

The Game of
Logic
by Lewis Carroll
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A Syllogism worked out.

That story of yours, about your once meeting the sea=serpent, always sets me off yawning;

A never yawn, unless when H'm listening to something totally devoid of interest.

The Premisses, separately.





The Premisses, combined.



The Conclusion.



That story of yours, about your once meeting the sea-serpent, is totally devoid of interest.

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52.

Everything, not absolutely ugly, may be kept in a drawing-room;
 Nothing, that is encrusted with salt, is ever quite dry;
 Nothing should be kept in a drawing-room, unless it is free from damp;

(4) Bathing-machines are always kept near the sea;
(5) Nothing, that is made of mother-of-pearl, can be absolutely ugly;

(6) Whatever is kept near the sea gets encrusted with salt.

Univ. "things"; a = absolutely ugly; b = bathing-machines; c = encrusted with salt; d = kept near the sea; c = made of mother-of-pearl; h = quite dry; k = things that may be kept in a drawing-room.

53.

I call no day "unlucky," when Robinson is civil to me;
 Wednesdays are always cloudy;
 When people take unbrellas, the day never turns out fine;
 The only days when Robinson is uncivil to me are Wednesdays;

(5) Everybody takes his unbrulla with him when it is raining; (6) My "lucky" days always turn out fine.

Univ. "days"; a = called by me 'lucky'; b = cloudy; c = days when people take umbrellas; d = days when Robinson is civil to me; c = rainy; h = turning out fine; k = Wednesdays.

 No shark ever doubts that it is well fitted out;
 A fish, that cannot dance a minuet, is contemptible;
 No fish is quite certain that it is well fitted out, unless it has three rows of teeth;
(4) All fishes, except sharks, are kind to children.

(5) No heavy fish can dance a minuet;
(6) A fish with three rows of teeth is not to be despised.

Univ. "fishes"; a = able to dance a minuet; b = certain that he is well fitted out; c = contemptible; d = having 3 rows of teeth; c = heavy; h = kind to children; k = sharks.

(1) All the human race, except my footmen, have a certain amount of

No one, who lives on barley-sugar, can be anything but a mere baby; None but a hop-scotch player knows what real happiness is;

(4) No mere baby has a grain of common sense;
(5) No engine-driver ever plays hop-scotch;
(6) No footman of mine is ignorant of what true happiness is;

Univ. "human beings"; a = engine-drivers; b = having common sense;

c = hop-scotch players; d = knowing what real happiness is; e = living on barley-sugar; k = merc babies; k = my footmen.

[Ans. 133; Sol. 162, 163.

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- (1) All the dated letters in this room are written on blue paper;
- (2) None of them are in black ink, except those that are written in the third person;
 (3) I have not filed any of them that I can read;
- (4) None of them, that are written on one sheet, are undated;

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 (5) All of them, that are not crossed, are in black ink;
 (6) All of them, written by Brown, begin with "Dear Sir";
 (7) All of them, written on blue paper, are filed;
 (8) None of them, written on more than one sheet, are crossed;
 (9) None of them, that begin with "Dear Sir," are written in the third person.
- "Univ. letters in this room"; a = beginning with "Dear Sir"; b = crossed; c = dated; d = filed; c = in black ink; b = in third person; k = letters that I can read; l = on blue paper; m = on one sheet; n = written by Brown.

- (1) The only animals in this house are cats; (2) Every animal is suitable for a pet, that loves to gaze at the moon:
 (3) When I detest an animal, I avoid it;

- (4) No animals are carnivorous, unless they prowl at night; (5) No cat fails to kill mice; (6) No animals ever take to me, except what are in this house; (7) Kangaroos are not suitable for pets;
- (8) None but carnivora kill mice;
- (9) I detest animals that do not take to me; (10) Animals, that prowl at night, always love to gaze at the moon.

Univ. "animals"; α = avoided by me; b = carnivora; c = cats; d = detested by me; e = in this house; h = kangaroos; k = killing mice; k = loving to gaze at the moon; k = prowling at night; k = suitable for pets; k = taking to me.

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