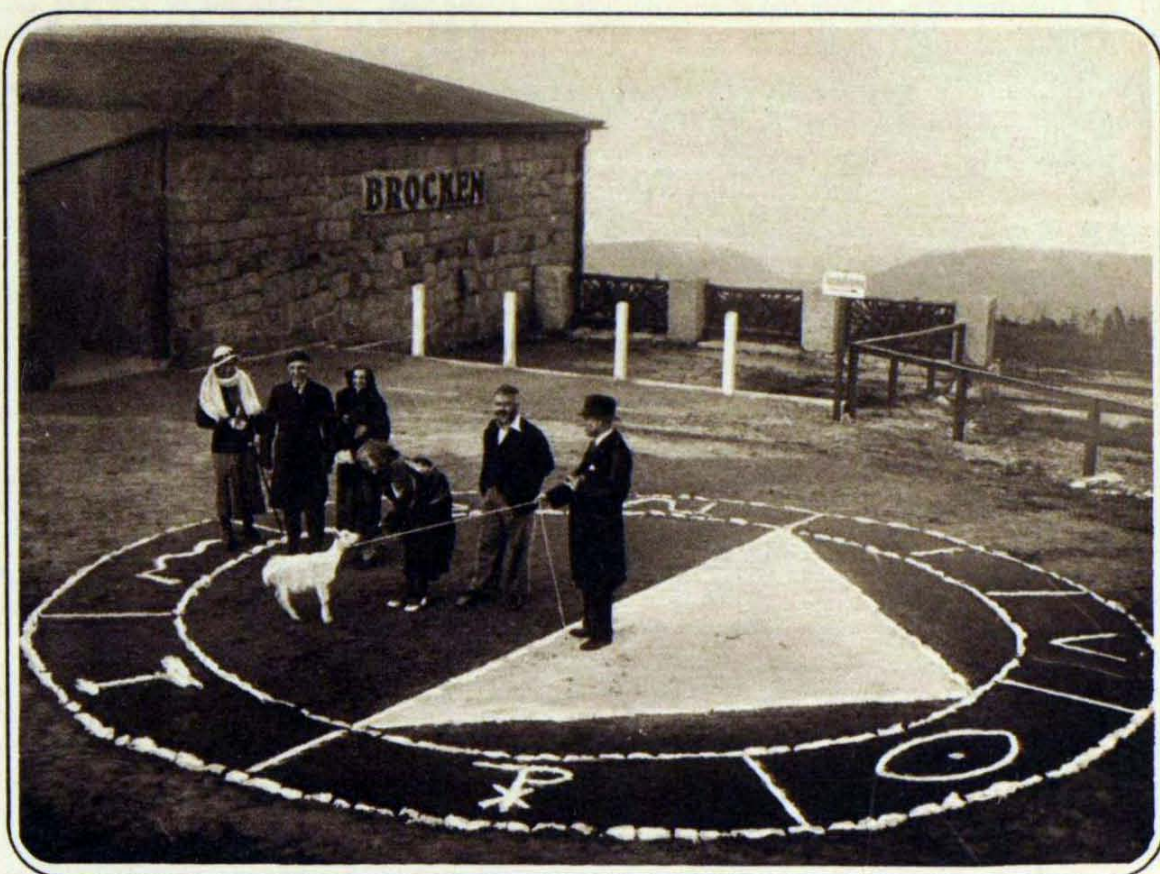


3 THE LEGEND OF THE BROCKEN DISPELLED.



PREPARING A TEST OF WITCHCRAFT ON THE SUMMIT OF THE BROCKEN: A GROUP IN THE MAGIC CIRCLE—(RIGHT TO LEFT) MR. HARRY PRICE, PROFESSOR JOAD, AND FRÄULEIN URTA BOHN (STROKING THE GOAT).



THE CRUCIAL MOMENT OF THE TEST: MR. PRICE (WITH MAGIC FORMULA), FRÄULEIN URTA BOHN (THE "MAIDEN PURE IN HEART"), AND THE "VIRGIN HE-GOAT" (FOR TRANSFORMATION INTO A BEAUTIFUL YOUTH) COVERED WITH A WHITE SHROUD.



THE MAGIC SPELL FAILS: (RIGHT TO LEFT) THE SHROUD PULLED OFF THE GOAT BY FRÄULEIN BOHN, MR. PRICE (HOLDING THE GOAT'S CORD), AND PROFESSOR JOAD (IN EVENING DRESS, BECAUSE THE TEST WAS MADE AS A TRIBUTE TO GOETHE).

The legend of the Brocken (the famous peak in the Harz Mountains, noted for its "spectre" and as the haunt of witches on Walpurgis Night), according to which a "virgin he-goat" can be converted into "a youth of surpassing beauty" by spells performed in a magic circle at midnight, was tested on June 17 by British and German scientists and investigators, including Professor Joad and Mr. Harry Price, of the National Laboratory of Psychical Research. The object was to expose the fallacy of Black Magic and also to pay a tribute to Goethe, who used the legend in "Faust." Some wore evening dress. The goat was anointed with the prescribed compound of scrapings from church bells, bats' blood, soot and honey. The necessary "maiden pure in heart," who removed the white sheet from the goat at the critical moment, was Fräulein Urta Bohn, daughter of one of the German professors taking part in the test. Her mother was a Scotswoman (formerly Miss Gordon). The scene was flood-lit and filmed. As our photographs show, the goat remained a goat and the legend of the Brocken was dispelled.