Time Puzzle

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(cardboard box 4.4" x 4.4" x 5/8" inches and 13 wood pieces;
Hordern's book dates the blue version above as made in 1937, and gives a solution)

Slide the pieces, avoiding the two forbidden squares, to get go from a start position to a final position; here are problems 1, 2, and 3 from the directions that were sold with it:

To begin with, put the numbers in the original position

Once in this formation, never lift them out of the box again. From the original position, slide the numbers around The Baffle Blocks into the arrangement shown in problem 1. From the solution of problem 1, try problem 2, and from its solution to No. 3, etc. If you get stuck and want to make a fresh start, begin from the original position. (Consider the Baffle Blocks as immovable, since they always occupy the position shown above.)
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These are but a few of the possible combinations—there are literally thousands of them!—so get to work and put some of your own on paper, then try to solve them. Some are impossible—so if you lay one out and aren’t getting anywhere after a couple of hours, console yourself on its being of that sort. Always start from the Original Position and keep a record of the new combinations that are possible.

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A PUZZLE

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Instructions on How to Play Time Puzzle

Start the game by placing all blocks in the following positions:

First Row Across — Clock, XII, XI, X
Second " " — IX, Solid Block, VIII, VII
Third " " — VI, V, Solid Block, III
Fourth " " — II, I, Blank

Once the blocks are in this formation, do not lift them out of the box again.

From this original position, slide the numbers around the Raffe Blocks. These Raffe Blocks are not to be removed from their stationary positions.

The object of this game is to change the positions of the movable blocks in the lowest number of moves.

Try to rearrange the positions of the blocks so that the numbers will be in rotation in opposite position from originally. In other words, see how many moves you have to make to have the blocks placed in rotation, starting the top row with 1, 2, 3, 4, etc. instead of 12, 11, 10, etc.

Any desired number of changes can be played for.

Put your own combination on a piece of paper and see how long it takes you to solve it.

Have Fun!

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