

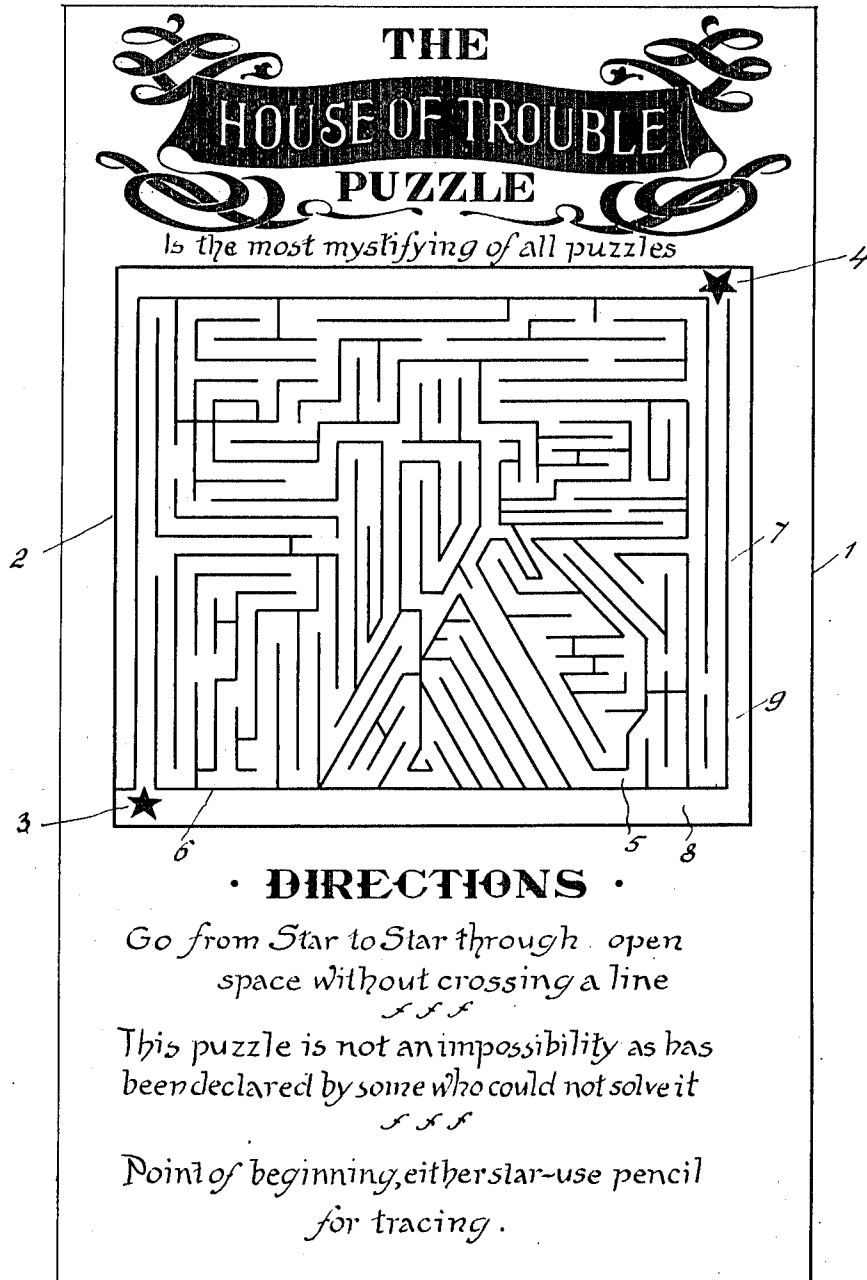
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES B. ROSENBERGER, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Puzzle Postal Cards, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to puzzle postal cards upon which are depicted puzzles.

The primary object of my invention is to provide a labyrinthian puzzle of an intricate, complicated and perplexing design.

Another object of this invention is to provide a puzzle having devious blind courses for reaching a goal, which present difficulties and obstructions, some necessitating an entirely new beginning, while others cause steps to be partially, if not wholly, retraced.

A further object of this invention is to provide a puzzle postal card that can be used as a souvenir or for advertising purposes, a greater portion of the card containing the puzzle that requires considerable skill to solve.

My invention will be presently described in detail and reference will now be had to the drawing, wherein I have illustrated a plan of a postal card depicting my puzzle.

The reference numeral 1 designates a card having printed or otherwise marked thereon a rectangle or square 2, located approximately intermediate the ends of the card. In the lower left hand corner of the square is printed a star 3 representing the starting point of the puzzle, and in the upper right hand corner is another star 4 representing the goal of the puzzle. In the square is printed a plurality of vertical, horizontal and diagonally disposed lines, some of these lines intersecting and providing what I term "blind" courses, for instance the course 5, when once entered necessitates the retracing of the steps taken in said course. The lines at the lower edge of the square and at the right hand side thereof are bounded by lines 6 and 7, these lines providing what I term "successful" courses 8 and 9, particularly the course 9, which when once reached cannot be deviated from without reaching the goal 4.

A rule to be observed when solving the puzzle is to pass from one star to another through the open spaces or courses without crossing a line, and to make the puzzle difficult, I arrange words in the course 8, for instance, "pat. applied for." Certain letters of these words touch the lower line of the square, while other letters touch the line 6. Some of the lines are connected together, while spaces are left between others, whereby a line can be easily traced from the starting point 3 along the course 8, in and out the lines and up the course 9 to the finishing point 4. This is the one successful route by which the puzzle can be solved, and the other of said lines are provided simply to impart an impression that the puzzle is solved by the intricate course described by the complexity of lines.

Upon the card suitable directions are printed together with other matter relating thereto.

I reserve the right to use other words than "pat. applied for" in the course 8.

Having now described my invention what I claim as new, is:—

A puzzle consisting of a base having thereon a labyrinth and further having transverse and longitudinal parallel lines surrounding the labyrinth to provide transversely and longitudinally extending courses, one of said transverse courses having words arranged therein, some of the letters of the words joined with one of the transverse lines and other of the letters of the words joined with the other of the transverse lines which form the course in which the words are arranged, some of the letters of the words being disjoined, the transverse course in which are arranged the words being wider than the other transverse course, said base further having a starting and a goal indicating mark located at the junction of a transverse course with a longitudinal course.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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