


You are...



by Emery J. Gondor 

GOLD SEAL



You are...

even cleverer than your dear
mother, father, and teacher think.

You are

even cleverer than you think

You are.

I am going to show you just how clever

You are.



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FROM 8 TO 80

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In this book you will find some questions under the funny pictures. After the first look perhaps you will think:

"Oh, I will never be able to answer them!" But you will! For instance, here is a problem—

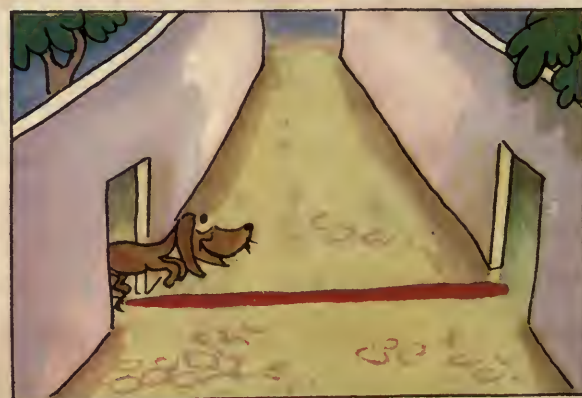
The question is:


How can the dog get from one door to the other?

Draw a line (you can use tracing paper if you like) showing how the dog can get to the other door.



I think the quickest way would be like this:



In a straight line like the red one  I have drawn.

I am sure you saw how to do that as quickly as I did. If you understand this, then you have solved the first puzzle.

But what will happen if you find a cactus plant and a dangerous crocodile in a pond between the two doors?



How can Lumpi the dog get to the other door to visit his father without getting in trouble?

He cannot go through the cactus! He will be stung. He cannot wade through the pond. The crocodile may catch him.



He must find a way to go without getting in trouble. Lumpi is not afraid, because he knows that *You are* clever enough to keep him out of danger.

Take your pencil, but do not draw a straight line — (as you did before). Draw one which will go around the danger. This is the way it will look.




If you understand this, then you have solved the second puzzle.

I shall show you another example:





How many rabbits are behind the fence?

You will say: "Two." That is very clever of you. How did you know there were two rabbits when the picture shows the head of only one?*)

I know: You saw that there was something else in the picture on the right side of the fence. It looked like ears.  So you knew that there was another rabbit behind the fence. That was very clever of you. If you look just as carefully whenever someone shows you something in school or at home, you will never be stupid. Look carefully and think!

That is all.

*) When I was small I could not solve this puzzle. I thought that the rabbit was a freak with two tails.  I am ashamed of this so please don't tell anyone. 



1 WHAT WAS IT BEFORE?

John drew an animal. After he left the room, little Tommy took some chalk and drew some more lines and now the picture looks like a flower. Do you know what kind of animal John drew?



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THE THREE SEALS

Sistie and Buzzie are watching three


seals who have been out for a walk. The seals are called Marjorie, Celia and Marie. Now they are ready to go home to their icebergs. Each seal wants to get to her own iceberg (the one that matches her fur) without crossing the path of either of the others. See if you can draw their paths with your pencil. You must not go across the boundaries of the puzzle.

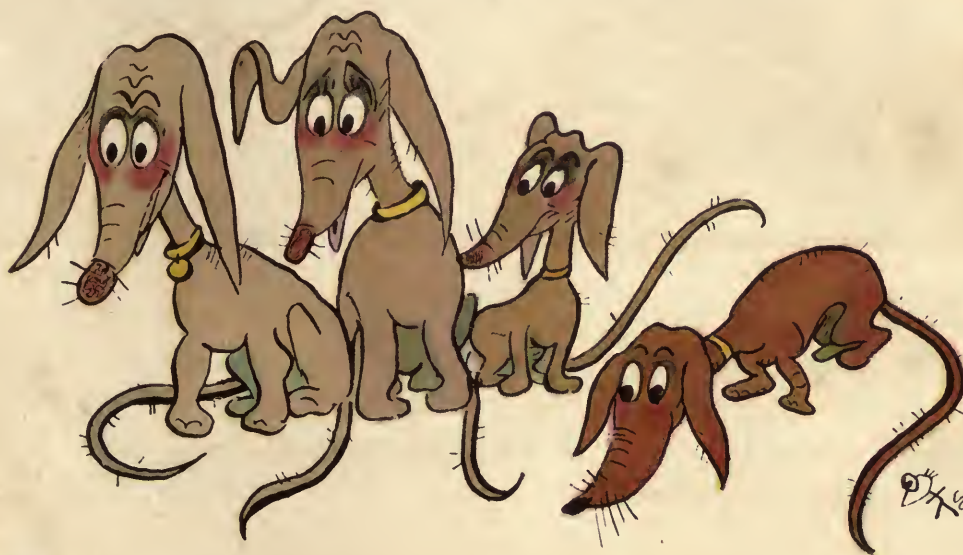
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THE SECRET HANDWRITING

The boy on the left wrote his name on the blackboard. Then Bobby and Paula came along and added more lines to it. If the boy erases a part of each letter, his name will reappear. Can you black out one part of each letter and find out what his name is?



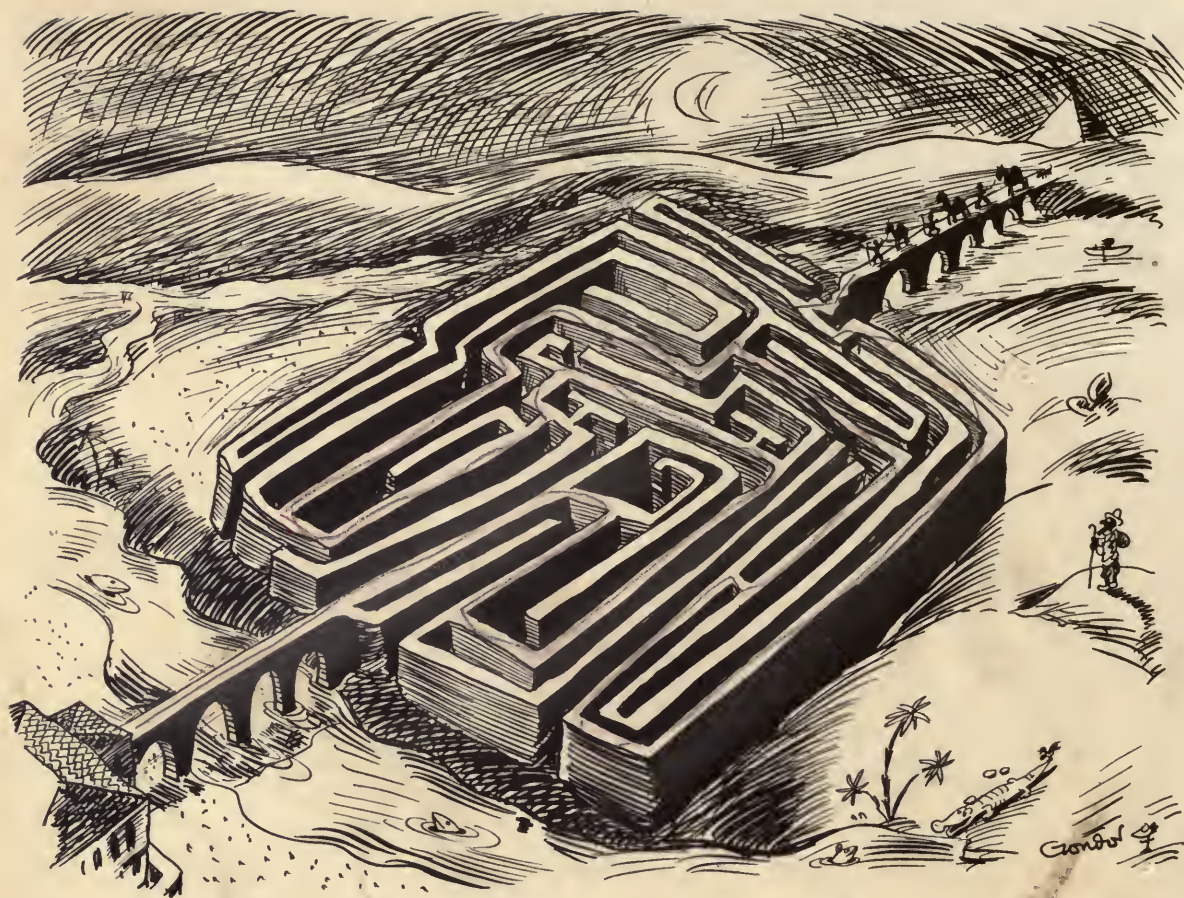
Now I shall tell you a **secret!**  If you need some help in solving the tangles or if you want to make the tangles pure your solution is right, turn to the back of the book. But don't tell your friends about it — let them make their way alone, as you did!



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WHY IS FREDDIE THE FROG SURPRISED?

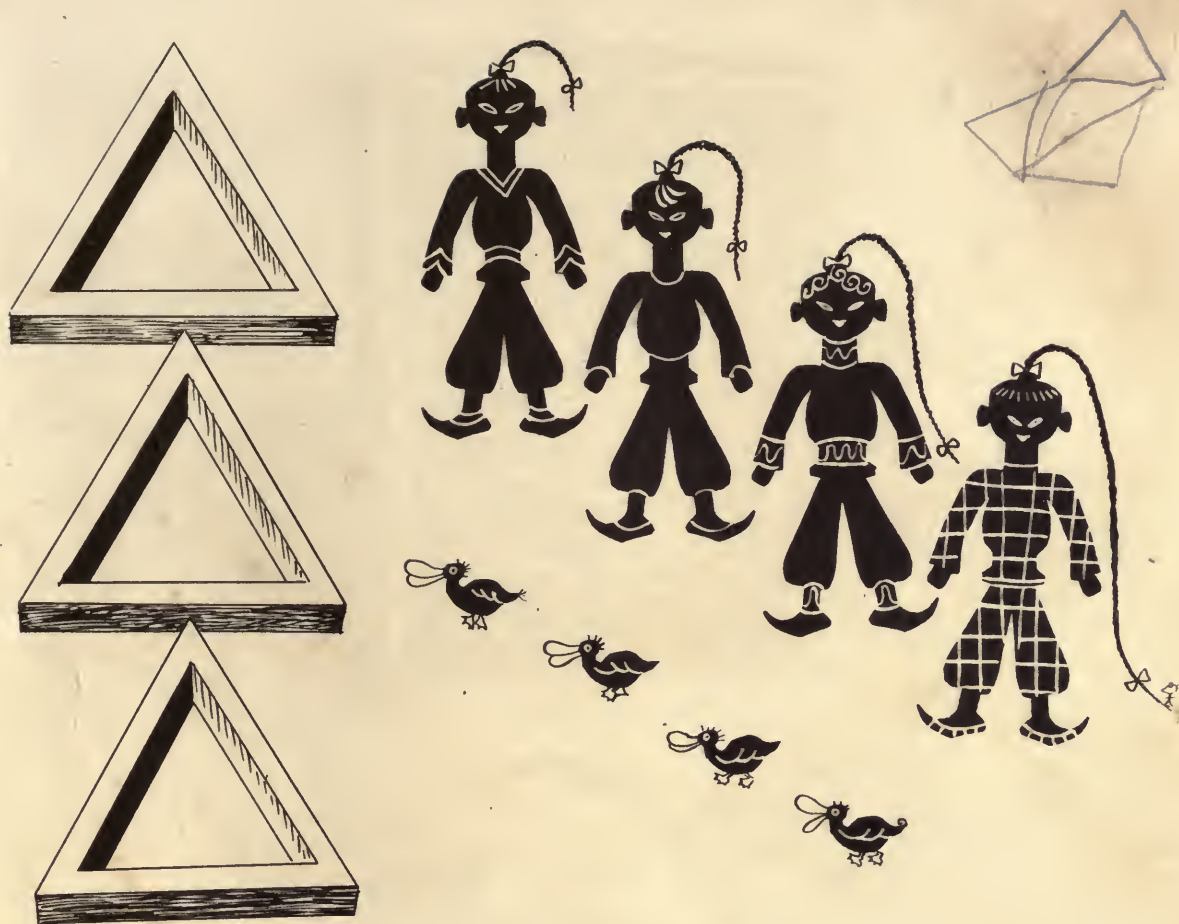
He sees Lois' dog, Earl's dog and the two which belong to Leona and Dick. They look quite contented. But Freddie thinks the artist has made a mistake in the picture. Can you find the error?



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THE HELPFUL ROBERT

The men and camels are tired and hungry after their long hot journey through the desert. They are getting near the maze and would be helpless, but the wise Robert who stands on the mountains knows the right way and helps them to find it. Can you find it, too, with your pencil?

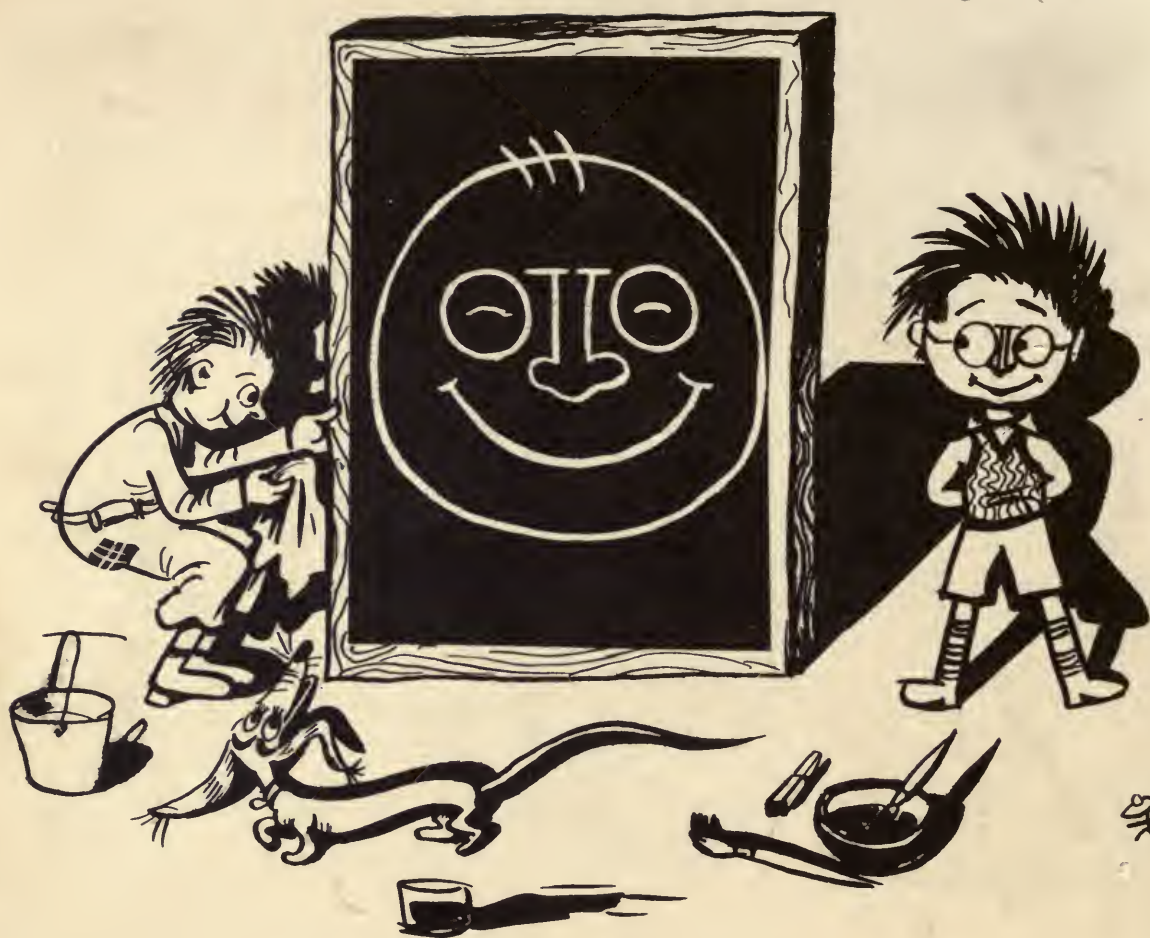


THEY WANT TO BE ALONE

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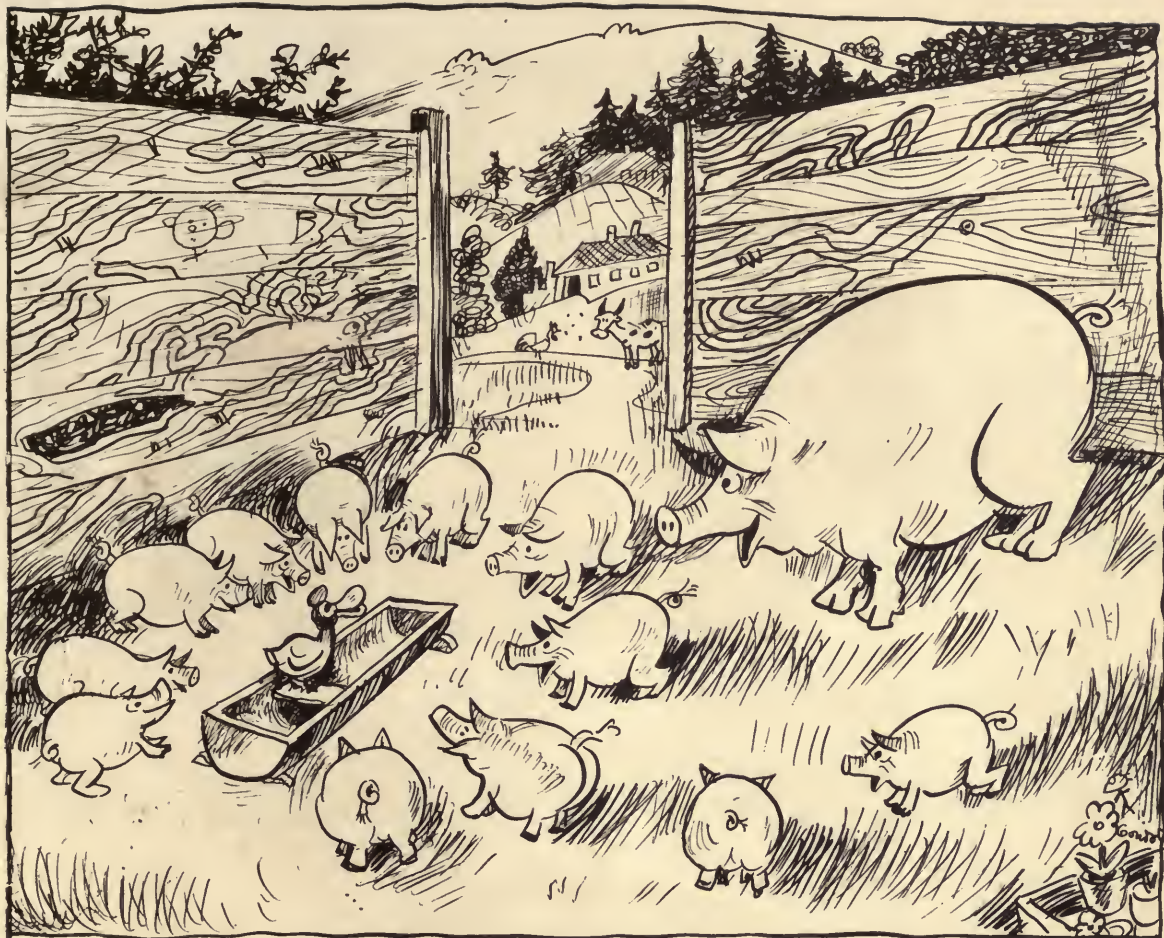
The ducks are tired of playing and want to be alone. (Their names are Greta, Greti, Gardi and Gardo.) How can the nice Chinese boys rearrange the three triangles so that each duck is in its own triangle? Try it, using three matches for each triangle, and four pennies for ducks.

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7 HE PLAYS LOTTO AND HIS NAME IS —?

Paul hopes to be an artist some day. So he practices on his friends. The patient friend whom you see here has an easy name. But I shan't tell you what it is. You must find it in the picture.



HIDDEN DANGER

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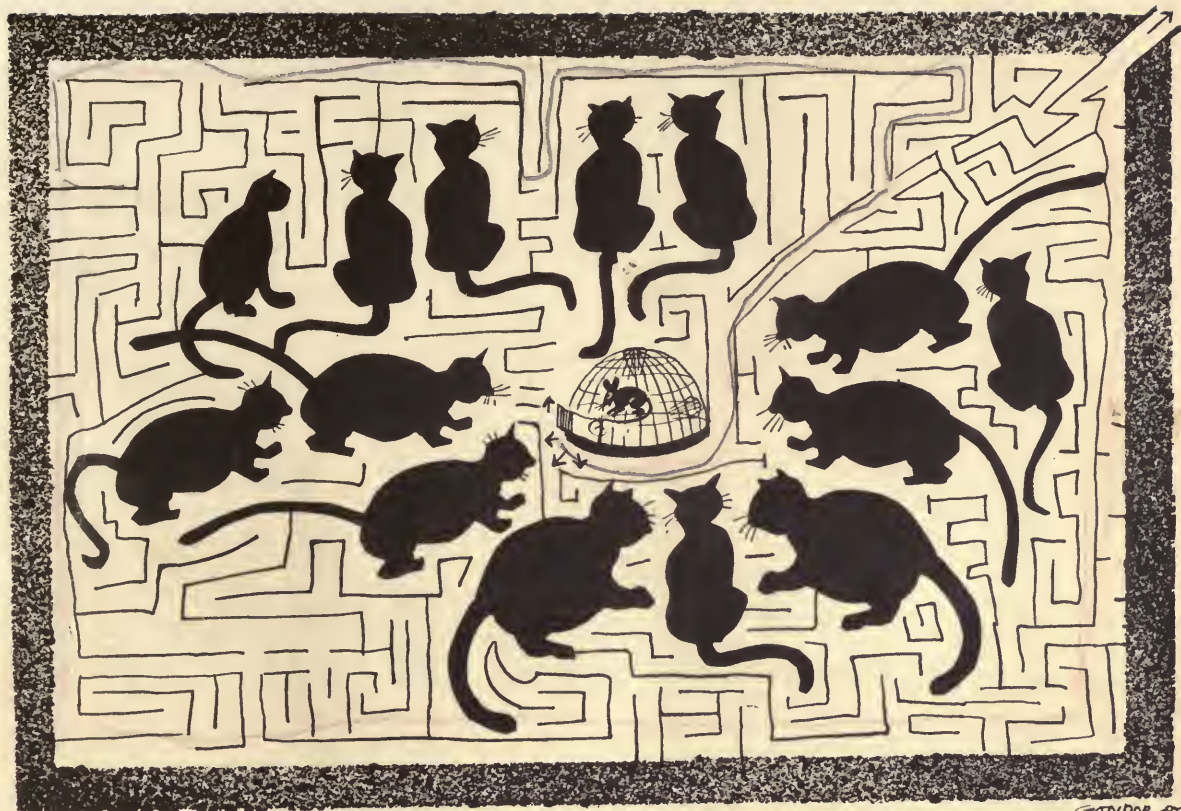
Here is a friendly duck. Her name is Mary Louise. She is telling funny stories to Mama Pig and all the little pigs. The pigs are having such a good time! They do not see the dangerous animal hidden in the picture. Can you find the dangerous animal and warn them?



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TIDY ROSIE

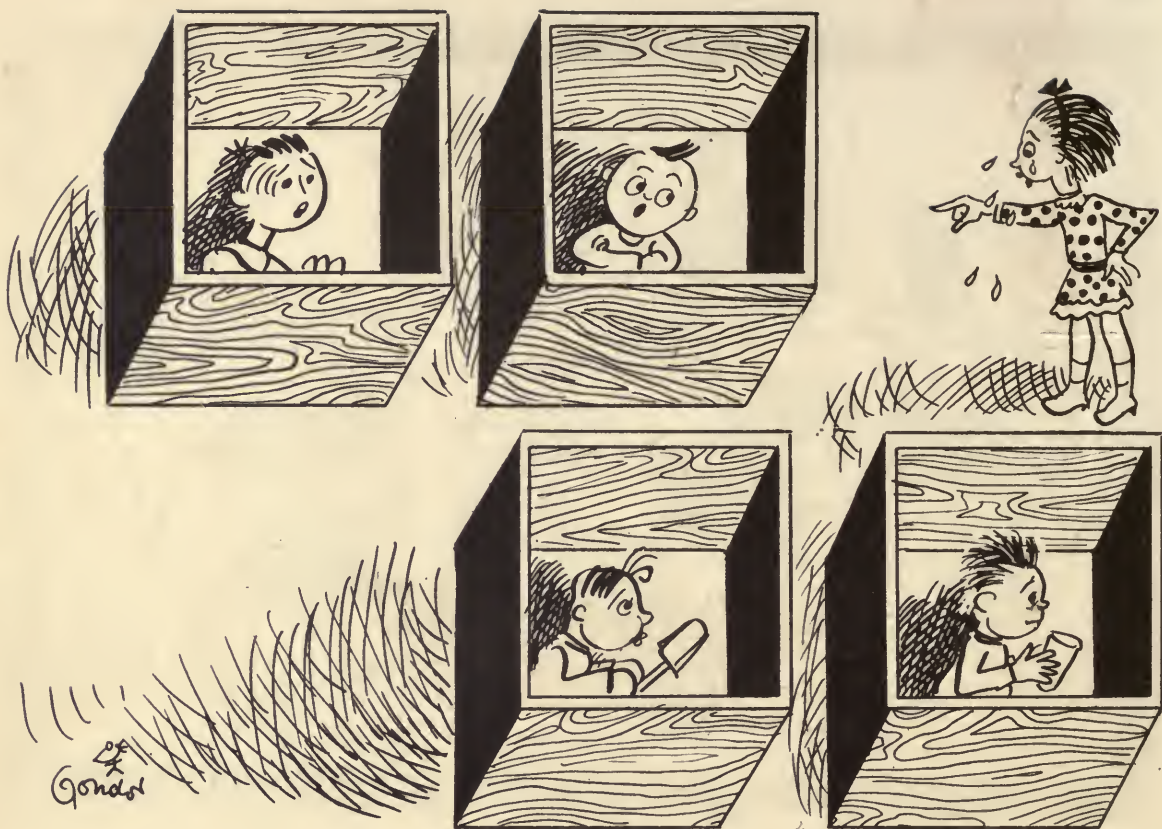
Rosie takes good care of her pigs. She gives each pig a separate pen. But someone has given her two new pigs. Rosie is very thrifty and doesn't want to buy new boards to make pens for the two extra pigs. She knows how to make six separate pens (one for each of the six pigs) all the same size and shape without having to buy new boards. Can you show how Rosie does it? Try it with twelve matches and six marbles.



POOR JANE

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It is very difficult to be a mouse. Everybody is her enemy. But all she wants is to make a moderate living. This poor mouse's name is Jane. Although the door of the trap is open, she does not dare come out, for she is surrounded by cats. If they catch her they will eat her. She does not know what to do. There is a safe way for her to escape. You are cleverer than she. Will you show her the way?



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MISS BOXLESS ELSIE

Here are Norman, Ray, Murray, and Richard. Each has a box of his own. But poor little Elsie is very sad because she would like one, too. The boxes can be rearranged so that she may have a place of her very own—one that will be the same size as the ones the boys have. Let's make a box for poor Elsie. Don't let her cry. You don't like to cry either.



THE THREE RODS

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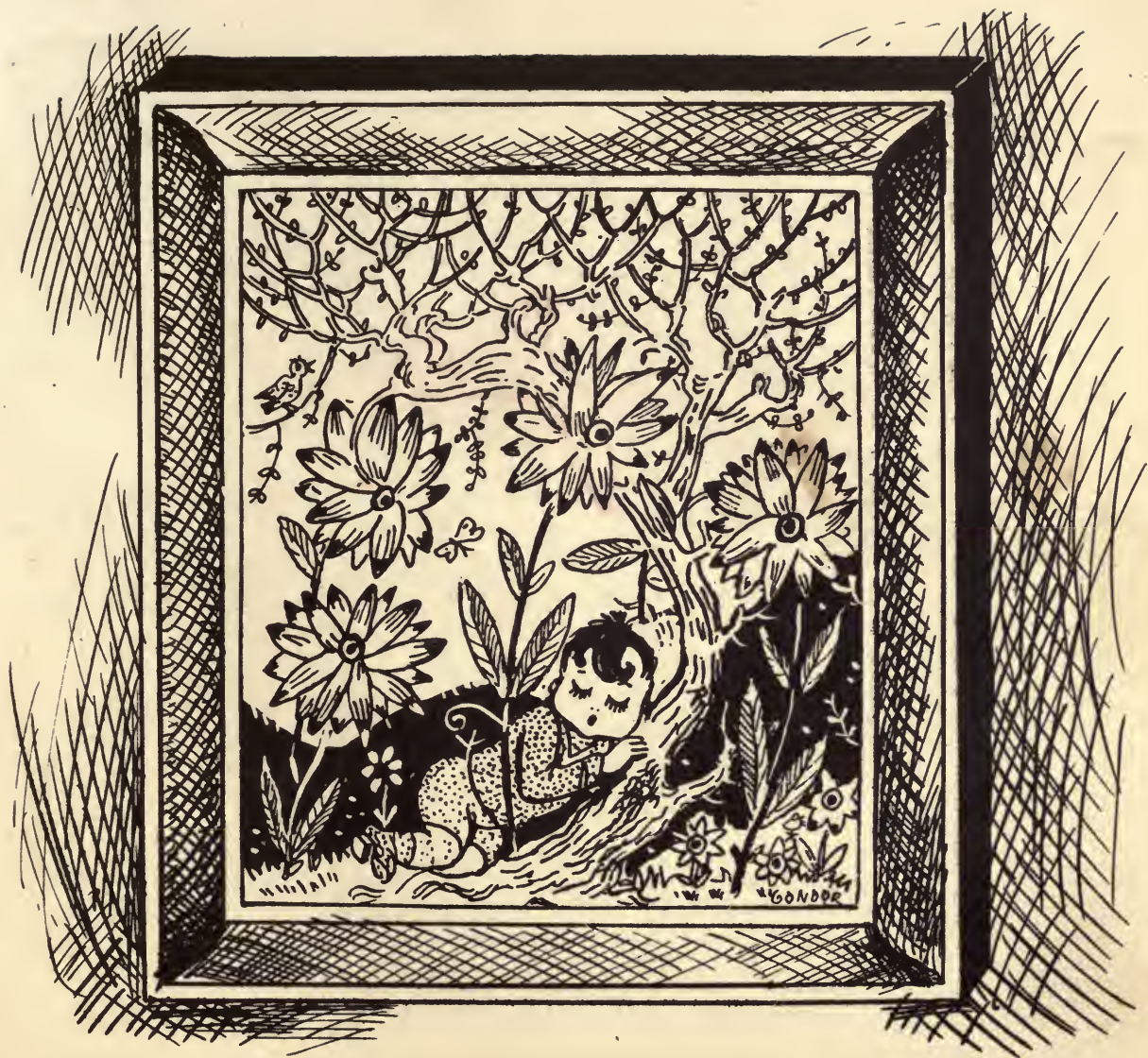
These sea creatures are not friendly with each other and the Honorable Mr. Herbert, who looks after them, is afraid they will eat each other. They can be separated by placing the three bamboo sticks (which are at the bottom of the picture) in such a way that each fish will be lonesome, but safe. Can you cut three rods from a piece of paper, and show the Honorable Man how to do it?



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THE ESKIMO ISLAND

These two Eskimos are called Valentine and Michael. They dislike corners so much that they even live on a round island. They want to build a nice ice wall, with no corners, which will divide their island equally. Can you draw the wall on the round island with a pencil? Don't cross any lines.



WOOF-WOOF, WHERE IS HE?

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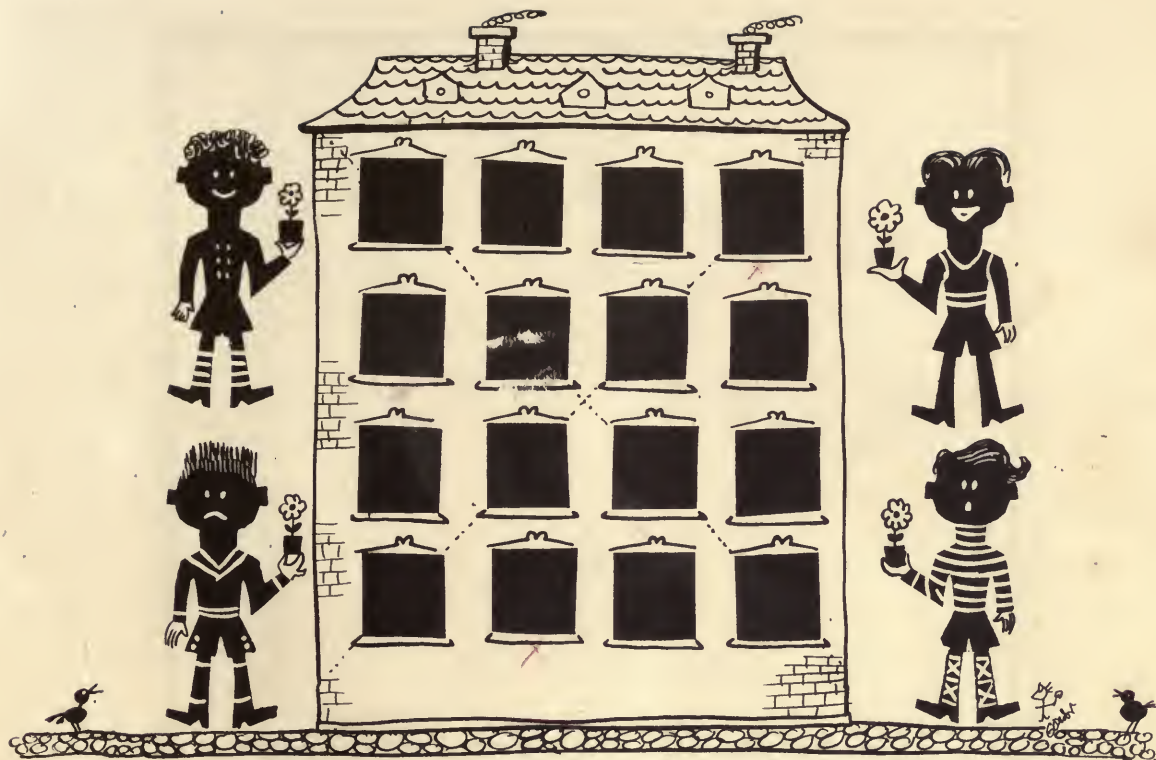
Arnold's sleeping like a log. But he's guarded by his dog.



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THE SURPRISED GIRAFFES

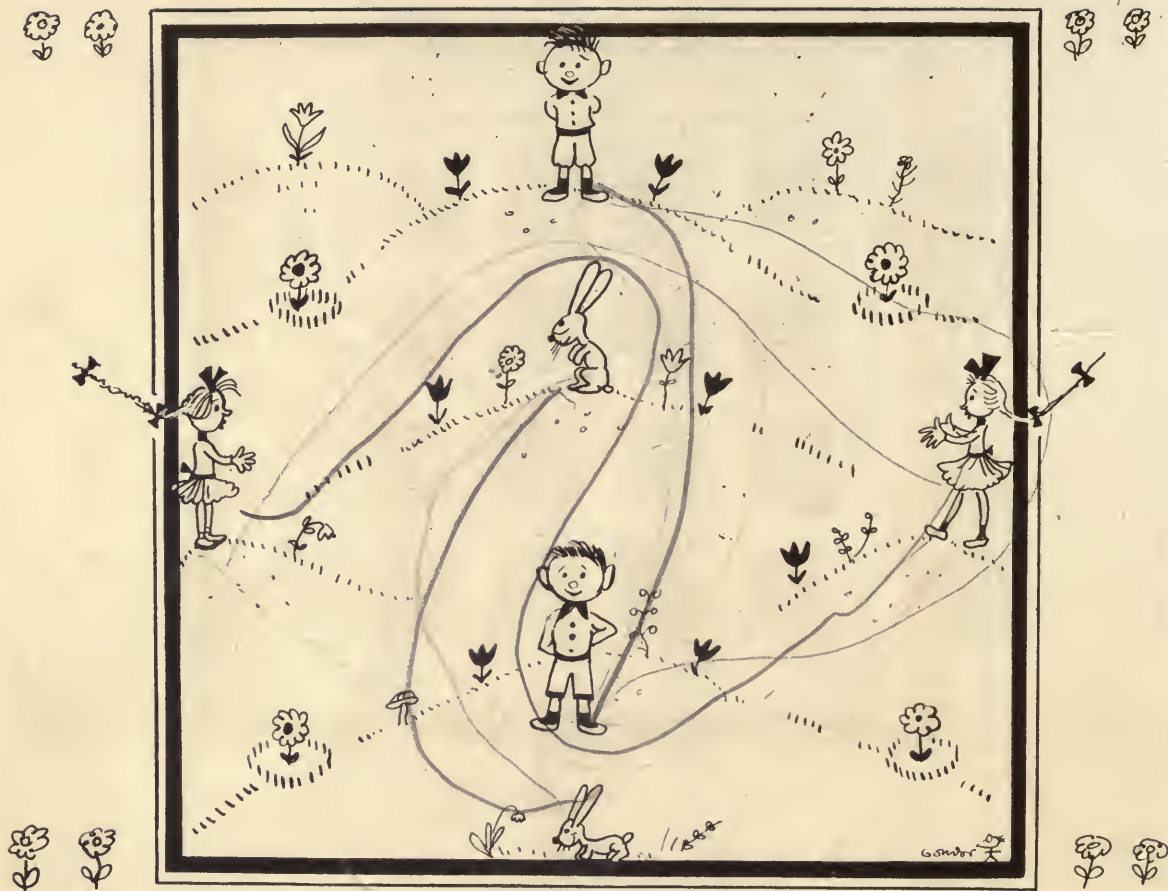
Dodie has brought Annie, Hansi and Eva to the zoo. The children are having a fine time staring at the animals. But the giraffes seem to be surprised at something. Can you discover what is surprising the giraffes?



SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

16

Daddy wants Joseph, Patrick, Raymond and Harry to put the flower pots in the windows where the flowers will have some sun. But he wants the flower pots to be arranged so that no two of them are in the same vertical (up-and-down) line, horizontal (side-to-side) line, or diagonal (across from corner-to-corner) line. Can you show how it is done? You can use buttons instead of flower pots.



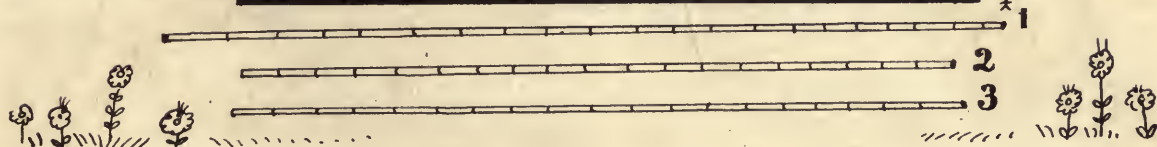
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THE MEETING OF THE TWINS

Jim wants to be with his brother Eric, Elsa with her sister Maxine; and Peter Rabbit with Peggy Rabbit. There is a way for them to do this without stepping out of the square or crossing each others' paths. Can you show them how with your pencil?



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ATTENTION! DANGER!

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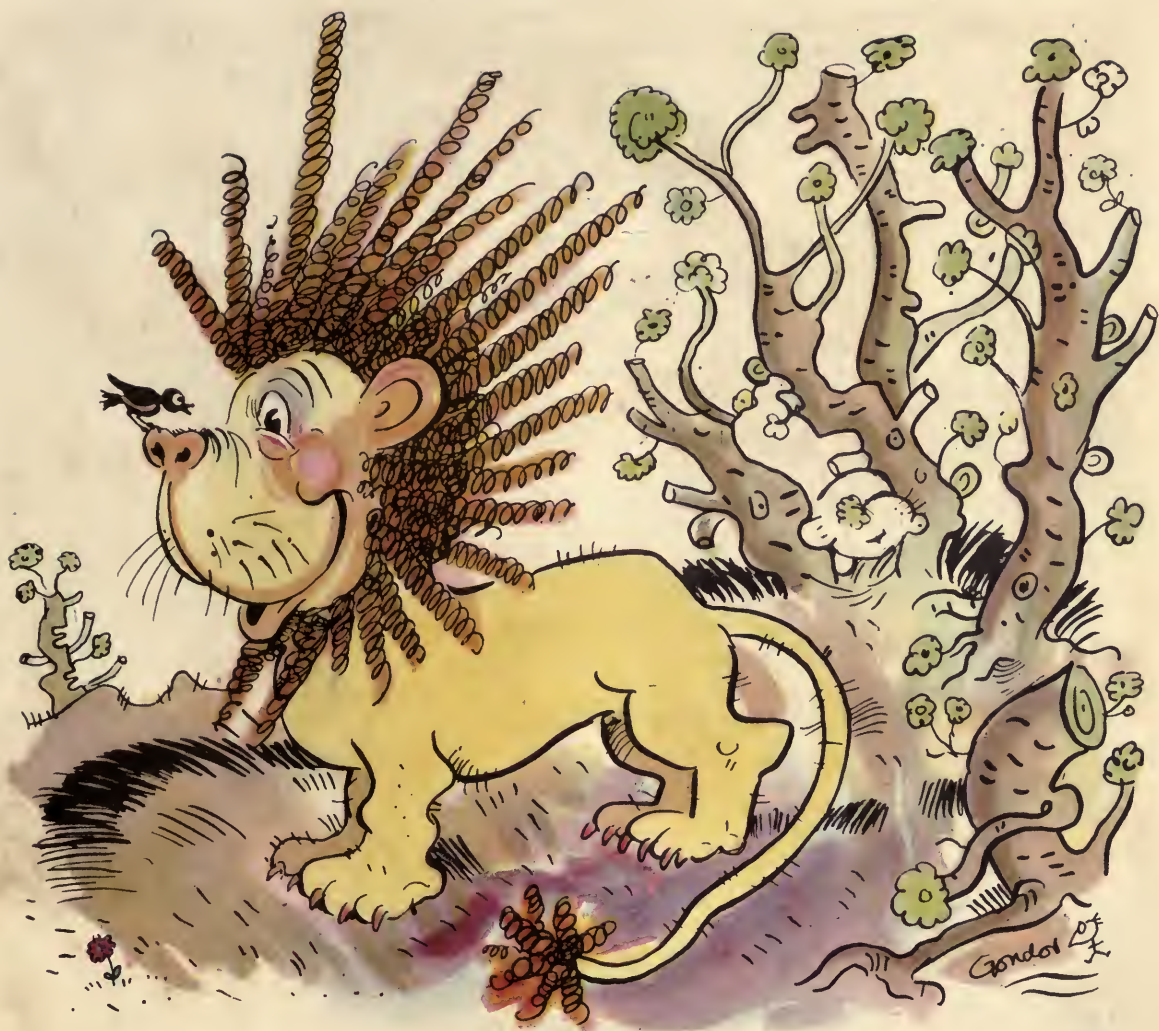
Steve would like to catch the lobster to take home to his mother. The rabbits want to eat the carrots and Don, the tiger, would like a lamb chop for breakfast. Can you separate them safely with the three bamboo rods? I think you can!



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WHERE IS MR. SMITH?

Doris, Harry and their teacher were wandering in the fields catching butterflies. Doris tried to get a lovely butterfly in her net. Harry was looking at a frog through his magnifying glass. He wanted his teacher to see the frog too, but Mr. Smith had disappeared. Where is Mr. Smith?



COME OUT, COME OUT, WHEREVER YOU ARE **20**

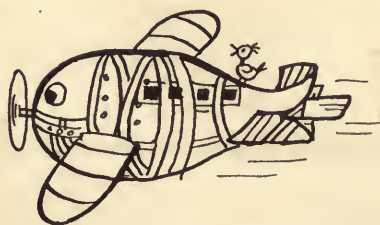
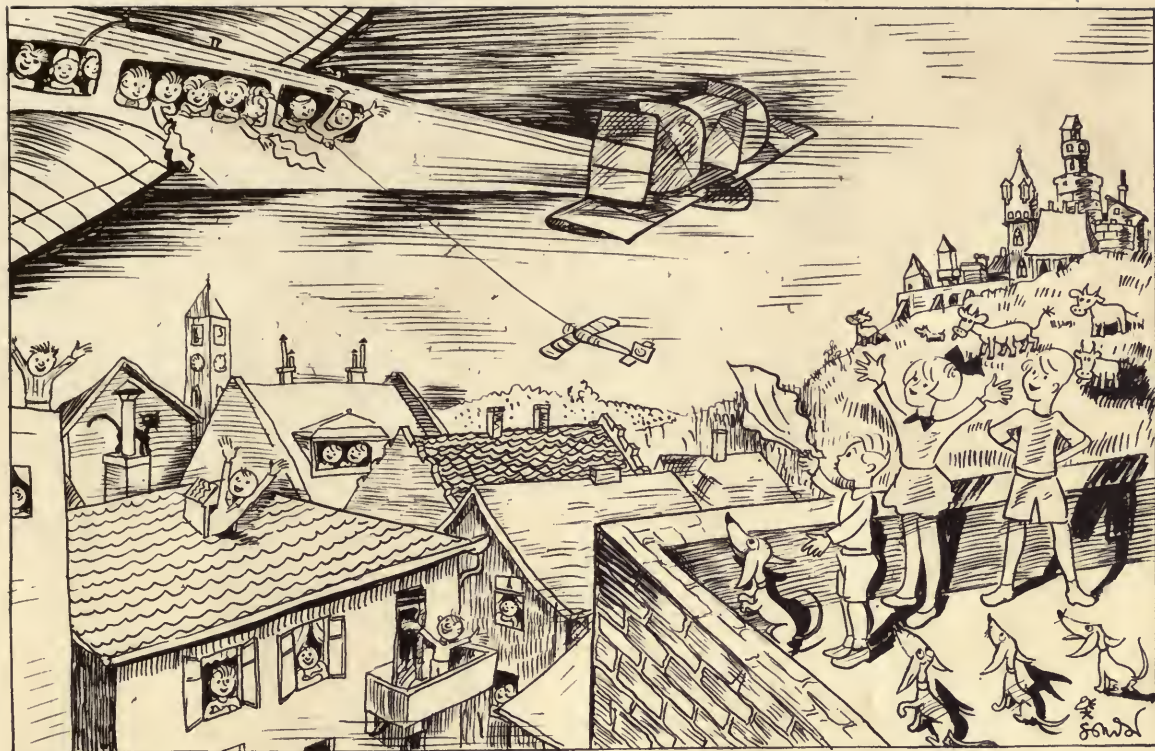
Mischievous Mickey perched on Leo's nose and asked, "Where is that darling nephew of yours?" "He is playing hide-and-go-seek nearby," replied Leo. Can you find Leo's nephew?



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A FISH STORY

The fish at the aquarium are delighted with their charming audience. They are performing for them. "Oh, look," says Rose to her friend, "the fish have formed your name." What is Rose's friend's name?



THE ARTIST'S MISTAKE

22

Alfred and Zilla have brought Willie up to the roof to see the airplane. Everyone is very happy—except the artist. He has made a mistake in the drawing. Can you find it?



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23 THESE LITTLE PIGS STAYED AT HOME

The poor pigs have always been together but now they must be separated. Their master has decided to give half his property to Stefan and half to Georg. Can you draw a line that will divide the property so that each half has one pig, one house, one pine tree and three plots of land?



MONKEY BUSINESS

24

Lucky Ginger has a toy airplane. She is showing it off to all the animals. They all wish they had airplanes, too. But there is one animal who is sulking and hiding. He is playful, but conceited. His favorite trick is to show off. He thinks: "Why should Ginger come with her toy and interrupt my act?" Let's find the naughty



25

MOONLIGHT AND SHADOWS

Mila owns a beautiful farm, but there is no electric light on it. Mila has just three candles with which to light the whole place. Can you place the candles in position so that the rays of light will illuminate all the paths?



WHAT IS MRS. DIVER'S FIRST NAME?

26

Mr. Berry and Mr. Emery are deep-sea divers. Both are married and Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Emery have the same first name. The divers were very surprised one day to find some starfish forming their wives' first name on the ocean floor. The name is LILLY.



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THE TRIANGLE PROBLEM

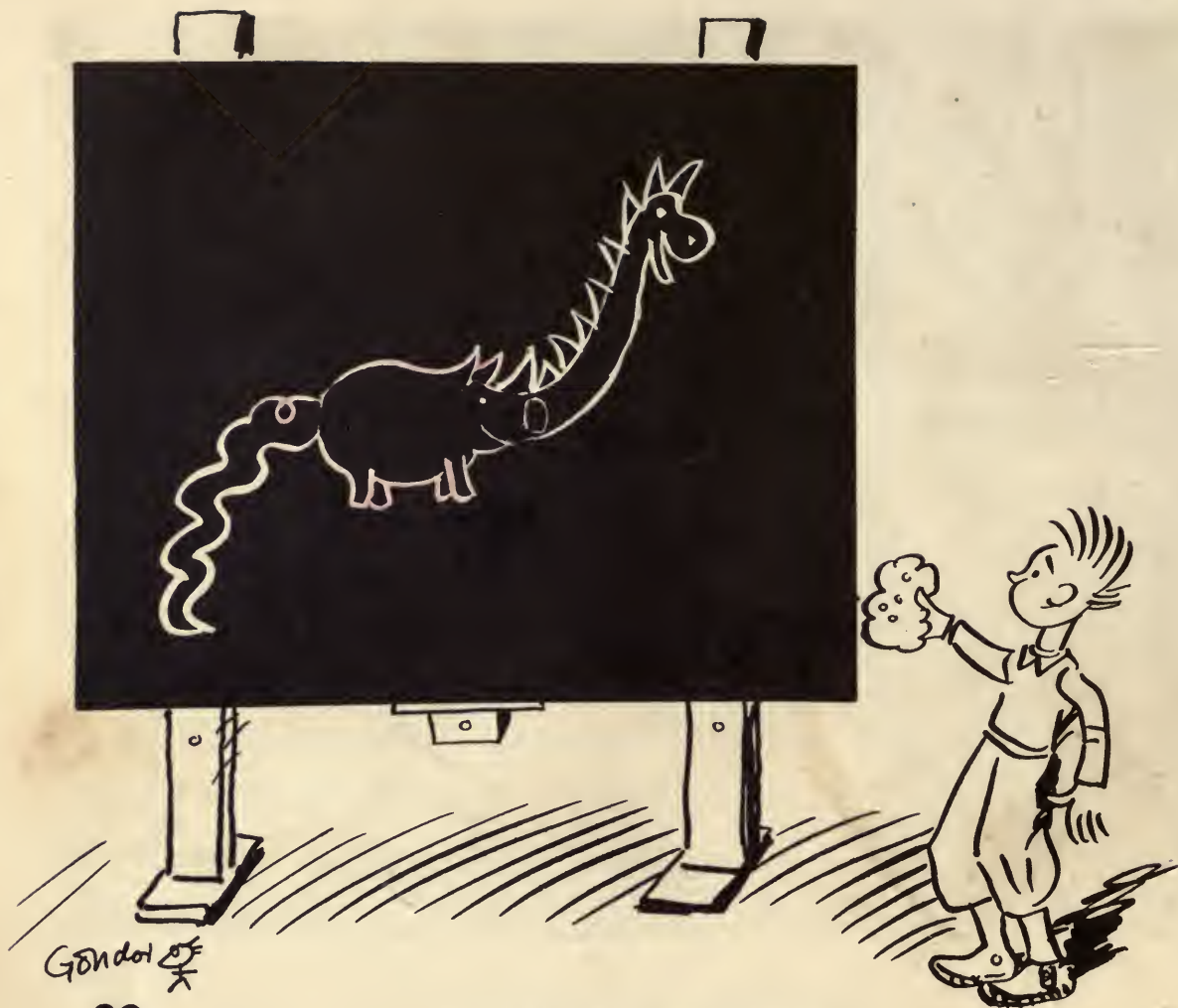
Louis is anxious to use his new fishing rod. Ollie has a nice basket of fresh berries to take home and Sam wants to lasso the zebra. With a pencil you may outline the way for them to reach their destinations without crossing each other's paths. They must keep inside of the triangle. Can you do this?



CHRISTMAS EVE

28

Inside the house Fred and Jerry, Louise and Alan, Florence and Howard are all admiring the Christmas tree. Outside, the animals are gathered to admire it, too. Santa Claus is hiding, but he is watching their fun. Find him in the picture.



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FRANK'S DRAGON

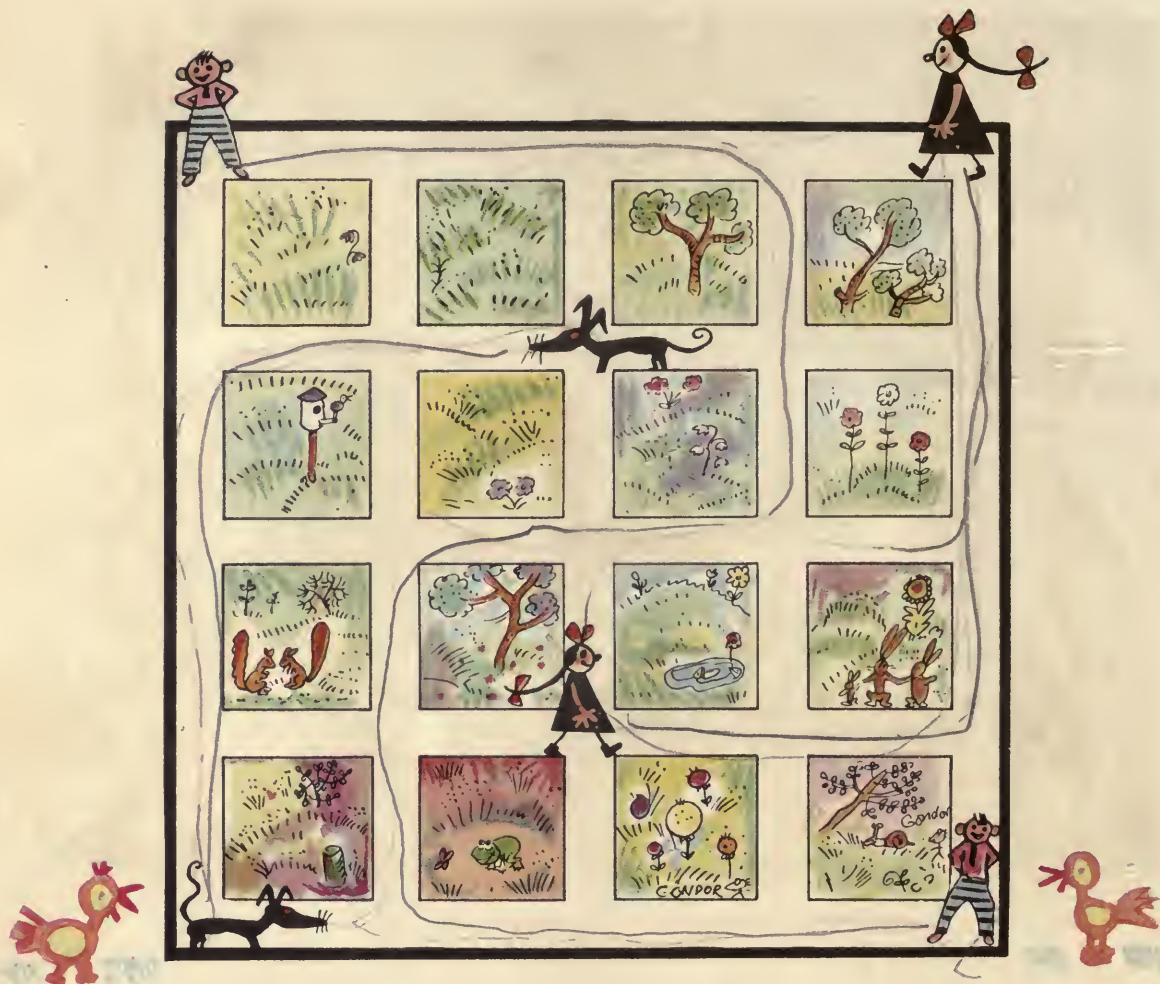
Frank drew an animal on the blackboard. When he came back from recess he found that one of his friends, by adding a few lines, had turned it into a dragon. Can you blot out these lines and find Frank's animal?



THE SNOW MAN

30

Everybody is having a good time playing in the snow. Josephine and Ida, Emily and Charlotte have built a snow man. They are very pleased with him, but the snow man himself is lonesome. He lost his friend. Find the friend and make the snow man happy.



KEEP OFF THE GRASS

- 31** Frances wants to talk to Rosie. Paul wants to talk to Bill. The two dogs would like to play together. This can be done without any one of them crossing the other's paths, but they must keep off the grass and stay inside the square. How can they meet?



THE MISSING THREE

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Sonny is very worried. He has lost three of his ducks. He must find them. Shall we help him? Let's find them in the picture.



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THEY'RE OFF!

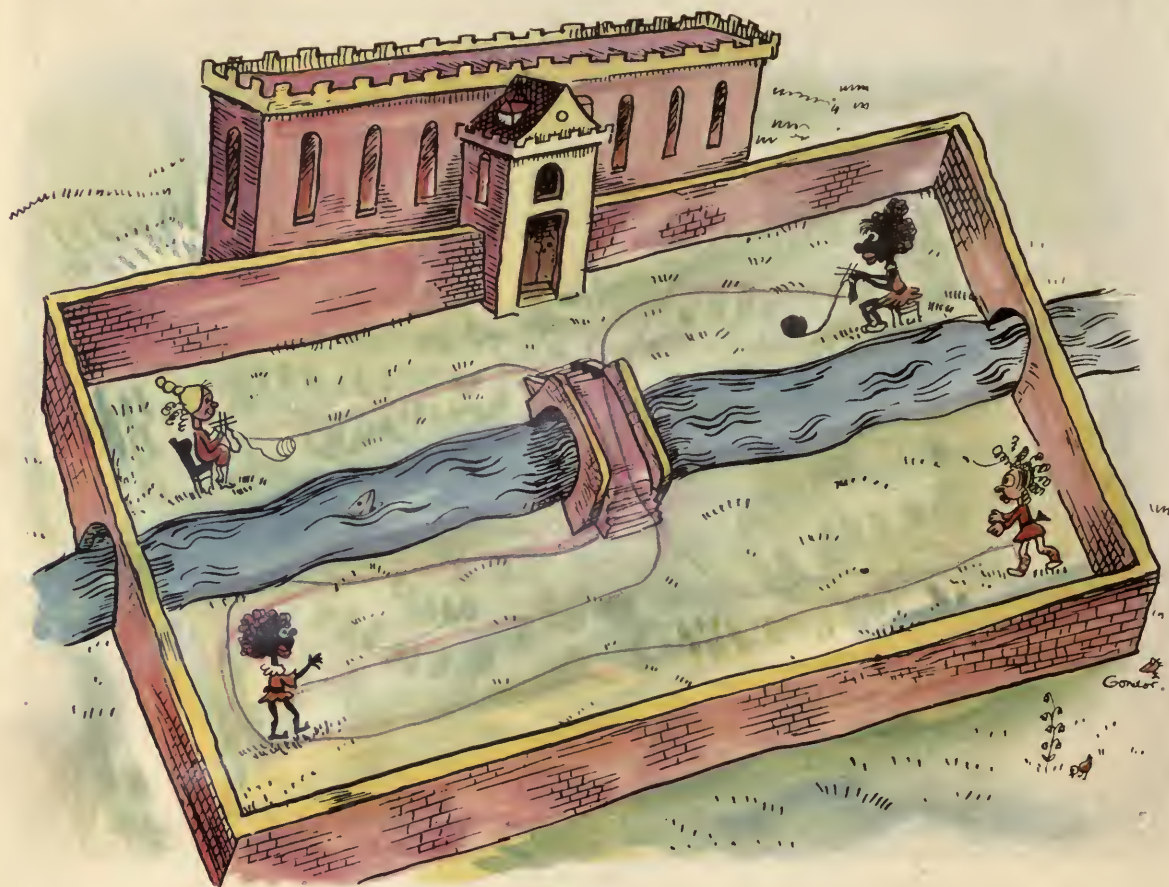
Julian, John and James are having a race. Who is rowing the fastest and, therefore, will win the race?



CORNELL IS WORRIED

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He must go to the well for water. There is that dangerous dog barring the way; Cornell must follow the path and not walk on the grass, and he dare not get his feet wet in the pond. Look around, and see what you can find in the picture to help him.



35

COME TO MOTHER

Mrs. White and Mrs. Brown, good neighbors that they are, are sitting out in the garden knitting sweaters for Rita and Jenny, their daughters. They want the children to come across the river to try on the sweaters. Both Rita and Jenny will have to cross the bridge. Can you show them how to do it without crossing each other's paths?



AUTUMN AFTERNOON

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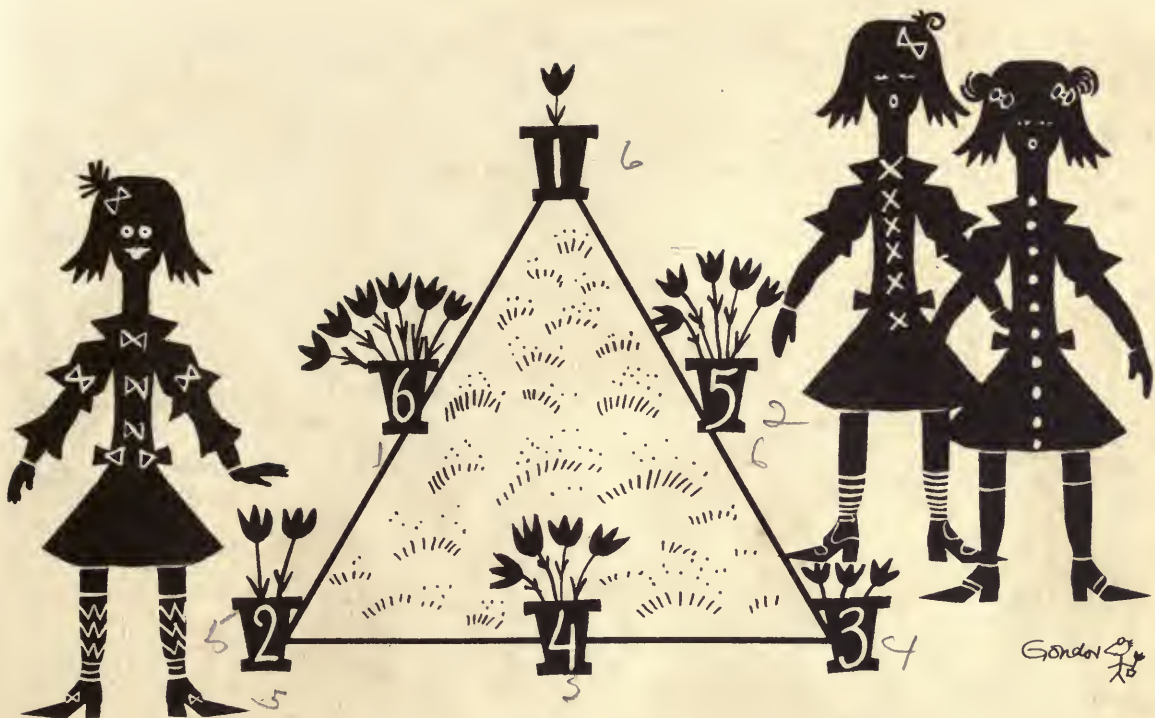
What fun the children are having! Stephen, Hilda, Kate and Emery look like little gingerbread men all in a row. They are playing their own kind of hide-and-seek. They want to find Uncle Hans and his dog, Susie. Shall we help them?



37

THE EXCURSION

The hikers want to go to the look-out tower; the horses want to go to the stable; the cyclists must go to the cafe; the motor car has to reach the gasoline pump, and the train the station. Can you draw the paths of each of these without letting any one of them cross the path of any other? All lines must be drawn within the large circle.



THREE SMART GIRLS

38

May, Marjorie and Miriam are three smart girls. When they came to the garden, there were nine flowers on each side of it. They changed the same flower pots around so that there were twelve flowers on each side. Where did the girls place the pots?



39

THREE SMART BOYS

These boys were given a big job. Three of them have to guard a large thicket which is filled with ferocious animals. The people in this part of the country want to feel safe when they walk through this thicket. They depend upon the good marksmen, Bob, Dick and Hank, to protect their lives. Where can the boys stand so that they can shoot down every path?



LOOK AT THE BIRDIE

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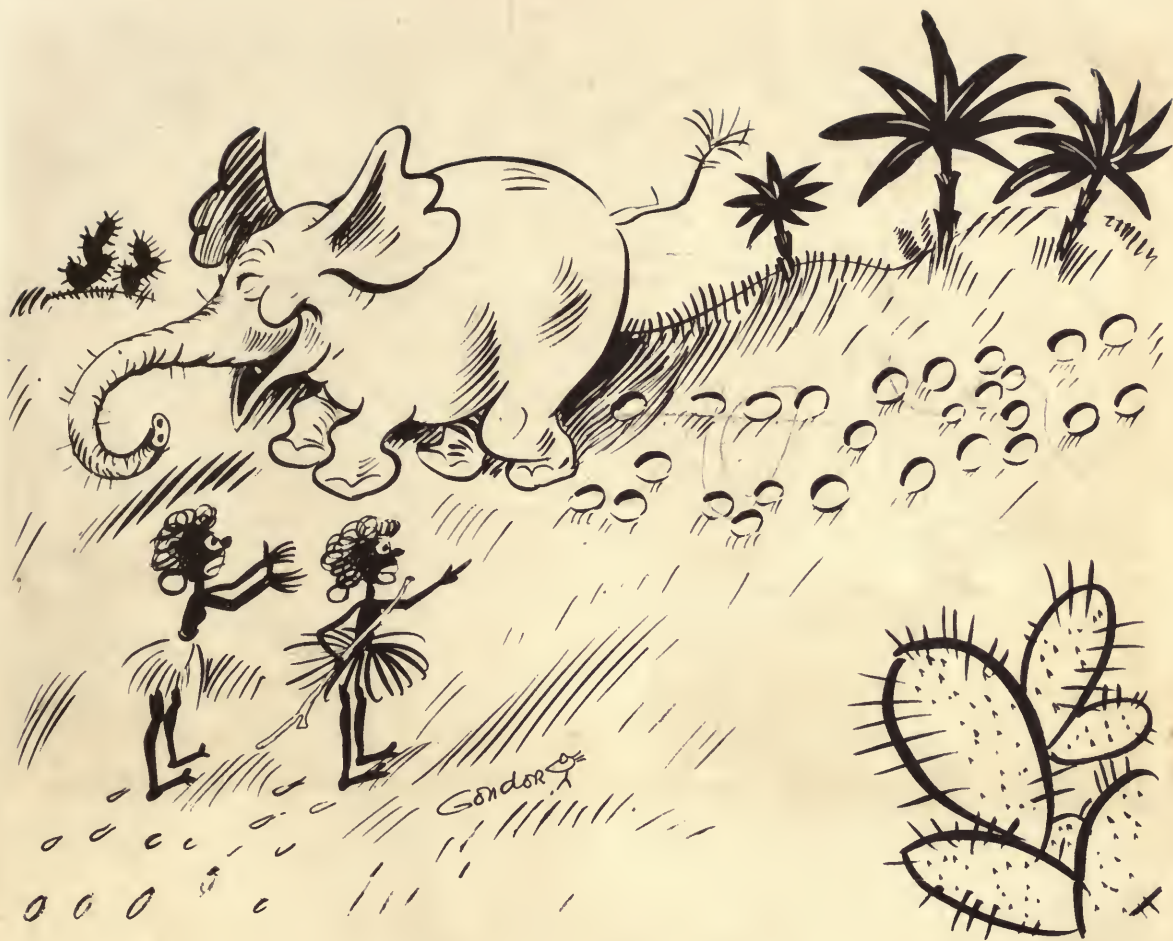
Hans Lion and Ruth Lion are posing proudly for their picture with their daughter, Barbara Lion. Latzi is taking the picture and Anna Marie is holding the light for her, while Betty guards the plates. But Mr. and Mrs. Lion have another daughter, who doesn't like posing for her picture. Her name is Bea. She is in the picture, too, but not where you would expect to find her. Can you find Bea?



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THE BATHYSPHERE

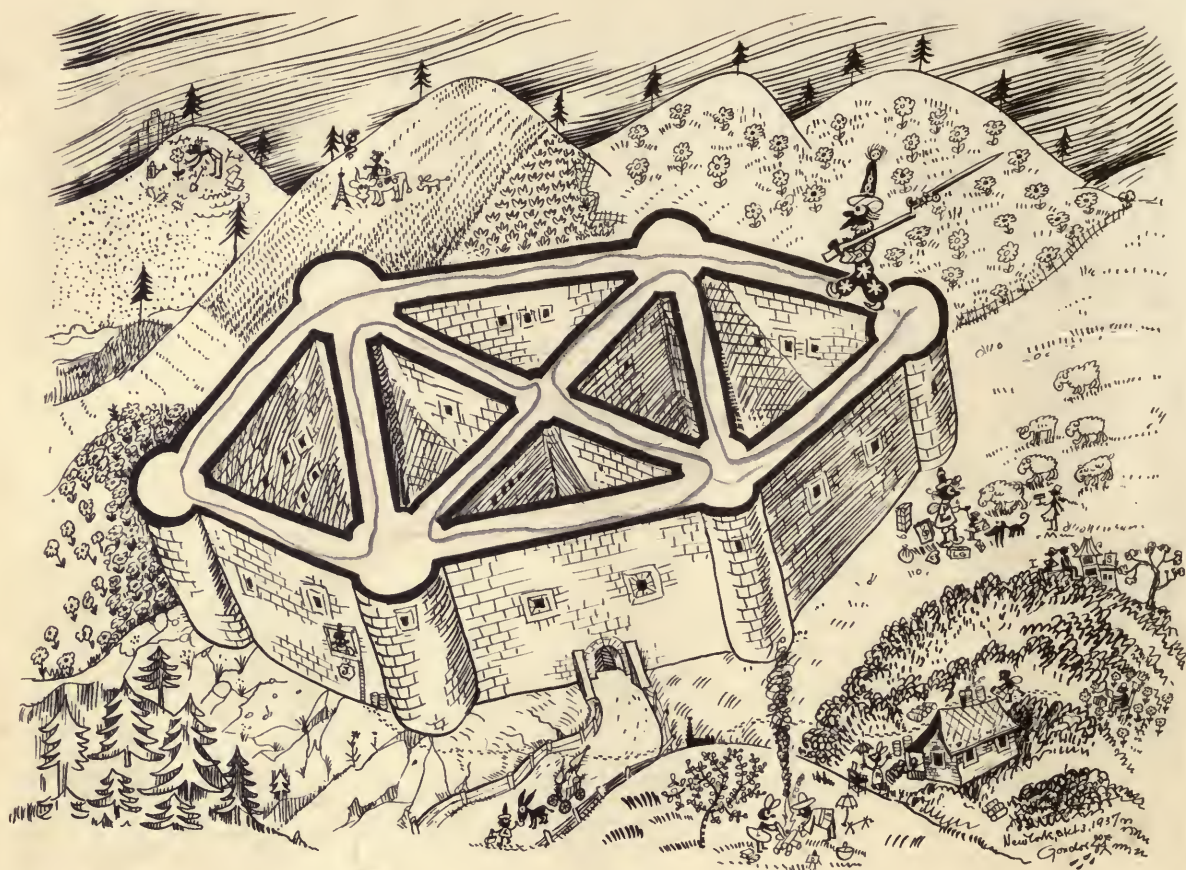
Catherine and Stephen are amazed at the many different creatures in the sea. Happy, their dog, is excited, too. "Catherine," exclaims Stephen, "look at that strange creature." What do they see that is so strange?



THE EDUCATED ELEPHANT

42

Elizabeth and Marie would like to make the acquaintance of this friendly elephant but they do not know his name. The elephant has written his name with his footprints. What is it?



43

THE HAPPY FAMILY

Kajo whistles gaily as he keeps guard over the castle in which his wife, Jetty, lives. Just outside the castle walls his children are busy gathering food and wood. Kajo loves his work and is never tired. His job is to walk the castle walls. He walks steadily along on top of each wall but never crosses his own path. How does he do it?



CAPTAIN AHOY!

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Such an exciting trip the children have had! They are greeting their new friends, the Eskimos, the penguins and the seals. Captain Charles brought the ship safely to port, but he disappeared shortly after anchoring on the icy shore. Let's find the captain!



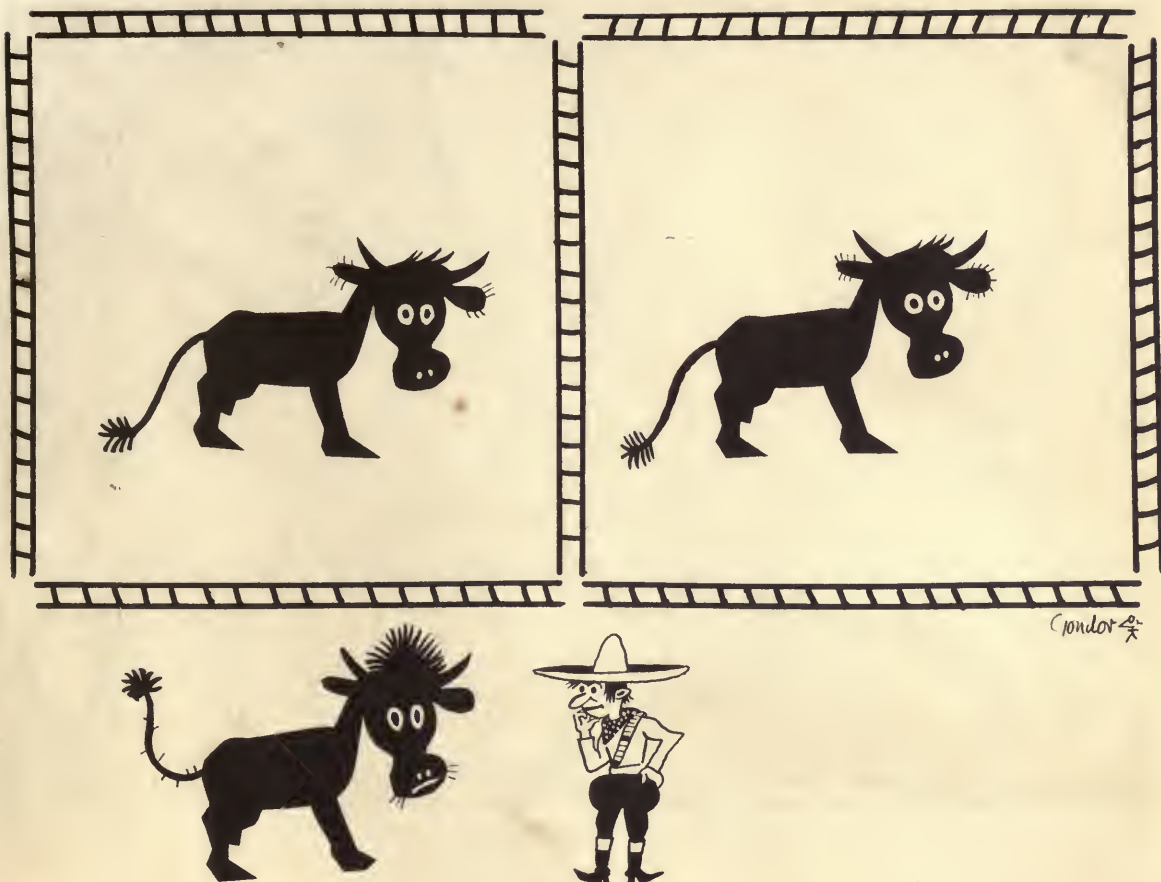
Where
did I see it?



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WHERE AND WHEN?

During your adventures, and not so long ago, you saw this landscape. Do you remember where?



DOUBLE TROUBLE

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Poor Bessie! She is very unhappy! She hasn't any yard like her other friends. George would like to help her. He will place the ladders in such a way that they will make three yards (of the same size and shape) instead of two, if you will help him.



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A PRETTY PROBLEM

Sara is just learning to count. Every time she sees animals she starts to count: "One, two, three. . . ." As she approached the pond she saw Mr. and Mrs. Elephant and Baby Elephant. Then she saw their friends: one bird, one snake, and two alligators. Mrs. Elephant says, "We are eight." Now Sara is looking for the other animal. Where do you suppose it is?



SENSATION IN THE ZOO

48

Elsa and Margaret are very brave to sit in a cage with all those animals around them. Look at the beast which Elsa thinks is a pet! But the children in the gallery and Frank, the photographer, are surprised at something else. They see an animal which, even in the zoo, is very unusual. Have you ever seen one in your zoo?



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AIR CREATURES

Rudy's home was near the airport. Every afternoon after school he sat on his doorstep and watched airplanes take off and land in the field. He always said that he would be an aviator when he grew up. He talked about airplanes from the time he got up in the morning until he went to bed at night. One night he even dreamed about them. He saw big planes and little planes flying about in the air. One was so large and carried so many passengers that it looked like a city in the air. Rudy, while piloting this dream plane, looked out and saw—what?



Each puzzle has a number.

You can find the right solution for each puzzle by matching the number of the puzzle with that of the solution.



After this perhaps you can make your own puzzle for your friends to solve—Puzzles like these, or quite different ones which you invent yourself.

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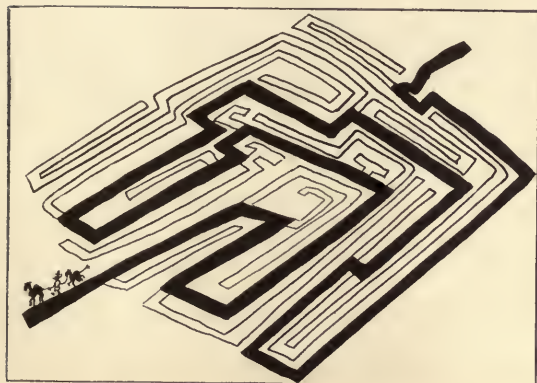
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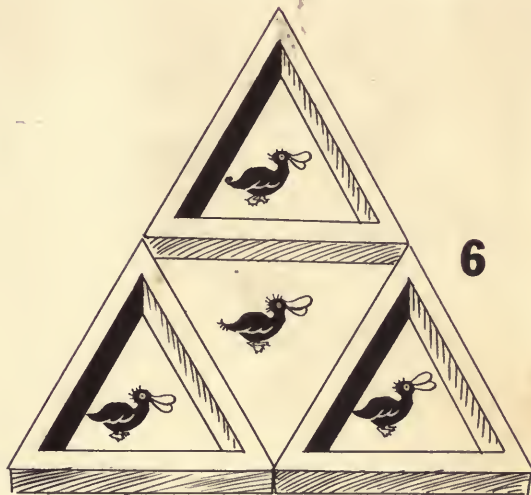
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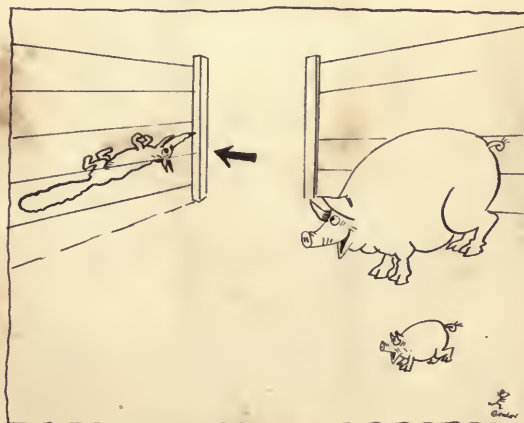
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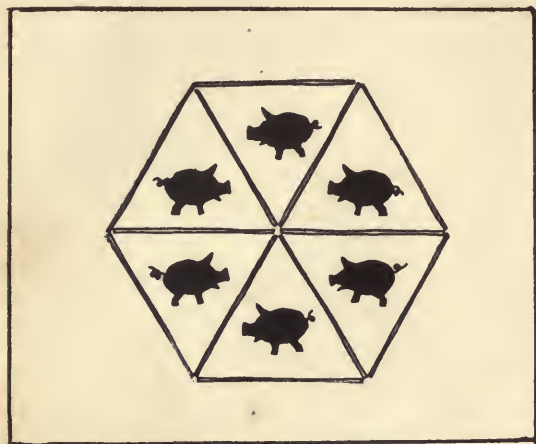


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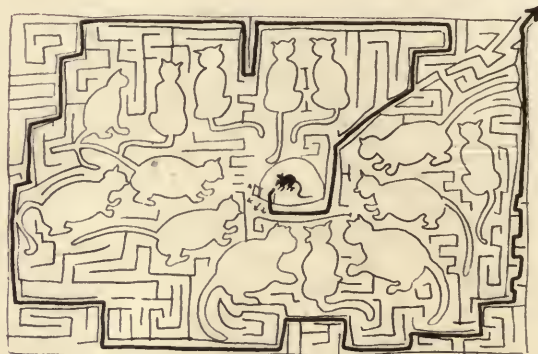


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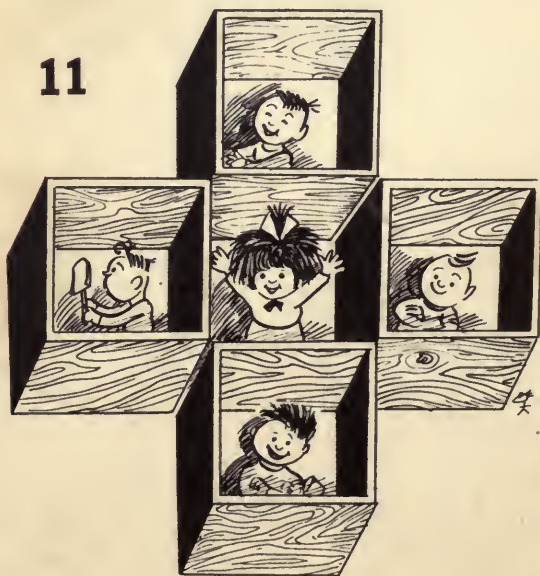
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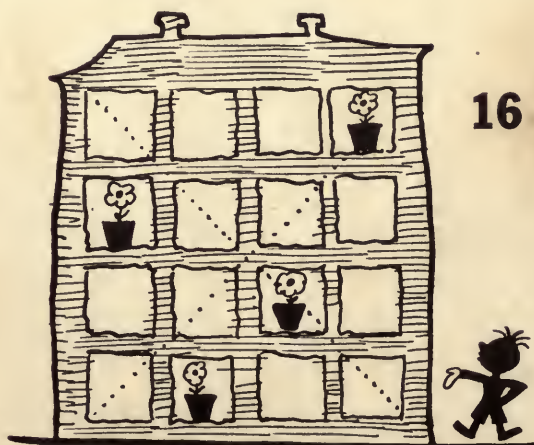


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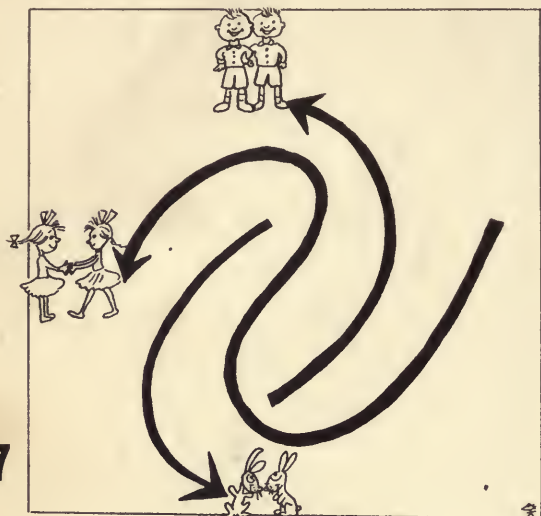
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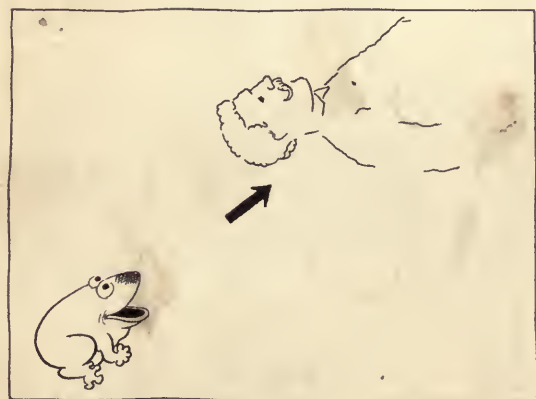
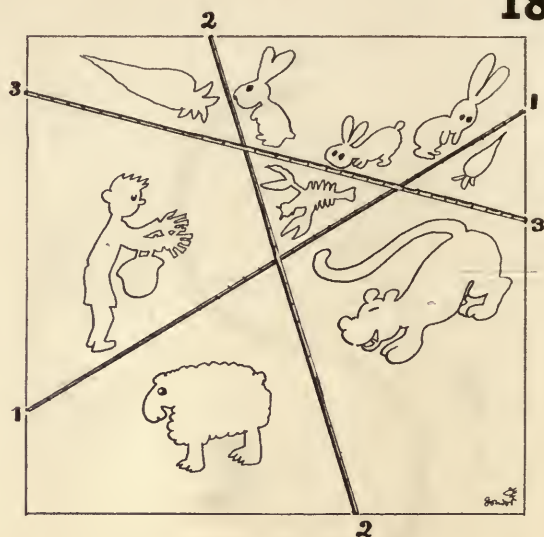


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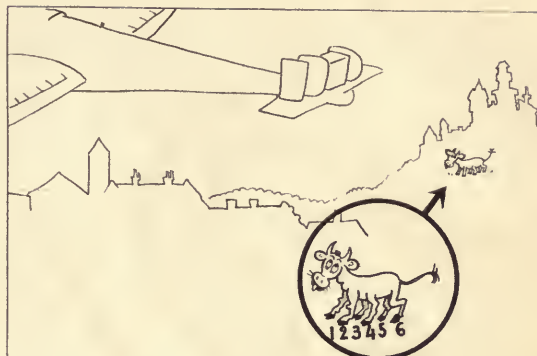
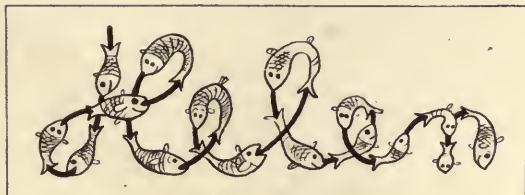
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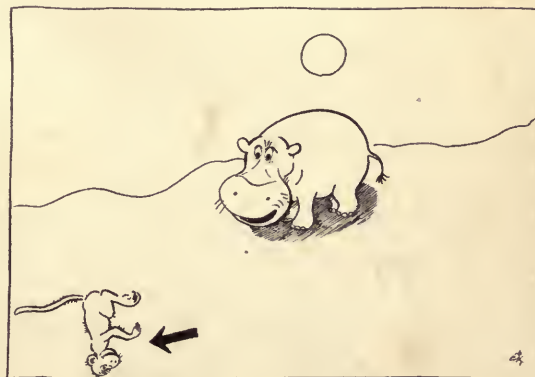
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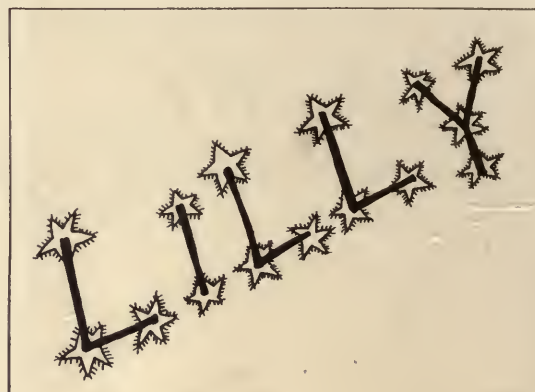
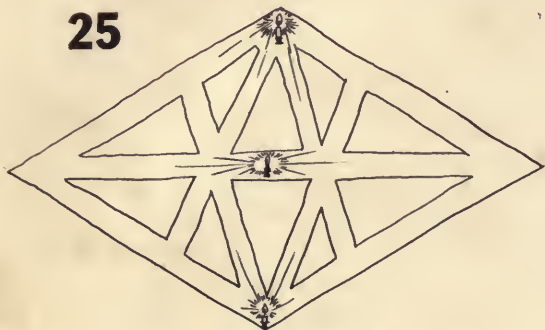
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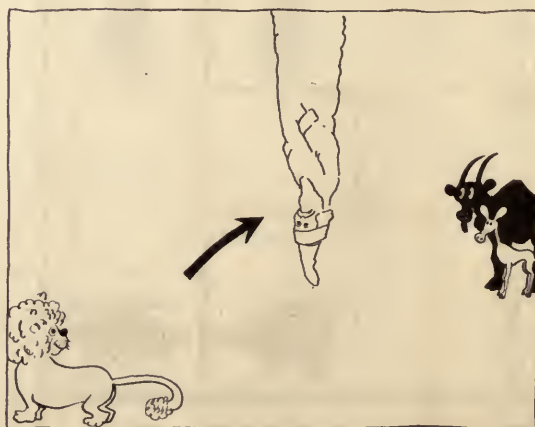
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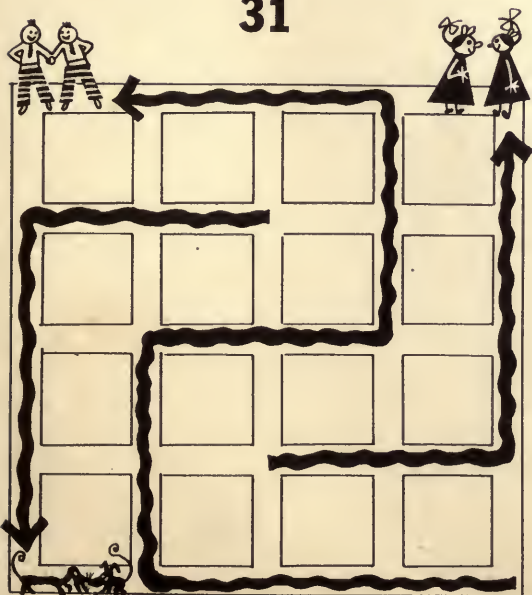
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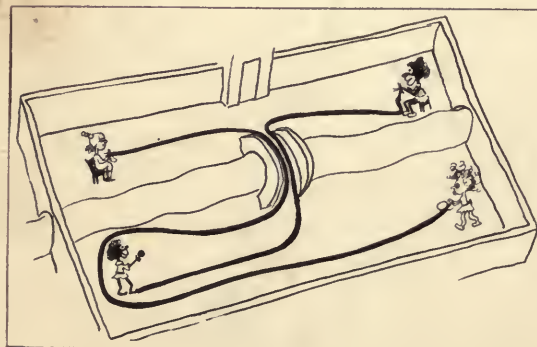
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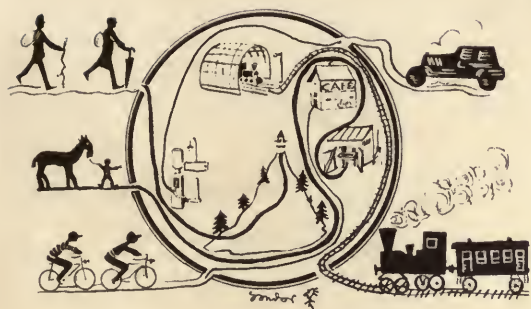


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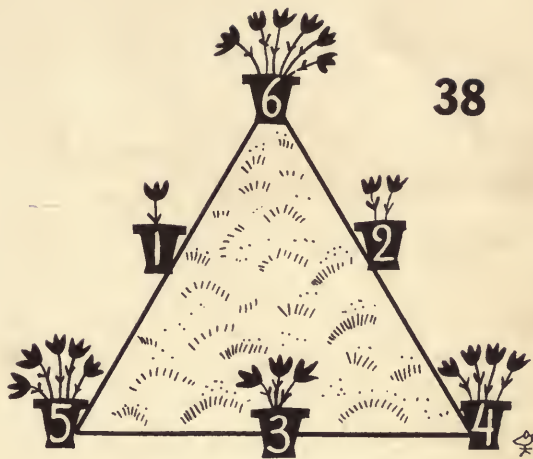


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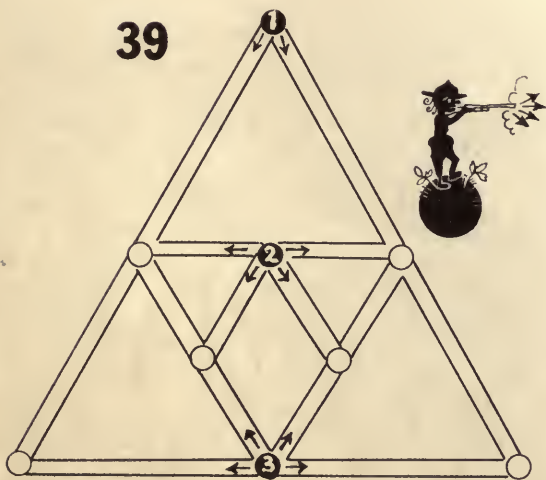
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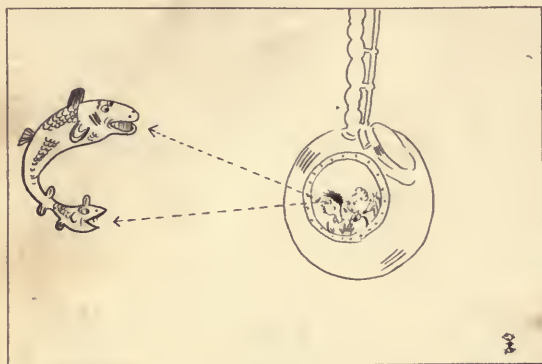
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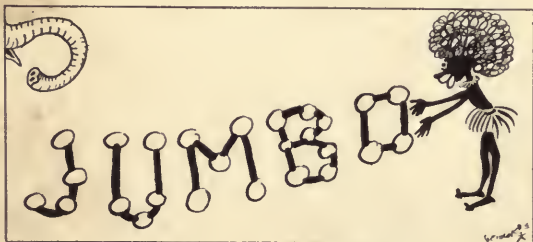
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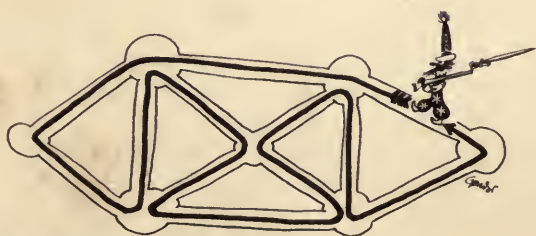
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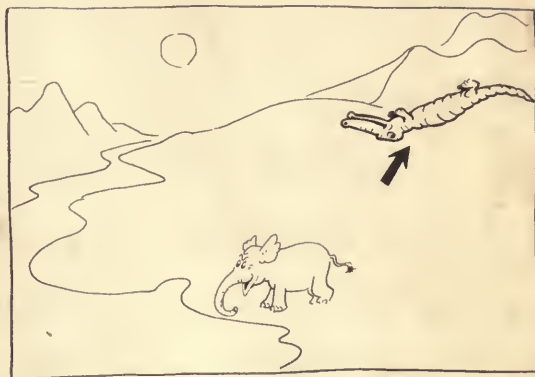
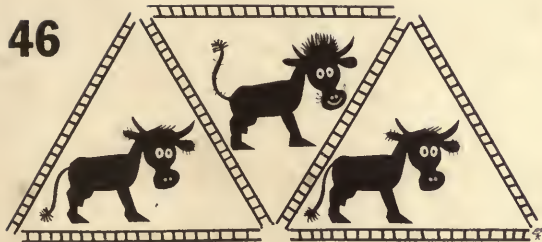
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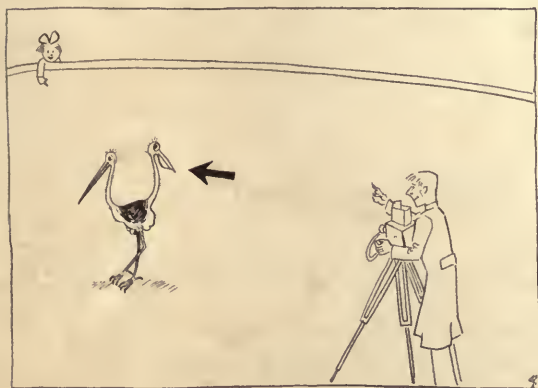
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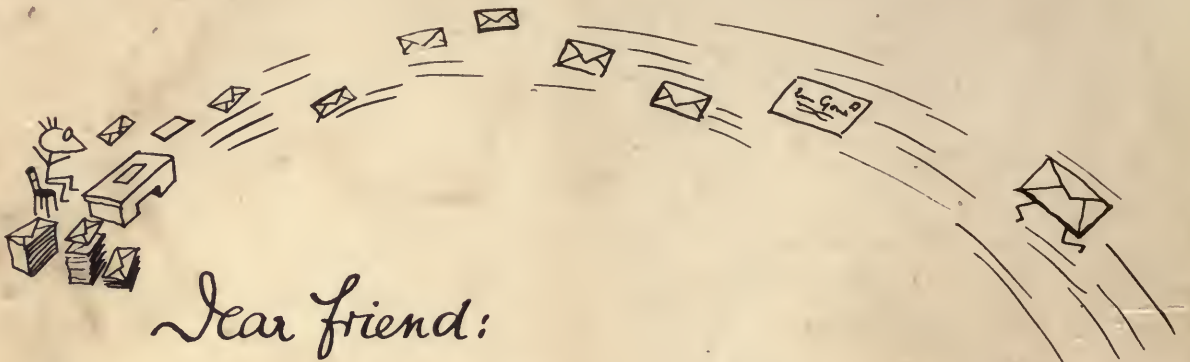
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