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The picture on the cover is symbolic of the resurgent world of Islam. It is borrowed from a photo taken on Pakistan Day, the 14th of August, 1951, at Karachi, Pakistan.

It depicts a battalion of Pakistan Women's National Guards marching past the saluting base where the Governor-General of Pakistan took the salute amidst a gathering of thousands of people.

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The picture on the cover is that of the façade, showing the main entrance, of the world-famous Mosque and University of al-Azhar at Cairo, Egypt. The Mosque, founded in 969 C.E., was officially opened in 972 C.E.

The name, al-Azhar, which literally means "The Shining, the Blossoming," is derived from the appellation, al-Zahra, by which Fatima, the daughter of the Prophet Muhammad, is known.

From the earliest days al-Azhar has been the seat of Muslim learning, and is the oldest Muslim academic institution. It is older than the Sorbonne at Paris and the University of Oxford in England.

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The picture on the Cover is that of the interior of the Hall of Ambassadors in the Alcazar (Ar. *al-Qasr*—Palace) at Seville, Spain.

The oldest part of the Alcazar of Seville was built by a Toledan architect for the Muwahhid Governor in the early part of the 13th Century C.E. It was restored in the Muslim style by Mudejar workmen for King Peter the Cruel in 1353 C.E. The Alcazar of Seville is the most renowned Alcazar (Palace) the Moors built in Spain and is the only one surviving.

The picture gives an idea of the profuse and graceful decorations of the superb remains of the Alcazar.

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The picture on the cover is that of the Prophet Muhammad's Mosque at Medina with its five minarets. The Shrine (*Hujra*) of the Prophet Muhammad, distinguished by its green dome, is situated in the south-eastern corner of the Prophet's Mosque. In this Shrine are buried the Prophet Muhammad and his two Companions — Abu Bakr and 'Umar the Great.

The Prophet's Mosque is in the form of a quadrangle, the length from north to south is about 380 feet. In breadth it varies considerably, as the two long walls converge upon each other as they proceed northward. At its southern end it is some 200 feet broad and at its northern end about 220 feet, the walls being 30 feet high.

In our picture the green dome is on the left-hand side, the wall in the foreground being the northern wall of the Prophet's Mosque.

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This edifice is one of the two oldest and most beautiful specimens of Muslim architecture, the other being the Grand Mosque of Damascus, that have remained intact till to-day.

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