

NEW YEAR IN ASIA

How the Day is Celebrated on the Other Side of the World—Water Feast of Burma—Llamas Children Who Bathed Their Grandmothers on New Years—In Turkey and Japan.

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Next Monday will be New Year's day in America. It will be New Year's day over the world. Nearly every American has his own calendar. The New Year festivities of the Chinese take place during the latter part of January or the first of February. Russia has a New Year about twelve days different from ours, and the pretty girls of Harbin do not celebrate their New Year until about the first of April. In my trip around the world a few years ago, I struck a number of spots New Year celebrations, and I find that every nation celebrates the day differently. The people of Burma and Java have the most curious customs. The Burmese think that a spirit lives in that most delicious fruit known to earth and upon the manner of its coming depends the prosperity of the year. The atmosphere at the time of its appearance, and they give the signal when he has come. They cannot say that, you see, and every man and woman in the country makes a prayer and pours a libation of water on the ground. This is the last sight of the old year, and the next morning is to be the beginning of the New Year holidays.

THE BURMESE WATER FEAST.

New Year in Burma begins with a great water-feast, and the Burmese girls and women for this day begin to get ready. I wish I could show you a Burmese girl. She is as pretty as any of her kind the world over. She is vivacious, well-dressed and fine looking. Her red lips are luscious, her eyes are large, brown and veiled, and her cheeks are the color of the cream of your own Jersey cow. She wears but two garments, one is a white wrap of fine silk or cotton, which covers the arms and back and falls in the waist, and the other is a strip of cotton of the brightest colors, which is wrapped tightly around her waist and ends in long, and festooned with a tassel at the back. It falls to her feet and when she walks she kicks her bare heels out behind, so that the only exposure of her person is from her feet to her knees. She wears rings in the holes of her ears as long as a silver quarter, and she smokes cigars as long as a lead pencil and as thick as the wrist of a new year and baby. She has more rights in the way of business and law-making than has her American sister, and on New Year's day she is more giddy than ever. As soon as the day breaks she gets a squirt gun made of an old bamboo and with a bucket of water goes out to salute her god-father friends. No one is safe from her, and boys and girls, men and women, devote the day to sprinkling and soaking, each other. No one

has the right to get mad on this day, and a boy who has the right to pour water over his father, and the girls drop buckets from the roof of their houses upon the backs of their parents, and husbands as well as. Americans are amazed. At a New Year ball long ago an Englishman in a tall top hat arrived at Singapore, Sumatra, on New Year's day. He had letters of introduction and he went to a friend's house seeking a high still hat, a long black coat and light trousers. At the door that he found a young Burmese girl, who had just bathed her grandmother. She was going to throw water over him. He thought they were making fun of him, so he went on his way. He had letters of introduction and he went to a friend's house seeking a high still hat, a long black coat and light trousers. At the door that he found a young Burmese girl, who had just bathed her grandmother. She was going to throw water over him. He thought they were making fun of him, so he went on his way.

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Year's Day, consisting often of a new water feast and a Turkish feast. The celebration of New Year's Day is mentioned by the Arabians and the Chinese believe that the gods of these countries who have come to purgatory come back to earth on this day. People here worry out on the ground in celebration of this and they always go with perfume and spit. The Chinese have a custom of the English to salute with champagne water and liquor is drunk by the hour. They lay flowers upon the table and they smoke perfumes and put down into Buddha's hand. The children play trucks over the street much as we do in Holland or Spain. They play with their own toys and put each other into the street. They have a water celebration much the same as in Holland and the king has a reception of his subjects much the same as he has in England.

THE CHINESE WATER FEAST.

Reverend Mr. King, who has been in the city for many years, says that the Chinese New Year is celebrated with a great deal of pomp and circumstance. The king and his court go to the temple and there they are met by the people. The king then goes to the temple and there he is met by the people. The king then goes to the temple and there he is met by the people. The king then goes to the temple and there he is met by the people.

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