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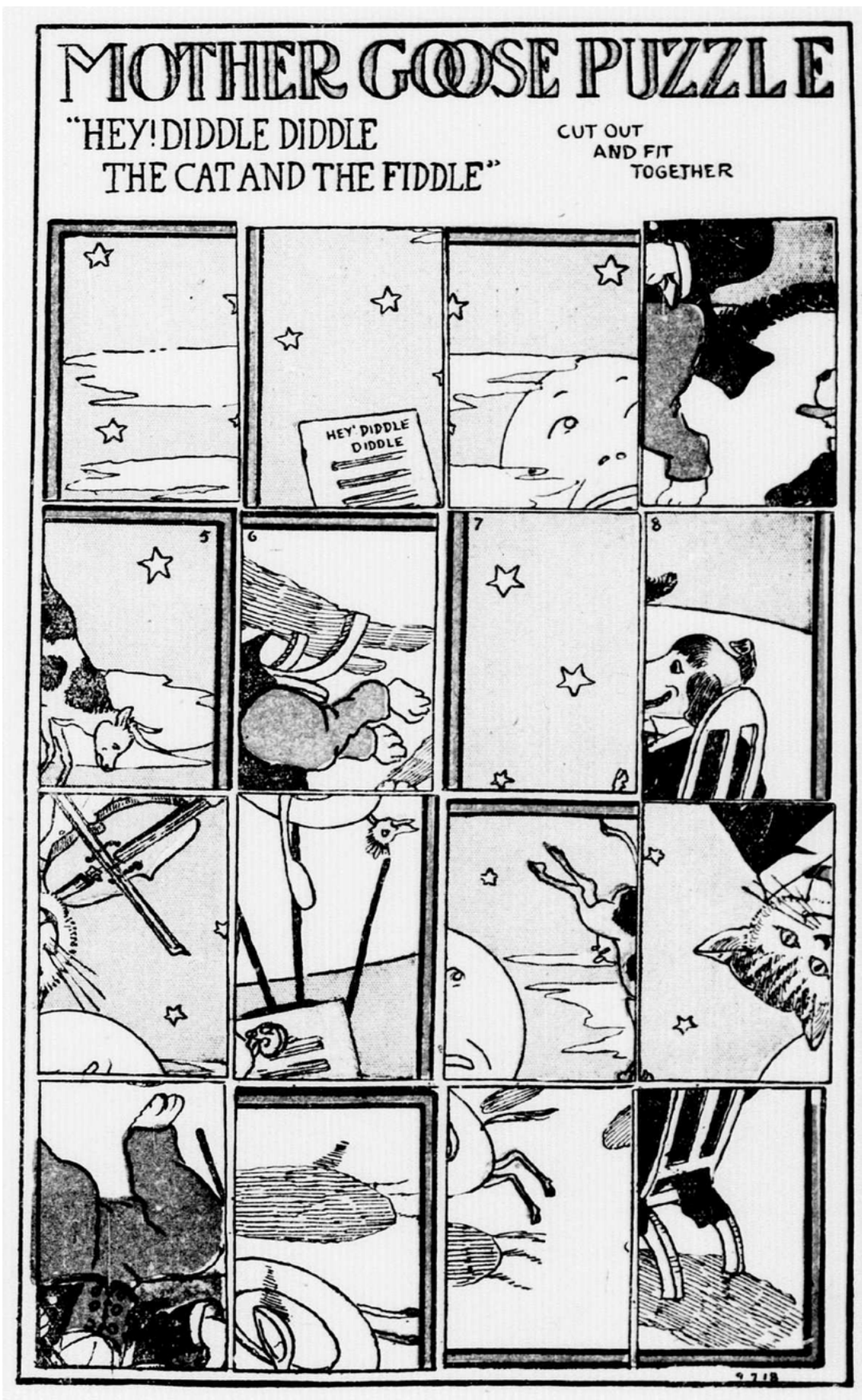
Did you know?

Brainteasers abound in the database of digitized historical newspapers, [Chronicling America](#). We've selected a few to get you going, but if you're just looking for more mind-twisters, be sure to check out these blog posts from the Library's Serial and Government Publications Division with [mazes](#) and [rebuses](#).

Evening star, July 18, 1909: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83045462/1909-07-18/ed-1/seq-60/>

Want to explore more *Mother Goose*?

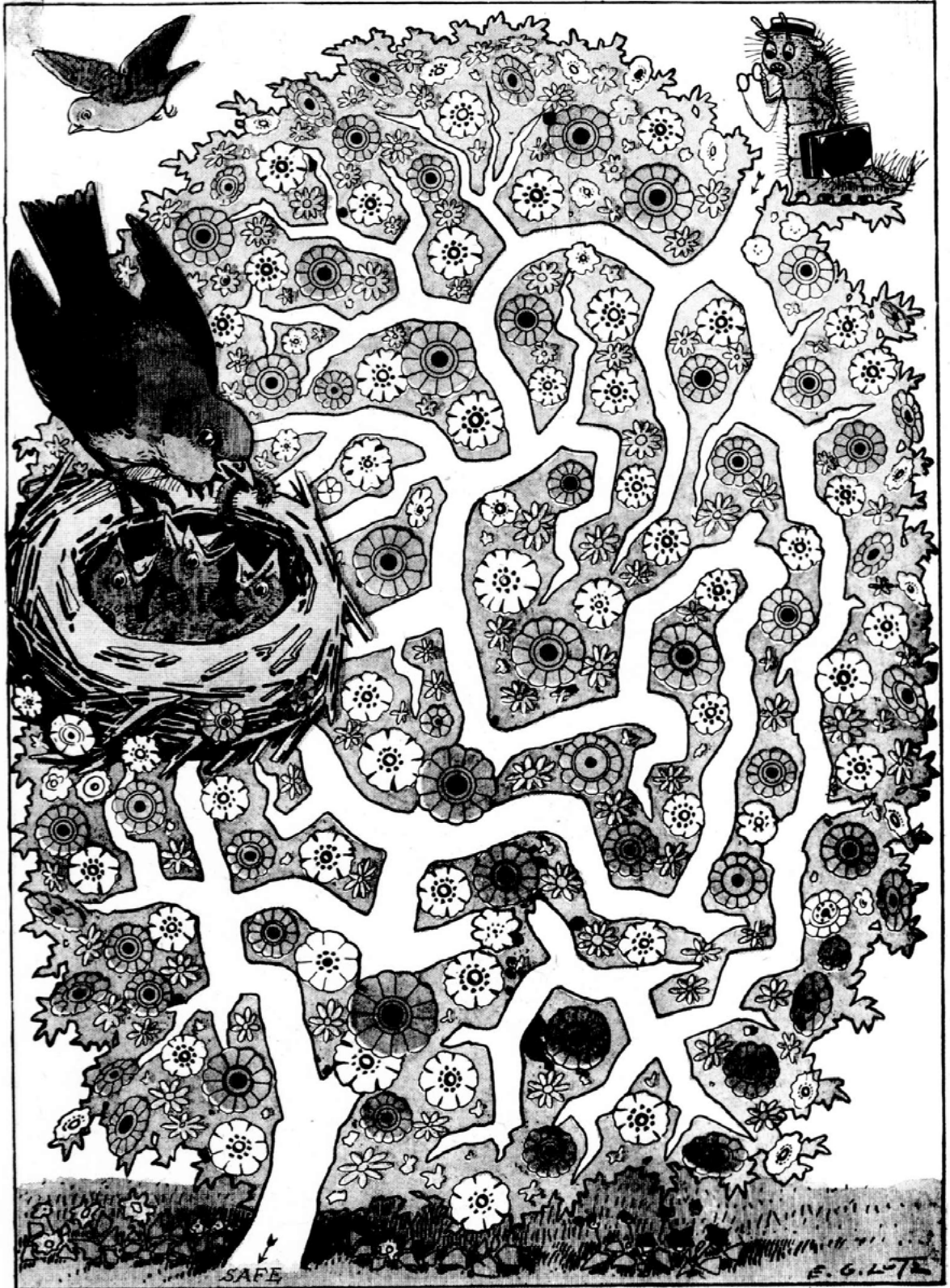
Check out these books from our collection of rare, historical children's books: ["Mother \[Goose\] in hieroglyphics" \(1855\)](#); ["Mother Goose's story book" \(1899\)](#); ["Mother Goose finger plays" \(1915\)](#)



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BOOK OF MAGIC—A Magic Color Maze

The Washington Times, April 30, 1922:
<https://chroniclin-gamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84026749/1922-04-30/ed-1/seq-50/>



First paint the page with plain water. This will bring out the magic coloring. Then let page dry. After that see whether you can find the path Mr. Caterpillar, up in the right-hand corner, must take to escape the hungry birds and reach the bottom of the tree safely.

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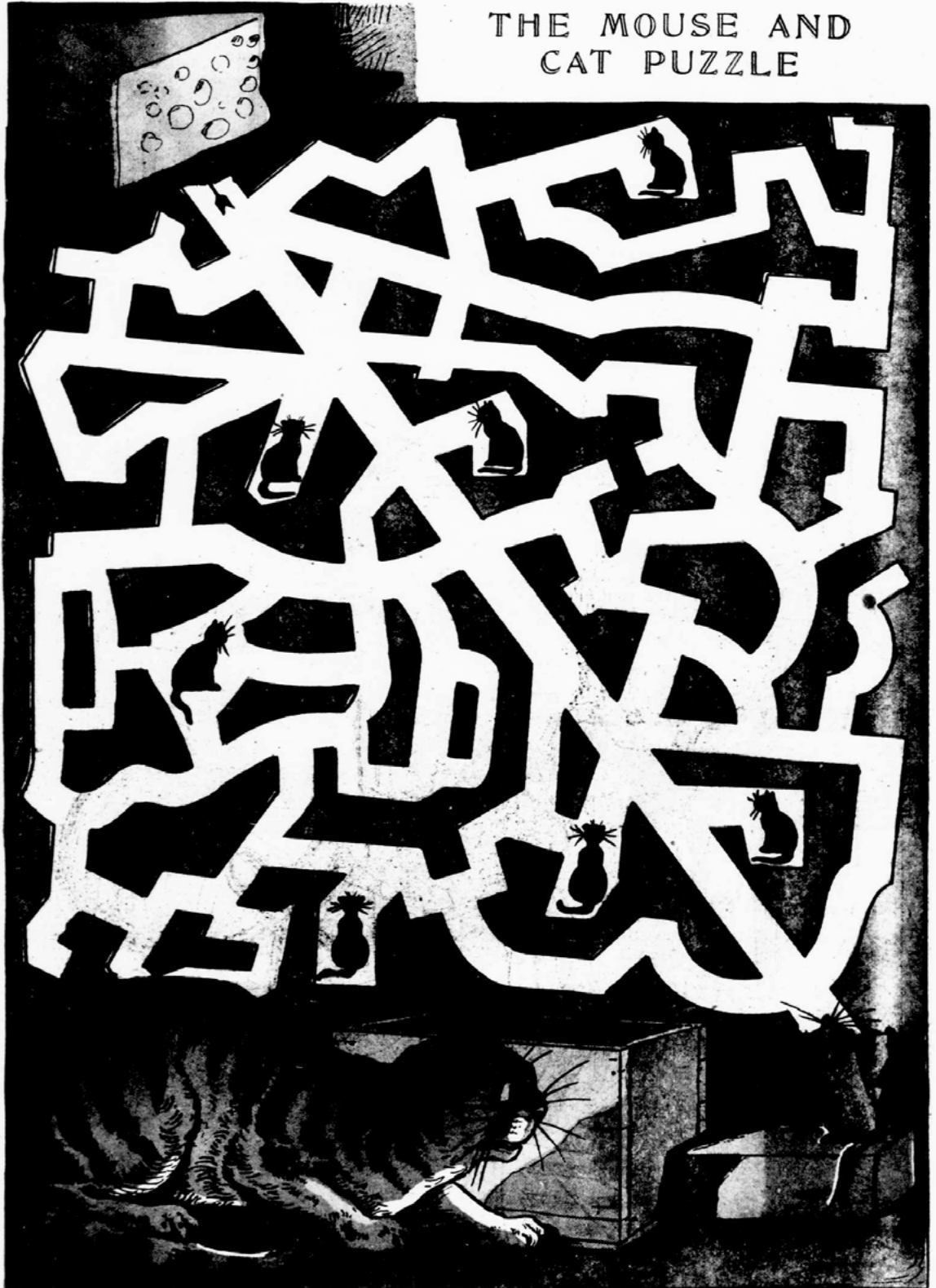
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The Washington Times, April 02, 1922: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84026749/1922-04-02/ed-1/seq-39/>

BOOK OF MAGIC—How Can the Mouse Reach the Cheese?

THE MOUSE AND CAT PUZZLE

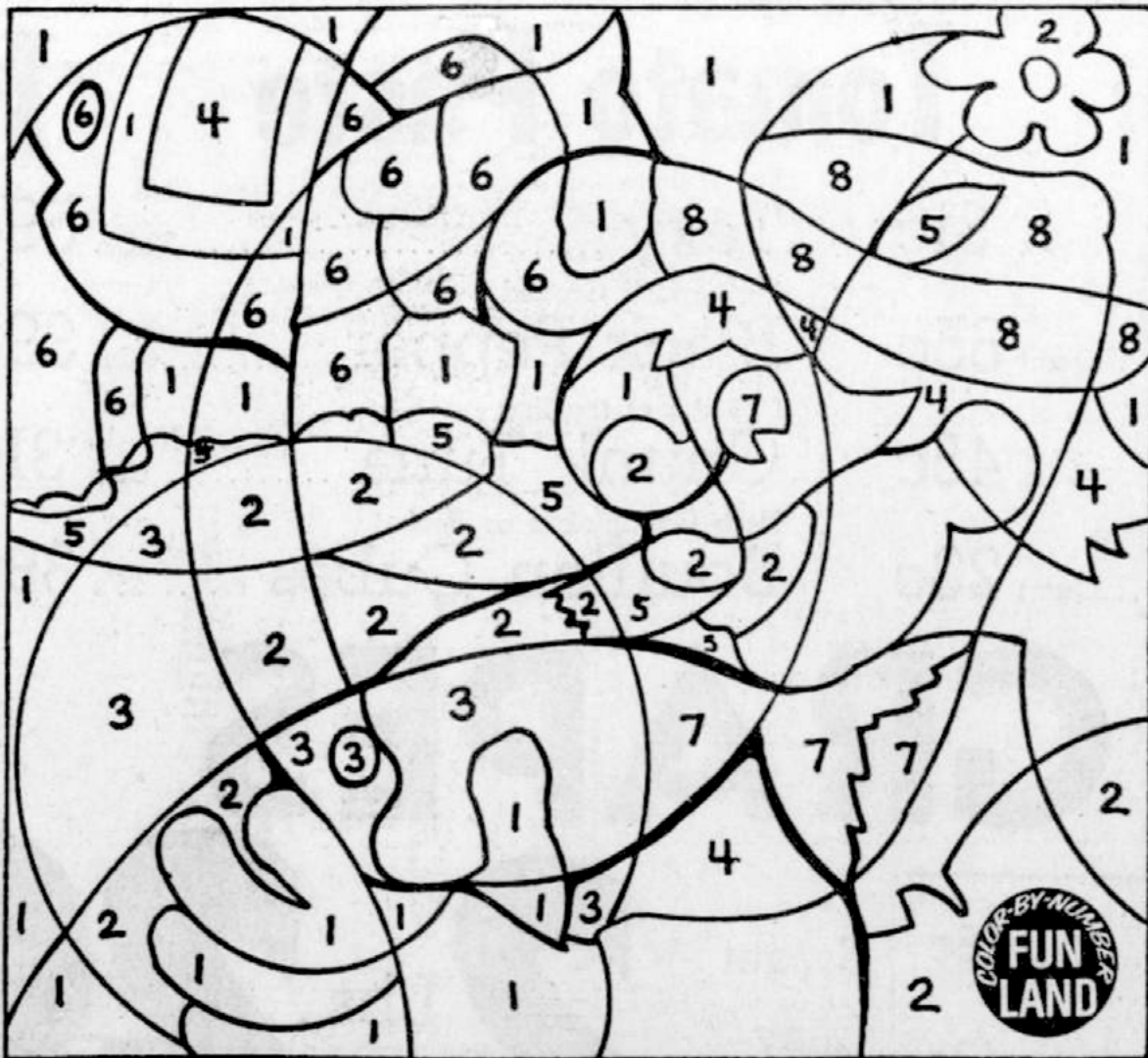


The little gray mouse sees a piece of cheese straight in front of him, but he cannot go the most direct way, as four cats are so placed that they will see him. Three other cats guard the roundabout ways. There is one path he can take without being seen. The puzzle consists in tracing this path, remembering that at no time can the mouse pass in front of the direct line of vision of any of the seven cats. That is, he cannot pass over the part of a path that a cat is directly watching

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"The Chronicle",
September 04, 1963:
<https://chroniclin-gamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn87065526/1963-09-04/ed-1/seq-5/>

COLOR-BY-NUMBER FUN POSER



DO YOU think there's no such thing as a purple elephant? Or a man with orange hair? Don't be too sure. Anything's possible in Color-by-Number Fun Land, the realm represented by the diagram above. To penetrate this fascinating world of surprise images, simply apply colored pencils or crayons according to these number indicators:

1. Yellow. 2. Red. 3. Blue. 4. Orange.

5. Green. 6. Violet. 7. Black. 8. Brown
Apply all colors neatly.

Just for fun, before you begin, take a guess as to what the concealed picture is all about.

If several persons wish to try, cover diagram with tissue or tracing paper in each one's turn.

Afterwards, diagram may be divided into pieces for use as a jigsaw puzzle.