



Early Settler BIRDHOUSE

NOT only does the early bird get the worm, but he also gets his choice of the greatest number of birdhouses. Here's a house home handcraftsmen can make quickly and easily to attract this year's migratory pioneers.

Materials: 1/4-inch plywood or other soft wood; small finishing nails or brads; a small piece of tarpaper for roof; small dry branches for "logs"; 2 short pieces of dowelling; hooks and wire for suspending house from tree.

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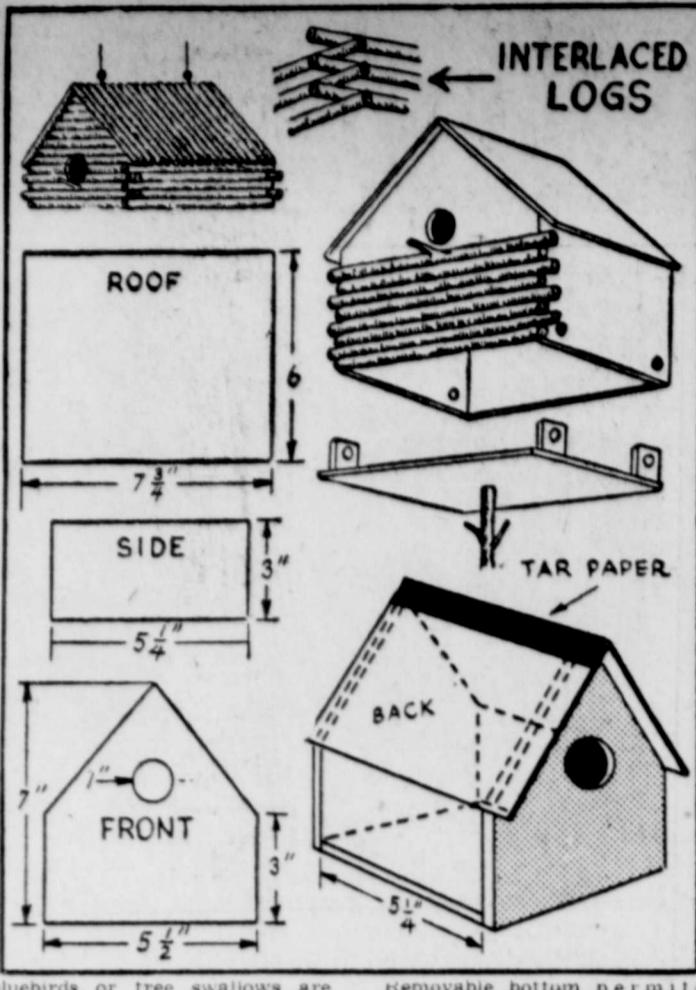


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Buzzles and astimes

Counting With Confusion

TO SOLVE this with a tester, proceed as in a crossword puzzle, using numbers instead of letters for the answers. Insert a single digit in each square. The trick is to get answers that will function across and down.

ACROSS

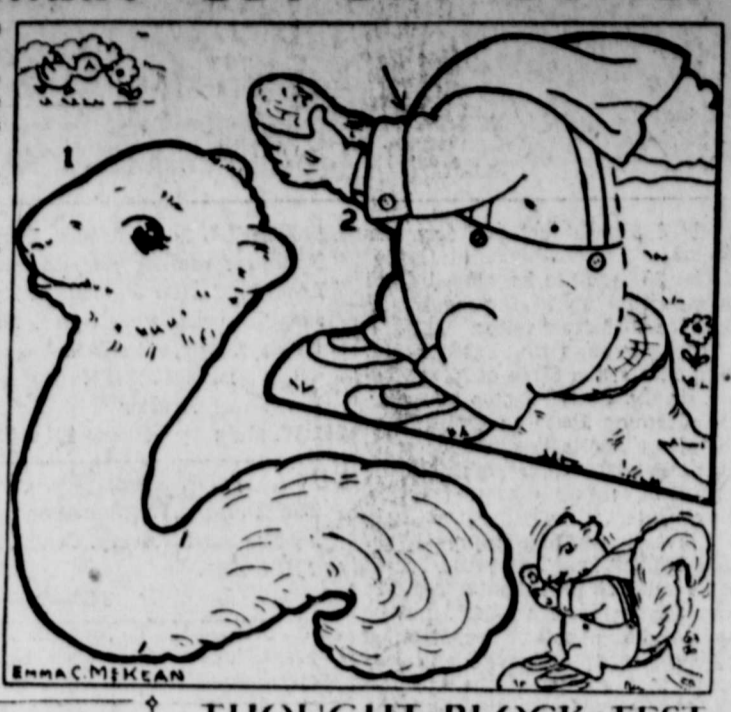
- 1. Three, under its own power.
3. Decade: # \$ & %.
6. Revised definition. A suburbanite is a man who nites some - - mow his lawn so he can play golf - exercise!
7. Golfer's call.
8. Eight halved.
9. Total wealth of words inserted in these common expressions: Sound as a -; turn on a -; a - pincher; thin as a -.

DOWN

- 1. Next term in series: 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23.
2. Trick with Roman Numerals: Subtract five from half of 22 and get a number greater than six!
3. The Trojan War began with - apples and ended with - horse!
4. Two ntp lus fo urh und red.
5. Independence Day.
7. 8:56 by the clock, is - -.
9. A quintillion is 12, followed by this many zeros.
10. There are this many queen's eyes in a pack of playing cards.
11. Temperamental people are 90% temper and -% mental, 'tis said.
12. A zero on the ball.

SQUIRRELY CUT-OUT DEVICE

AN animated squirrel may be cut from paper and made to function as follows: Color parts 1 and 2 appropriately. Paste on the diagram to thin cardboard or heavy paper. Cut out parts 1 and 2 along heavy outlines. Cut along dotted line of part 2.



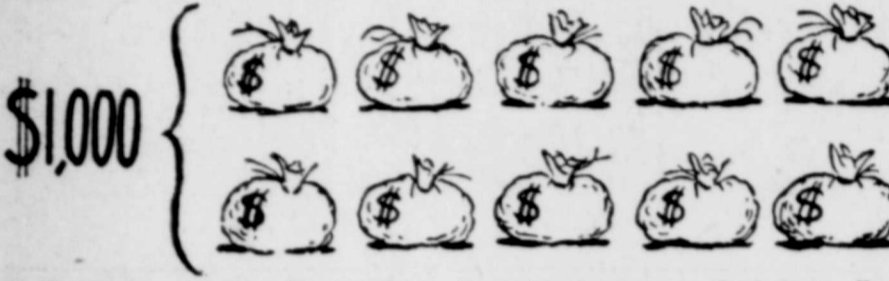
Helping Yourself

BRIEF REPORTS on select new books of interest to home craftsmen, hobbyists and collectors. Selected by Clark Kinnaird. Vest Pocket Crossword Puzzle Dictionary, edited by Betty F. Melnicove (Oppenheimer, 186 pages; \$2.50).

THOUGHT BLOCK TEST

Thought block test grids containing words like 'C A R', 'N P I' and instructions for testing word formation skills.

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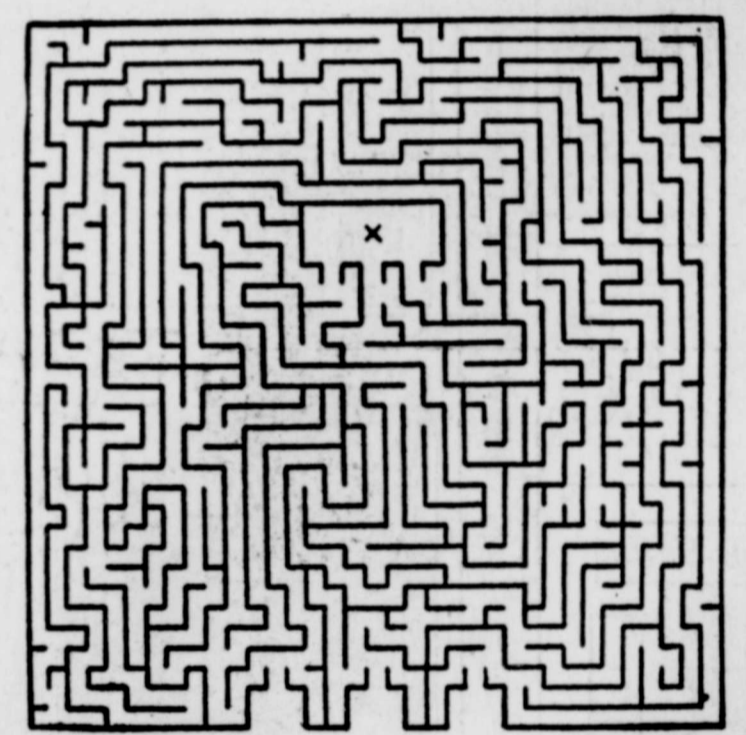


THE floor of a square hall is tiled with square tiles. Along the diagonals there are 125 tiles altogether. How many tiles in the floor? Answer: The 10 sealed money bags contained the following amounts: \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5, \$6, \$7, \$8, \$9, \$10.

BRAIN TEASE

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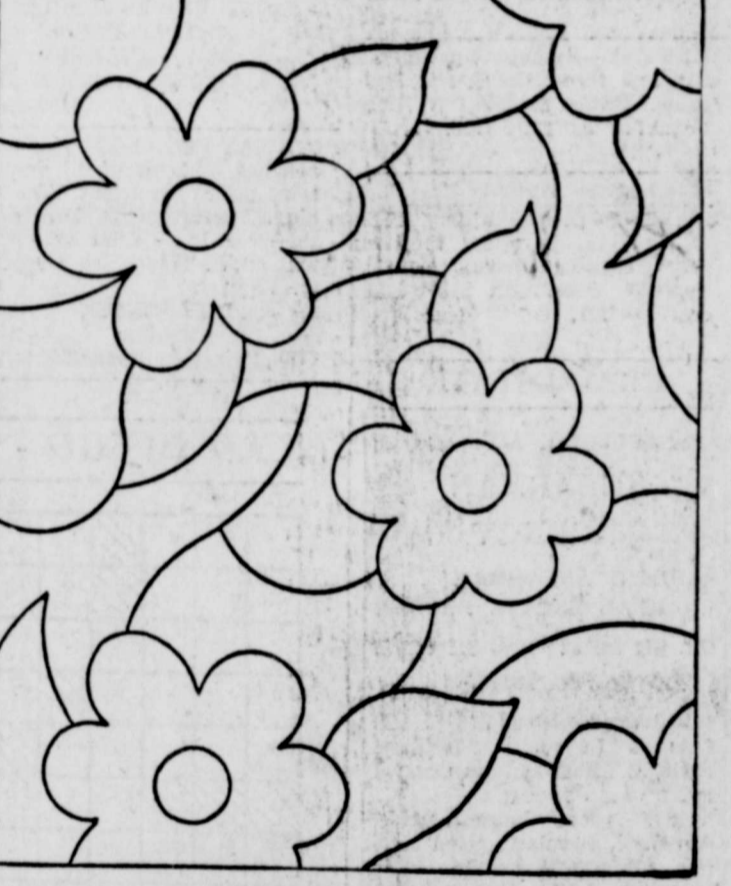
Choose the Entrance, With Care



THERE are three entrances to the maze above, but only one of these leads to the inner chamber marked X. Should the puzzle try to get in through one of the wrong entrances, he will make his way all through the maze and find himself out of it again.

Flower Show

GRANDMA so loves flowers that she often incorporates them into her patchwork quilts. An example is shown at right. As usual, she is faced with a coloring problem. Custom has it that adjacent segments are to be of different hues, and Grandma is pondering the possible arrangements she can make with three different colors to meet this requirement.



Magic Trick To Try



As a party ice-breaker, produce a glass of water, an ice cube and a piece of string. Challenge someone to pull the cube from the glass with the string. After several attempts to lazo it prove futile, the performer shows how the trick is done. First, he lays the piece of string over the ice cube, figure 2. Then he shakes a generous amount of salt over both the string and the ice.

Can You Figure This One Out?

BY PUZZLING over this, the missing figures represented by the X's can be found.

A 4x4 grid puzzle with missing numbers represented by 'X's.

Dotograph Teaser for Jr. Readers



HOW quickly can you determine what's missing from the drawing above? To find out, you must draw a continuous line from dot 1 to dot 26, consecutively. Where two numbers are beside one dot, the dot is used for both. Afterward, color drawing.

QUIZ CROSSWORD With Wisdom From the Bible

Quiz crossword puzzle with clues from the Bible. Includes horizontal and vertical clues such as 'Capital of Greece', 'Before what was an altar of gold to be placed by commandment from God?', and 'Citrus fruits'.

It's Your Move

A checkers board puzzle with instructions: 'White applies the coup de grace with a flourish. The test is this: White, moving up the board, moves first and wins in four moves. Can you guide him to victory in the manner prescribed?'.

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N. M. Praised For Its Water Control Laws

LAS CRUCES (AP)—A Colorado irrigation engineer Saturday praised progress New Mexico has made in controlling water uses.

Code, an irrigation engineer from Colorado A&M College, Fort Collins, was one of the speakers today at the Rocky Mountain section of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers...

Code scored the need for water control "not just in the West, but throughout the nation."

The 1931 law, together with a number of later amendments, declares that all ground water in the state belongs to the public and is subject to appropriation for beneficial use.

He said that the chief problem was to overcome prejudices of spinners and pickers against mechanically picked cotton.

Smith said that other problems include the need for new strains of cotton that lend themselves better to mechanical operation.

Earlier, the group elected officers and named the three winners in its student paper contest. The new chairman of the group is W. M. Miller of the University of Wyoming Student Union.

Let's help nature by cleaning up around the farm and in the farm home. Give the farm a new look, and make it a safer and happier place to live and work.

Spread a little paint to brighten up the place; and trim the shrubs and plant some flowers.

FOR THIN EXCUSES? GEARY, Okla. (AP)—Laguna members of the Chamber of Commerce here are going to get a bird. The chamber bought up a batch of the scrawniest, toughest birds it could find and they will be dumped into the laps of members who have failed to attend meetings. The members will be required to fatten them up.