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Introduction

Puzzles are in every nation's cultural lore. They move around by word of mouth and are transmitted from generation to generation. Some puzzles are known to be centuries old. The puzzles in this book have been collected throughout the years. It become almost impossible to credit the creators of these puzzles. Even puzzle books with impressive collections often reference other books without specifying which puzzle came from which book.

No attempt was made to take credit for creating any of these puzzles. I wish I did create them. Creating a puzzle is a much more impressive task than solving them. It is therefore with all sincerity that I credit these "missing" (but brilliant) authors hoping that if they do find a puzzle that strictly belongs to them, they would write me and I would happily credit them.

On the other hand, I have included a bibliography of books that contain a wealth of puzzles everyone should enjoy. How can one not bow in deference to Sam Lloyd, Martin Gardiner and the Moscow Puzzles? ([Click Here to go to the Bibliography](#)).

As for our mascot, the Hidden Paw is one of the names T. S. Eliot gave to Macavity the Mystery Cat in his book *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats*. Macavity was a puzzling cat. He drove Scotland Yard mad with puzzle solving frenzy. I hope you hear him purring as you solve these puzzles.

Don't forget that another set of 50 puzzles follows in *The Hidden Paw's Second 50 Puzzles*. This and other books are presented at www.thehiddenpaw.com.

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Puzzle 52

Cigarette Stubs

There was a poor beggar who was hooked on smoking and could not afford to buy cigarettes. He went around the streets collecting cigarette stubs. He would group 4 cigarette stubs to make one full cigarette.

If one day, he collects 16 stubs, how many cigarettes can he possibly smoke?



Puzzle 69

3 Clowns with 2 Jobs Each

Three clowns work in a circus: John, Peter and Roger. During winter, the circus is out of work. Each clown gets 2 different temporary jobs. Their six jobs are: driver, writer, musician, jeweler, programmer and barber.

(1) The driver is engaged to the sister of the jeweler.

(2) The musician and the programmer went horseback riding with John.

(3) The driver laughed at the musician because of his big feet.

(4) Peter received a box of chocolates from the programmer.

(5) The jeweler bought a used car from the writer.

(6) Roger was faster than both Peter and the jeweler at eating pizza.

What are the two jobs that each clown had?



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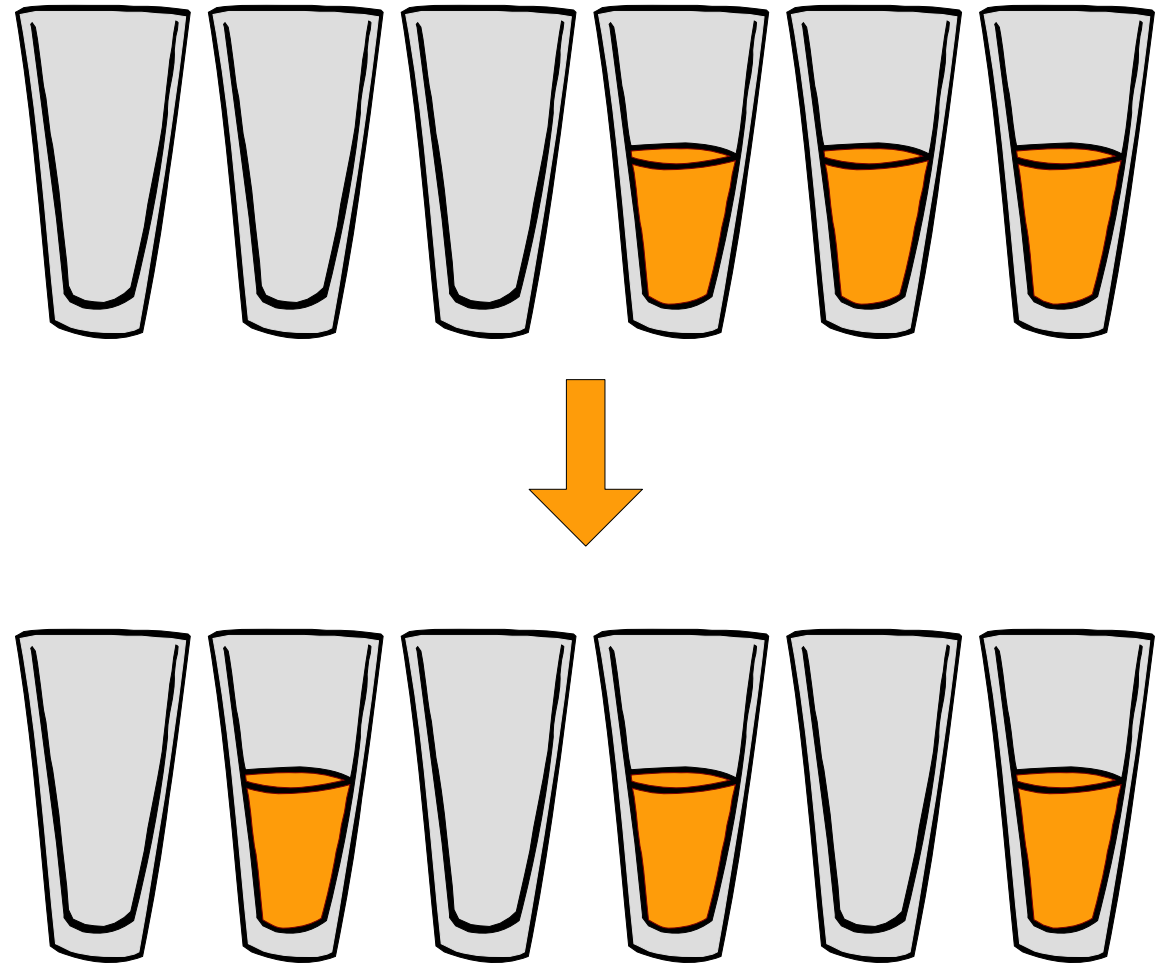
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Puzzle 75

Fill Alternate Glasses

In the top row, you have 3 empty glasses to the left of three glasses with orange juice.

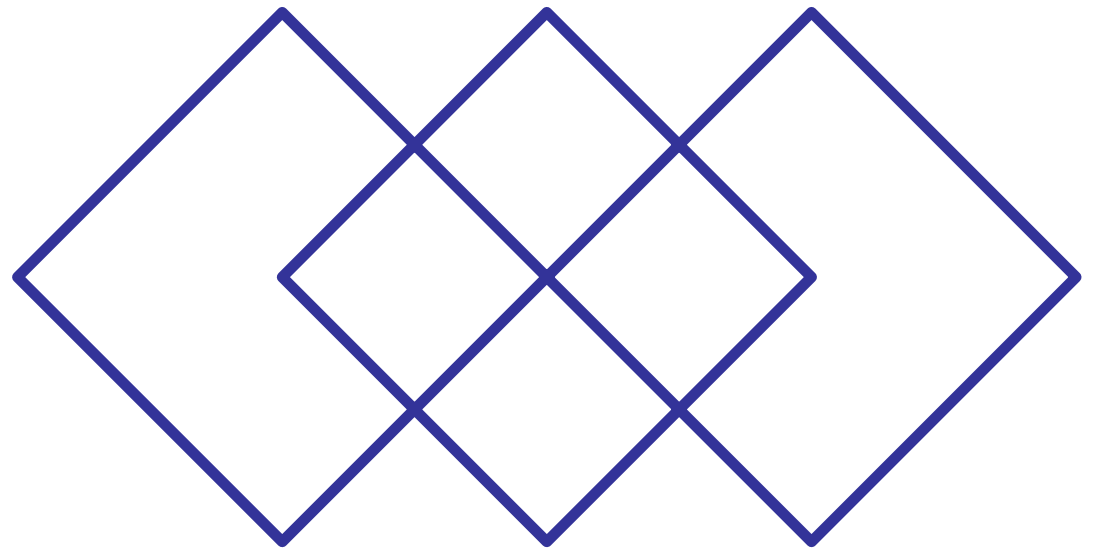
Can you move only one glass and end up with the sequence shown in the lower row?



Puzzle 76

Draw a Continuous
Line through 3
Squares

Can you traverse all
sides of this figure
without lifting your
pencil and without
going over any line
more than once?



Puzzle 86

How Long to Build the West Fence?

My sister and I have a house with a square fence around it. We decided to strip it down and rebuild it because of its deplorable state.

My sister is a faster builder. Yesterday, she built the whole of the south side in 2 hours. I built the north side in 6 hours. We wanted to share in the building of the west side starting from different ends. How long will that take?

