A4X	7X7	9A78 5087 5187
728	966X AX38 1961	768	9923 6125 3X86	7X8	9A83 92A8 1736
729	9677 0122 3589	769	992A 2119 1845	7X9	9A8A 1436 905X
72X	9683 02A4 907A	76X	9936 X010 8703	7XX	9A96 5483 6330
72A	968A 0373 X250	76A	9942 5X01 9926	7XA	9AX1 941X 8154
731	96X3 0175 1X25	771	9955 02X0 1995	7A1	9AA4 5039 0A11
732	96XX AX17 479A	77	9961 4989 A087	7A2	9AAA 8900 959A
733	96A6 A728 7756	777	9969 3877 1431	7A3	X007 0493 9X65
734	9702 A247 546A	77A	9974 7863 AX51	7A4	X012 3A76 4X77
735	970X X834 6666	777	9980 3030 9915	7A5	X019 7568 9256
736	9716 1X50 8871	779	9987 X939 X219	7A6	X024 XX6A 1X2A
737	9722 9537 959A	777	9993 5527 4324	7A7	X030 2281 9419
738	972X 8812 252X	778	999A 0315 71X5	7A8	X037 55X4 X629
739	9736 7998 8185	779	99X6 7604 9A7X	7A9	X042 8818 815X
73X	9742 6X52 313A	77X	99A2 24A5 39A4	7AX	X049 A961 4X98
73A	974X 59A8 6072	77A	99A9 92X7 3X05	7AA	X055 29A7 3700

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801	X067 881A 569X	841	X2A0 101X 7910	881	X523 1321 A009
802	X072 A5XX 2378	842	X2A7 0434 528X	882	X529 94X7 2623
803	X07X 228X 4987	843	X301 A76X 5622	883	X53A 5599 9123
804	X085 4X82 0954	844	X308 XX0A A010	884	X53A 15A9 8X66
805	X090 7587 7A16	845	X313 9A80 0104	885	X545 9547 3A82
806	X097 9AX8 AXA7	846	X31X 9057 A164	886	X550 5402 85A6
807	X0X3 0513 3514	847	X325 8054 X605	887	X557 11X8 0682
808	X0XX 2955 9174	848	X330 6A73 06A1	888	X561 8XAA 6312
809	X0A5 50XA 7851	849	X337 59A2 7860	889	X568 4741 3846
80X	X0A0 7359 1954	84X	X342 4753 X300	88X	X573 02A1 6A79
80A	X107 951X 6059	84A	X349 3416 X670	88A	X579 7990 61A7
811	X11X 15X1 7747	851	X35A 0707 1940	891	X68X X917 0787
812	X125 34X3 X254	852	X365 A184 9459	892	X695 6183 00A7
813	X130 52AX 95A0	853	X370 9685 0082	893	X5X0 155X 38A0
814	X137 702X 8123	854	X377 7A28 0191	894	X5X6 8865 18A1
815	X142 8873 8770	855	X382 6311 AA56	895	X5A1 3X9A 7AA3
816	X149 X412 183A	856	X389 460A 1956	896	X5A7 A046 0843
817	X154 AX86 1X70	857	X394 282A 7A47	897	X602 6120 5X23
818	X160 1453 A951	858	X39A 0973 8893	898	X609 1127 15A6
819	X167 2937 9AX2	859	X3X5 XX1A 6513	899	X613 8062 1819
81X	X172 4135 A992	85X	X3A0 89XA 3396	89X	X61X 2A09 8520
81A	X179 544X 5703	85A	X3A7 68X3 1821	89A	X624 98X5 A946
821	X18A 7803 925A	861	X409 243A AA0X	8X1	X635 A231 445A
822	X196 8864 A500	862	X414 00X5 43A3	8X2	X640 59X0 97X1
823	X1X1 9821 534X	863	X41X 9873 7326	8X3	X647 0481 7729
824	X1X8 X6A5 541A	864	X425 7866 XAX8	8X4	X651 6X94 028X
825	X1A3 A4X5 2177	865	X430 4983 58A2	8X5	X658 1418 1647
826	X1AA 01A0 X214	866	X437 2305 5925	8X6	X662 7892 1615
827	X206 0X14 7A9A	867	X441 A771 1364	8X7	X669 207X 21X2
828	X211 1554 X0XX	868	X448 8A42 6670	8X8	X673 8398 5550
829	X218 1AA1 6A4A	869	X453 6239 A930	8X9	X67X 2629 1476
82X	X223 2567 1140	86X	X45X 3A5A 71A5	8XX	X68A 87A0 3A25
82A	X22X 2X39 7070	86A	X465 05X7 6A37	8XA	X68A 28X6 309A
831	X240 3536 423X	871	X476 6637 45X1	8A1	X6X0 2872 XA7A
832	X247 3761 0431	872	X481 353A 6799	8A2	X6X6 8745 A7A5
833	X252 38X5 624A	873	X488 030X X001	8A3	X6A1 2550 4956
834	X259 3948 023X	874	X492 9105 487A	8A4	X6A7 828X 4371
835	X264 3908 8953	875	X499 5987 4AA2	8A5	X702 1A10 0183
836	X26A 37X7 X71A	876	X4X4 2575 0AA2	8A6	X708 7725 6308
837	X276 35X5 7696	877	X4XX A08X 6X85	8A7	X713 1243 06A2
838	X281 3302 276A	878	X4A5 7710 0X29	8A8	X719 6894 9060
839	X288 2A39 X082	879	X500 4079 9050	8A9	X724 025X 96XX
83X	X293 2694 8325	87X	X507 0558 9718	8AX	X72X 3759 4126
83A	X29X 214X A81X	87A	X511 8966 4821	8AA	X734 XA90 6656

TABLE 5.—Logarithms to 10 Dwecmals.

901	X745 9619 6973	941	X959 0622 0104
902	X750 2833 8535	942	X963 2432 62X2
903	X756 7983 175X	943	X969 5383 6325
904	X761 0X48 02A6	944	X973 7755 1X5X
905	X767 5X46 6250	945	X979 9X67 6910
906	X771 X97X 9462	946	X984 00AX X739
907	X778 3828 AX3	947	X98X 2293 3155
908	X782 8611 2XAA	948	X994 43X8 9A89
909	X789 132A 9052	949	X99X 6443 8X40
90X	X793 5A84 7X75	94X	X9X4 8420 154A
90A	X799 X754 13A5	94A	X9XX X33X 1508
911	X7XX 789A 3548	951	X9A4 1A7A 6229
912	X7A5 0257 3X05	952	XX05 88X3 2389
913	X7AA 474X 62XX	953	XX0A 5549 0590
914	X805 8479 9617	954	XX15 7135 241A
915	X810 1323 039A	955	XX1A 8863 9698
916	X816 5604 8002	956	XX25 X314 4957
917	X820 9822 0X84	957	XX2A 4908 X7X9
918	X827 1977 4A98	958	XX36 1243 7996
919	X831 5X48 X12X	959	XX40 2701 4X99
91X	X837 9X56 60X0	95X	XX46 3A02 366A
91A	X842 19X0 6846	95A	XX50 5246 547A
921	X852 9662 5230	961	XX60 7721 11X1
922	X859 139X 67XA	962	XX66 8873 X3X7
923	X863 5053 8024	963	XX70 994X 5212
924	X869 8845 A079	964	XX76 X968 AX33
925	X874 0375 5693	965	XX80 A90A 6457
926	X87X 3X22 5400	966	XX87 07A6 3A26
927	X884 7409 018A	967	XX91 1625 573X
928	X88X X931 3942	968	XX97 2399 0AAX
929	X895 2193 6015	969	XXY1 3095 3843
92X	X89A 5573 8739	96X	XXX7 3916 3365
92A	X8X5 8892 1416	96A	XXA1 44X0 1472
931	X8A6 3106 0328	971	XAA0 5642 A44A
932	X900 621A 9A82	972	XAA7 6020 2511
933	X906 9274 4X14	973	XA11 6542 X95A
934	X911 0247 X75X	974	XA17 69XA 065X
935	X917 315X 5088	975	XA21 71X0 X8X8
936	X921 5A40 1X86	976	XA27 7518 6558
937	X927 8981 2X31	977	XA31 779X 12AX
938	X931 A691 981A	978	XA37 79X5 8314
939	X938 2322 0119	979	XA41 7A37 6363
93X	X942 4X1A A9XX	97X	XA47 8013 779X
93A	X948 7601 X710	97A	XA51 8036 2371

TABLE 5.—Logarithms to 10 Dwecmals.

X01	A158 4395 6A20	X41	A345 9688 534X	X81	A526 6863 X778
X02	A162 1949 4633	X42	A34A 4957 X703	X82	A5A A6X0 6:6X
X03	A167 A251 A625	X43	A354 A481 4272	X83	A555 5AX7 A4A4
X04	A171 86X7 5368	X44	A35X 7141 68A3	X84	A56X 6322 5013
X05	A177 5X91 A2XX	X45	A364 2256 AA:7	X85	A544 1A47 X6:9
X06	A181 3209 2894	X46	A369 9207 3821	X86	A559 7A60 374A
X07	A187 0496 5183	X47	A373 4312 1104	X87	A573 AX04 5:52
X08	A190 96A4 7X11	X48	A378 A273 5536	X88	A578 2307 3143
X09	A196 6864 4250	X49	A382 616A 5AX4	X89	A5C1 X609 A:2A
X0X	A1X0 3965 7709	X4X	A388 1002 3A73	X8X	A5C7 3410 6655
X0A	A1X6 09A8 744X	X4A	A391 7CA0 0744	X8A	A570 8111 865X
X11	A1A5 6918 1650	X51	A3A0 9414 6X17	X91	A57A 5574 23X7
X12	A1A A 37X4 X77A	X52	A3A6 404A 6X82	X92	A584 X115 3214
X13	A205 0603 9685	X53	A3A X8:1 X6:8	X93	A58X 2316 35XA
X14	A20X 9374 A78A	X54	A3A5 534A 6A86	X94	A593 7277 4277
X15	A214 6078 62A4	X55	A3AX AX14 6:66	X95	A598 A578 7276
X16	A21X 2912 6853	X56	A404 6455 7253	X96	A6X2 421X 1227
X17	A223 44AA 245X	X57	A40X 09A2 1502	X97	A6X7 871A A:82
X18	A229 808X 6679	X58	A418 7:06 56X0	X98	A6A1 0A82 2337
X19	A233 4710 8755	X59	A419 1776 8155	X99	A6A6 5455 0339
X1X	A239 1135 9X89	X5X	A422 7A82 A046	X9X	A6AA 5748 57A2
X1A	A242 96A1 A854	X5A	A428 2327 3313	X9A	A605 1X60 7541
X21	A252 2463 X2X7	X61	A437 2884 8595	XK1	A613 X23A 6123
X22	A257 X859 9745	X62	A440 8X79 AX69	XK2	A619 2446 51X6
X23	A261 6AX7 299X	X63	A446 500A 9499	XK3	A622 6:52 21X6
X24	A267 3288 3206	X64	A44A 60AX 22X6	XK4	A627 X5AA 322X
X25	A270 A500 AA97	X65	A455 3145 570X	XK5	A631 2:09 7460
X26	A276 7689 669A	X66	A45X 9129 278A	XK6	A636 6679 5823
X27	A280 37XX 02X0	X67	A46A 506X 06AA	XK7	A63A X48X 5395
X28	A285 A862 635A	X68	A469 8A47 X727	XK8	A645 2341 1391
X29	A28A 786A 2058	X69	A473 2982 9X68	XK9	A64X 6155 4906
X2X	A295 3310 0935	X6X	A478 8756 A723	XKA	A653 8756 4867
X2A	A29X A705 3974	X6A	A482 2488 4A33	XKA	A659 18:7 2322
X31	A2XX 3335 3XX1	X71	A491 1683 7229	XK1	A667 9104 6528
X32	A2A3 A070 368X	X72	A496 7549 6542	XK2	A671 6886 3236
X33	A2A9 6940 0613	X73	A4X0 1071 2:08	XK3	A676 4:XX 1997
X34	A303 2564 8644	X74	A4X5 6732 7076	XK4	A67A 7X74 3460
X35	A308 X122 44X8	X75	A4XA 0151 X8A5	XK5	A684 AX0 8A19
X36	A312 5835 1708	X76	A4A4 570A 22AX	XK6	A68X 2X6A 7655
X37	A318 12X1 1421	X77	A4A9 A026 687A	XK7	A693 6:XI 0314
X38	A321 88X2 4A67	X78	A503 44X0 13X6	XK8	A698 5875 0197
X39	A327 4239 1854	X79	A508 98A3 A260	XK9	A6X2 10XA 831X
X3X	A330 A729 4X11	X7X	A512 3066 1647	XKA	A6X7 4489 1799
X3A	A336 6A73 3783	X7A	A517 8376 9541	XKA	A6A0 7809 5444

TABLE 5.—Logarithms to 10 Decimals.

A01	A6AA 2186 AA50	A41	A888 1792 0X9X	A81	AX49 X769 6037
A02	A704 5324 4A00	A42	A891 2A48 6194	A82	AX52 X224 07A3
A03	A709 8475 0477	A43	A896 426X 182X	A83	AX57 9849 5415
A04	A712 A568 A497	A44	A89A 5537 0571	A84	AX60 9221 8A38
A05	A718 2604 2AA5	A45	A8X4 676A 352A	A85	AX65 8765 0844
A06	A721 5603 0263	A46	A8X9 794X A66X	A86	AX6X 8057 4456
A07	A726 8565 40A1	A47	A8A2 8X96 18XX	A87	AX73 74A8 9A32
A08	A72A A46A 3766	A48	A8A7 9A88 XA71	A88	AX78 6909 5X8A
A09	A735 2318 AX8X	A49	A900 A027 41A1	A89	AX81 6089 5132
A0X	A73X 512X 5XX2	A4X	A906 0031 6326	A8X	AX86 53A8 8522
A0A	A743 7XX3 X824	A4A	A90A 0AX3 6284	A8A	AX8A 4697 48X0
A11	A752 1482 878X	A51	A919 2987 3531	A91	AX99 2A23 386X
A12	A757 40X8 3X55	A52	A922 37A9 2693	A92	AXX2 2090 812X
A13	A760 6876 1A52	A53	A927 4597 3343	A93	AXX7 11X9 8X95
A14	A765 93X8 4XX6	A54	A930 5321 6621	A94	AXA0 0276 6A55
A15	A76X AX82 X8A8	A55	A935 6014 1246	A95	AXA4 2A43 3159
A16	A774 2501 A5X5	A56	A93X 6873 0E0A	A96	AXA0 X29A X308
A17	A779 4XX5 7184	A57	A943 747X 4748	A97	AX02 9238 5246
A18	A782 7431 X86X	A58	A948 8082 3249	A98	AX07 8145 0975
A19	A787 9922 A26A	A59	A951 8752 8A1A	A99	AX10 7601 9XA1
A1X	A791 0178 9794	A5X	A956 921A X888	AXX	AX15 5X2X 9452
A1A	A796 2577 7027	A5A	A95A 9855 9618	AXA	AX1X 4808 0031
A21	A7X4 7028 26X4	A61	A9C9 X788 1841	AX1	AX28 2253 632A
A22	A7X9 929X 2906	A62	A972 A084 8A17	AX2	AX31 0A01 A667
A23	A7A2 A4A5 5X4A	A63	A977 A32X 4579	AX3	AX35 A720 A457
A24	A7A8 1676 0XX7	A64	A980 A941 2268	AX4	AX3X X2A0 6702
A25	A801 37X0 0X47	A65	A986 0101 2161	AX5	AX43 8X30 X026
A26	A806 586A 6895	A66	A98A 042X 5479	AX6	AX48 7521 X006
A27	A80A 78X4 75A6	A67	A994 0705 0A0X	AX7	AX51 5A83 8X5X
A28	A814 9883 418A	A68	A999 0949 1779	AX8	AX56 4596 6A61
A29	A819 A807 97A6	A69	A9X2 043X 8523	AX9	AX5A 2A5X 2705
A2X	A823 16A6 104X	A6X	A9X7 1099 X260	AXX	AX64 1492 A700
A2A	A828 254X 32X3	A6A	A9A0 11X6 7X46	AXA	AX68 A978 9939
A31	A836 70A0 8094	A71	A9AX 1285 64X3	AX1	AX76 8620 1059
A32	A83A 89AA 0782	A72	AX03 1257 90A3	AX2	AX7A 6999 790X
A33	A844 X673 7A5X	A73	AX08 1197 A266	AX3	AX84 5108 6A55
A34	A84X 0292 6AX2	A74	AX11 1086 1E42	AX4	AX89 33X8 A554
A35	A853 1X57 X850	A75	AX16 0422 5504	AX5	AX92 163X X0X1
A36	A858 3587 8099	A76	AX1A 0923 A32X	AX6	AX96 A842 3754
A37	A861 5062 0079	A77	AX24 06X1 8174	AX7	AX9A 99A7 4A01
A38	A866 66X2 A75A	A78	AX29 0404 8X92	AX8	AXX4 7A22 2935
A39	A86A 808X 78XA	A79	AX32 0096 2534	AX9	AXX9 5AAX X002
AXX	A874 9621 1455	A7X	AX36 A916 178A	AXX	AXA2 4049 3A40
A3A	A879 XA1X 5575	A7A	AX3A A504 7487	AXA	AXA7 2049 7982

COMMENTS ON DOUZE NOTRE DIX FUTUR AND OUR SEAL

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The splendid work by M. Essig arrived and I have been browsing evenings through it for a week with that contented look in my eyes we usually find in the faces of Borden's Evaporated Milk cows. And the simile is not far afield, for Jean Essig has condensed more in less space than Borden ever succeeded in doing with the most modern of equipment.

His work clearly represents a prodigious amount of study and his bibliography is not only quite complete but should serve as an excellent base for a history of the progress of the duodecimal movement in the modern world. In addition to his thoroughness of presentation of the bare elements of arithmetic, I must applaud his personal courage in daring to advance this subject in the French language and in the heart and soul of the land which gave birth to the metric system. That does not happen every day!

The arithmetical schism, commonly called the rise of the metric system, which saw its beginnings in the latter part of the 16th Century, was not all bad by any means or measure. Being a definite swing away from the historical dozenal steps by which the foot, the Troy pound, the shilling, and other things of value were then being divided, it created two camps---the one gone stark modern, and the other holding fast to tradition. The show of tenacity with which our English and American forebears held their lines and closed ranks, sometimes from necessity giving a little here and some there, but, on the whole, retaining their dozenal divisions of units, belongs to history.

When a person of not inconsiderable rank and authority in France lends voice and the printed word to our plight and recognizes the reasonableness of our resistance to the metre, the days of our strategic retreat may have drawn to an end. Time and patience are not only going to heal the breach between the two camps (as that twosome heals all schisms), but, nations and dominations and thrones and empires having thoroughly tested the base ten system of weights and measures and found it wanting in practical affairs, we shall, I believe, now purge our English foot and pound and gallon, our hour, our degree, our every step in counting above and below the single unit, of all base ten intrusions---and flower into the more scientific dozenal base numeration in weights and measurements of every nature. In the words of the late American political campaign just closed, I LIKE ESSIG.

Let me now switch from the sublime to the practical---the question (and I hope it may continue as a question---for the sake of stability) affecting some possible change in the society's traditional seal. Although the writer privately uses script characters for ten and for eleven as different from \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{Z} as are Essig's upsidedown 2 and 7---and I respect everyone's right to experiment and to advocate---yet I hesitate to overthrow our traditional characters and for a simple reason which I will now state.

In order to attain stability---and in order to avoid the sad look of one who has lost it in the darkness of the closet or out in the blinding barrenness of the desert---we must, I believe, hopefully cling to our landmarks with the tenacity of persons dedicated to progress and to an ideal. Those two characters are no more than a means to an end, they are the language by which we understand each other in this interesting game of restoration of the dozenal base to its rightful position, and any other two characters upon which considerate persons might agree would equally serve a like purpose. But a dozen years of our literature upon the subject---and there will never be a harder twelve years---are written in that language, understood in that language by diverse persons, and our progress to date is based upon that simple understanding. The Duodecimal Society of America will, perhaps, have no reason to exist when everyone is familiar with the duodecimal base. Nothing yet leads us to believe that this will obtain within a dozen-dozen years. But when it does come to pass, let our language for that period be as uniform and as dead as Latin today is uniform and dead---it will merely have passed into the immortality of greatness and goodness.

Having a great respect for history, and recognizing the difficulty of establishing true history, I do suggest---if any alteration whatever be considered a must---that we do no more than place a halo of ancient Roman numerals about the outer periphery of our present seal, each adjacent to its more modern duodecimal digit. This will serve two purposes. It may furnish archeologists a dozen-dozen-dozen or twice that many years hence with a bridge upon which to cross to enable them to read from a cornerstone the year of this era in which men built a magnificent pile of stone and marble---perhaps the building housing the United States Supreme Court, the President, the Senators' offices. Secondly, and more immediately, it may furnish a bridge by which some will pass from the present into that world of dozenal doings, the world of tomorrow, the world of base twelve.

The stone of Conopus is not yet 3000 years of age, and what a happy bridge it furnished back to Egyptian hieroglyphics! A simple seal cast in bronze, no doubt to be called by our posterity

"the brass of Staten Island", might thus furnish the stepping-stone in arithmetical progress from Roman numerals, through the numerals of the Indies and the Arabs, to duodecimal digits foreseen by the Divinity out of all time. And do not overlook the possibility that we might go through the valley of death before duodecimals rise to that glory.

These two characters may be given different names by numerous nations and persons in nations, but let the characters stand for what they stand in all places and nations, ten and eleven, dix et onze, etc and etc. The ten is a simple reiteration of the Roman historical character which always in recorded time represented ten. It is present on all typewriters. It can be placed on all dozenal adding machines. The eleven is simply an errested somersault of the 3 character, an upsidedown 3, even as nine is an upsidedown six, easily indicated by a capital E on a typewriter. It is much the same in appearance whether the 3 be rotated about a vertical or a horizontal axis. True, the uninitiated will call the ten "ex" and the eleven "ee", but at least will not stammer and cough and choke. And those in the know always will say, here, now, we have ten things or eleven articles, or dix or onze, or dek or el---certainly no duodecimalist will doubt their number, and that, for the society, is the only important fact.

EXCERPT FROM A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

by Group Captain G. Struan Marshall, Edinburgh

Knowing how strongly I believe in the dodecane principle, my friend, Professor A. C. Aitken, D.Sc, F.R.S., has lent me the Duodecimal Bulletin for July, 1956, and I have read it with great interest. I have long felt it most unfortunate that just because biology contains so many groups of five, culminating in the digits of the vertebrate hand and foot, we should be condemned for ever to the narrow restriction of a numerical system based upon a multiple admitting of only one common fraction; the common fractions being half, third and quarter, with the secondary addition of half a third, or sixth, for five is a purely artificial aliquot.

I have said 'condemned for ever'; this may seem to be a shocking thing to say, for it would deny the ultimate success of your Society, yet I fear the decimal system is so deeply rooted all over the world, even in China, as to make its replacement a utopian dream.

I wonder however whether you might accept an argument in favour of dodecanism: that the decimal scale is all very well for those who *must* use their fingers to count in dozens because twelve is the *only* multiple of comparable size that allows of the common fractions being expressed by a single digit.

The Indians made computation practicable some 2,000 years ago by the invention of the sunya (= empty) or zero, to indicate the empty row of the abacus, but just because this was the dawn of practical arithmetic (for the Romans were almost helpless with fractions) they did not appreciate the importance of simple symbolic representation of the common fractions, and so very naturally took the ten digits of their counting-machine, the hands, as their basic numerical group.

We in Britain are constantly being sneered at by the Continentals (Europeans other than ourselves) for our addiction to the dodecane in shillings and pence, feet and inches, but we have extensions of the dodecane principle that few of them know of: the standard English sub-multiple of the inch is the line, one-twelfth of an inch; and horses are measured (as to height at the withers) in 'hands' each of four inches.

THE 1957 ANNUAL MEETING

The coming Annual Meeting of the Duodecimal Society of America will be held Thursday, February 14th, 1957, at the Gramercy Park Hotel, Lexington Avenue and 21st St., New York City, at 8:30 P.M.

A recent amendment to our constitution authorized the selection of any date prior to June 1st for the meeting, and the date of February 14th was chosen to avoid conflicting commitments and to escape the congestion of the period of the mid-years examinations.

Apart from the routine matters of reports and elections, the feature of the meeting will be a paper from Jean Essig, author of "Douze Notre Dix Futur".

Friends of the Society, as well as the members, are most cordially invited to attend.

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WANTED: Men and women between the ages of 15 and 150 with at least one eye, one arm, and something between the ears as well as under the diaphragm, - who would like to put some meaning into their lives, and who will enlist one-twelfth of their spare time in technical assistance in freeing mankind from its long slavery to the ten-base.

The Duodecimal Society needs help in carrying on its dissemination of information and literature among the peoples of the world on the advantages of the dozen-base, and in maintaining liaison with those who realize the necessity for integrating our numbers and measures.

Write to Ralph H. Beard, 20 Carlton Place, Staten Island 4, N. Y., who will advise on how to escape boredom how to influence people, and what to do with your money.