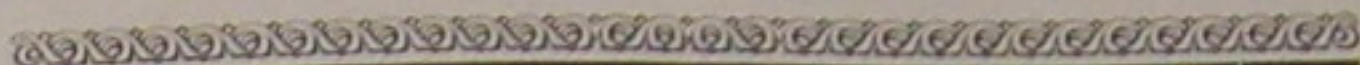
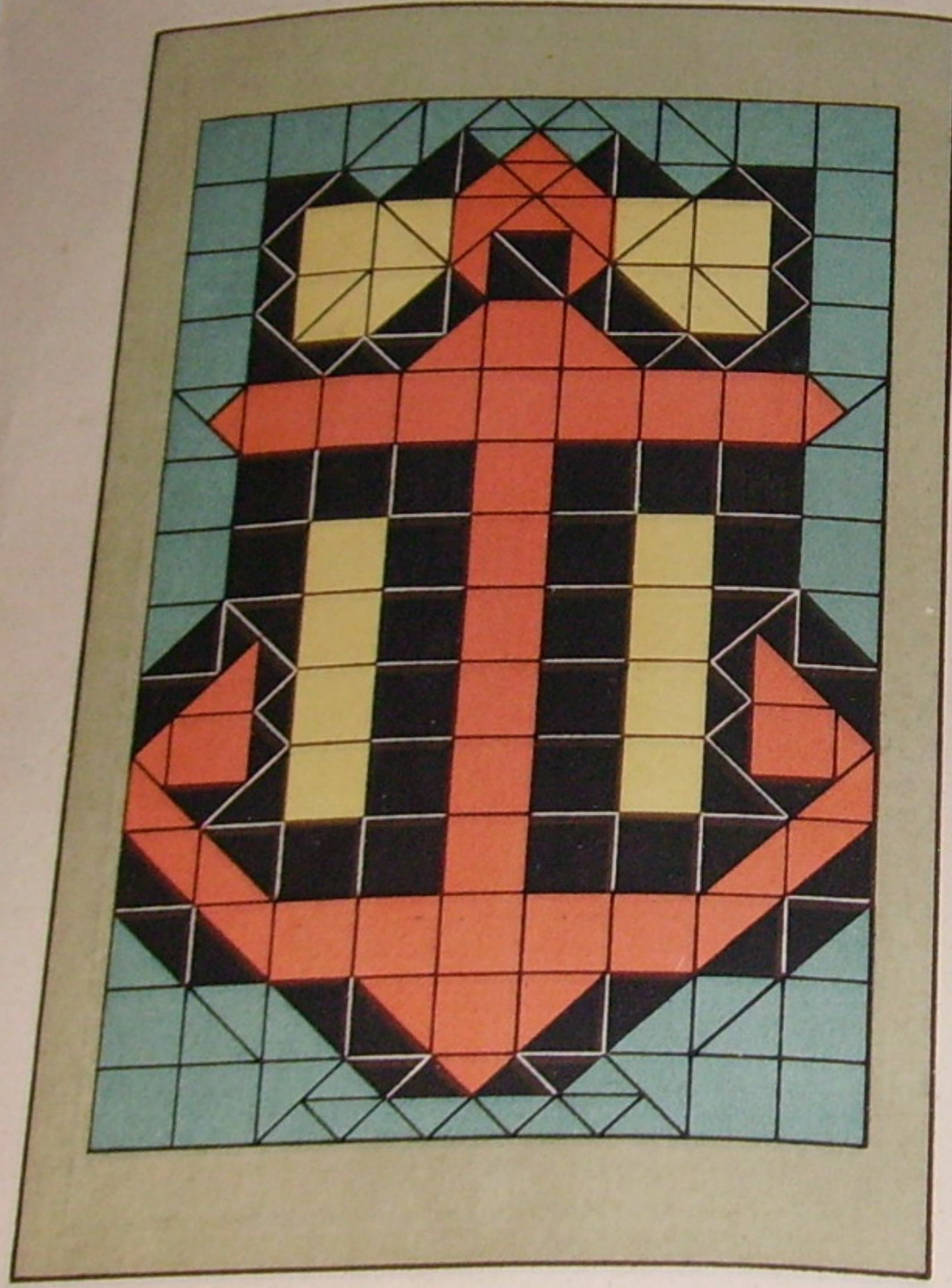




*Richter's
Puzzles and
Pastimes.*



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MOST of our readers are already familiar with our other products, particularly with the Richter's Anchor Blocks, which are described in a separate catalog.

On the following pages are described and illustrated Richter's Games and Puzzles of special interest to girls.

Like their famous cousins, the Anchor Blocks, these games are helps in education and are of all the more value because the children do not imagine for a minute that they are being educated. They think the brilliant marbles and the queer little stones of several colors are mere playthings. Unsuspected talent for art, which may be turned to practical account, is often brought out by these games, and not alone in children but in adults as well.

The books of designs accompanying the boxes are most carefully planned and printed by our own art department. It need hardly be mentioned that the general workmanship of the boxes is of the same high character as the Anchor Blocks, which reflect credit on the taste and judgment of whoever chooses them as gifts.

Dealers who handle Anchor Blocks usually carry Richter's Games and Puzzles also. When not obtainable send us your order direct and we will have a reliable dealer in your vicinity fill it or will send you the article direct, whichever will be the cheapest, safest and quickest way.

When ordering by mail it is advisable to combine orders for games with those for Anchor Blocks or to combine your own orders with those of friends into one shipment so as to save freight or express charges.

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The Meteor Game.

The Meteor Game outfit includes a black laying board pierced with holes, a collection of brilliantly-colored marbles, and books of designs in colors. By placing the marbles in the holes the designs in the book are faithfully copied. Here, as with other Richter pastimes, invention is encouraged and originality brought out. While the problems in the books are the work of artists and better than anything a novice could produce, everybody who has a Meteor Game wants to try his or her hand at making designs. There is a keen satisfaction in watching an idea take form and color under one's eyes; in correcting errors, and overcoming difficulties; in experimenting with different color combinations. The contrast between the black laying board and the marbles adds to the brilliancy of the work.

The Meteor Game is made in eight sizes. The colors of the marbles are fast.

Game of Mill.

With every Meteor Game from No. 4 up is furnished a separate special laying plate for playing the game of Mill. This game is played by two persons and is fully explained in the book. With many people it is more popular than checkers.

Outlines for Coloring.

We give books of outlines to be used in connection with the Meteor Game No. 9 and 11. They are filled with outline pictures of the forms that are made with the colored balls. The young artists can color these outlines and thus preserve the records of their achievements.

Booklets of Outlines for coloring can also be bought separately for 20 c. a book.



Meteor No. 1.
Size $6\frac{3}{8} : 6\frac{3}{8} : \frac{7}{8}$;
72 marbles, four
colors and one
book of designs.
Price 25 c.
by mail . . 32 c.

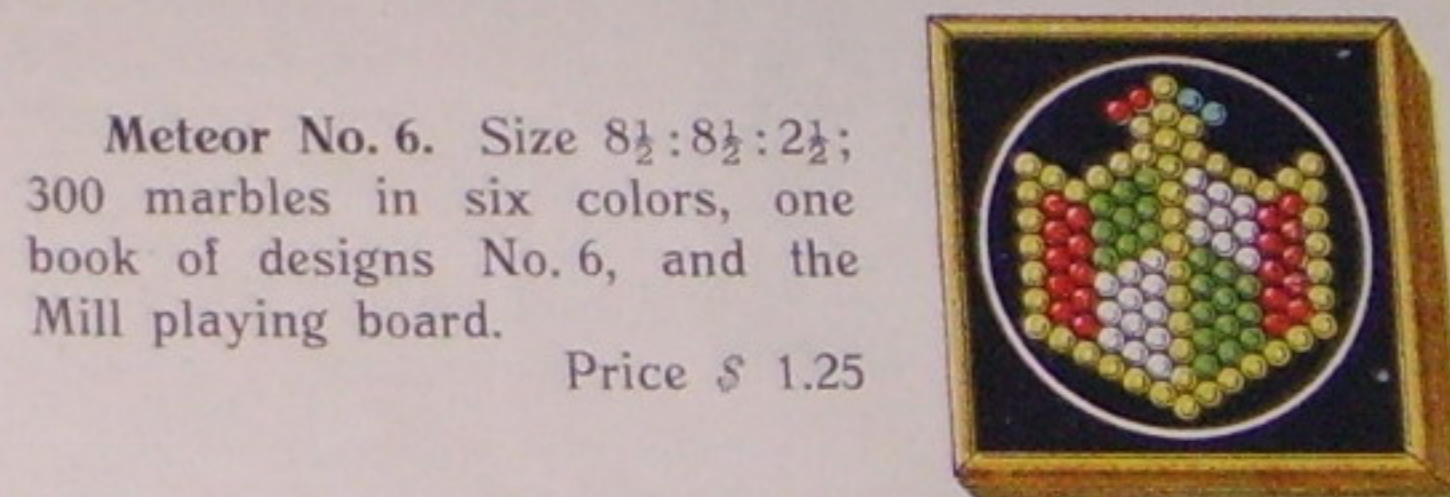
Meteor No. 2.
Size $7\frac{1}{8} : 7\frac{1}{8} : \frac{7}{8}$;
96 marbles in
four colors and
one book of designs No. 2 Price 50 c., by mail 61 c.

Meteor No. 3. Size $8\frac{7}{8} : 8\frac{7}{8} : 1$; 144 marbles in four
colors and one book of designs No. 3.
Price 75 c., by mail 90 c.



Meteor No. 4. Size $10\frac{3}{4} : 10\frac{3}{4} : 1$;
216 marbles in four colors, one book
of designs No. 4 and one playing
board for the Mill Game.

Price \$ 1.00, by mail \$ 1.24.



Meteor No. 6. Size $8\frac{1}{2} : 8\frac{1}{2} : 2\frac{1}{2}$;
300 marbles in six colors, one
book of designs No. 6, and the
Mill playing board.

Price \$ 1.25



Meteor No. 7. Size $13 : 8\frac{1}{2} : 2\frac{1}{8}$; 300 marbles in six colors, one book of designs No. 7 and playing board for the Mill Game Price \$ 1.50

Meteor No. 9. Size $13\frac{3}{4} : 10 : 2\frac{1}{8}$; 600 marbles in six colors, two books of designs, one book of outlines.

Price \$ 3.00



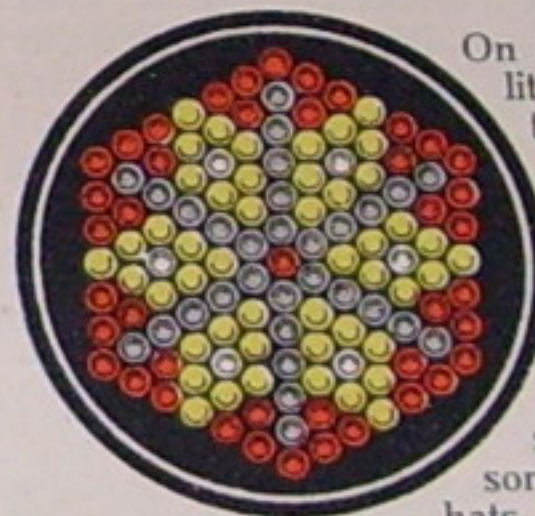
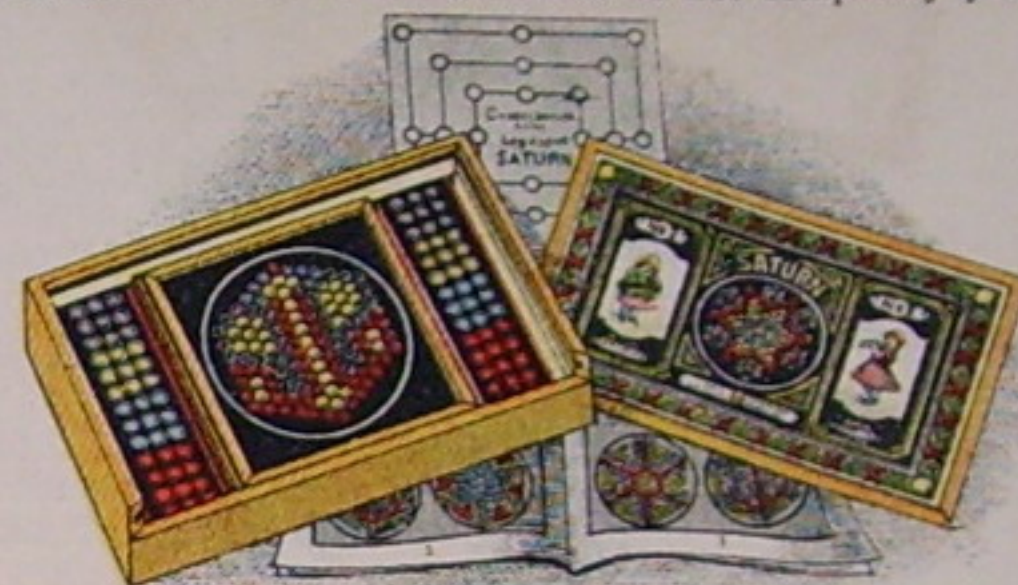
Meteor No. 11. Size $14\frac{1}{8} : 10\frac{1}{2} : 2\frac{7}{8}$; 1200 marbles in six colors, one single and one double laying board, five books of designs, one book of outlines ... Price \$ 5.00

Numbers 1-4 come in a strong, handsome cardboard box; No. 6-11 in a wooden box with sliding cover.

The Saturn Game.

Novel and beautiful effects are made in the Saturn Game by placing one stone on another and a third on that and so on until in some designs as many as ten stones can be put over one spot in the laying board. Thus are obtained the effects of elaborate carvings or of sculptured designs in relief.

The laying board of the Saturn Game is not completely perforated;



On one side are lines of little hollows and on the other are corresponding projections. Both sides of the board are used in making designs.

The Saturn Game stones are shaped somewhat like little round hats, and may be placed on

the projections of the laying board like hats on heads or like thimbles on fingers. When on the other hand, a design is made with the hollows in the board uppermost, the stones fit into them as soup-plates fit into each other on a closet shelf but the effect is entirely different although as beautiful.

The colors of the Saturn Game stones are soft like those of worsteds used in fancy needle-work. This subdued coloring with the varying thickness of different parts of the design, gives to Saturn game patterns a strong resemblance to elaborate crochet-work. A book of designs comes with each game, but the Saturn, like the other Richter games, brings out any originality heaven may have given the player. It is scarcely possible to resist the impulse to put one's own ideas into the work. Beautiful ideas for wall-paper, carpets, rugs and jewelry are developed with the Saturn Game.

Price: \$ 2.—



The Anchor Mosaic Game.

This captivating pastime is based upon one of the oldest forms of art, in which designs often complicated and wonderful were made with pieces of colored stone or glass. Latterly mosaic has been employed chiefly in the decoration of walls and floors.

The little square and triangular stones of the Richter Mosaic Game are red, yellow, blue and black. This is indeed simple material but after a little practice it may be combined in forms the novelty and number of which surprise the player himself.

While the Mosaic Game is used chiefly in producing independent designs it is also employed with fine effect in making floors for buildings erected with Anchor Blocks. For this purpose many of the designs in the book that goes with each box may be used. So simple is the first work with the Richter Mosaic Game that a child of five years may learn it.

The Mosaic Game is in two sizes.

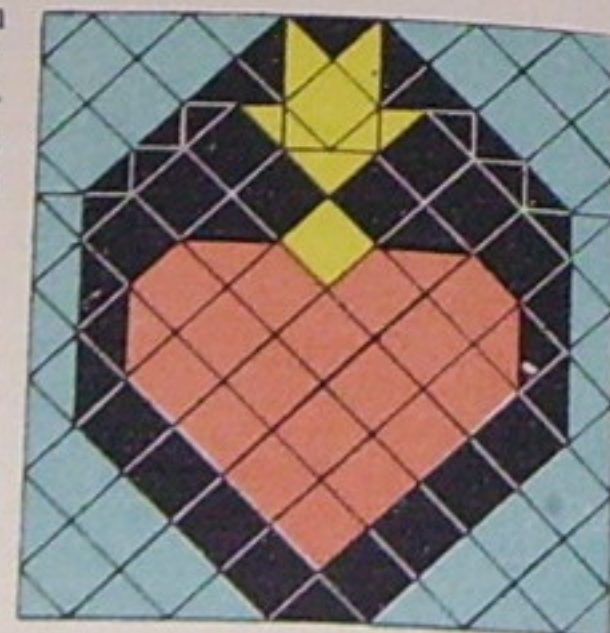


No. 2 in a wooden box measuring $11\frac{3}{4} : 7\frac{3}{4} : 1\frac{1}{8}$ contains 278 stones and a book with 34 designs.

Price \$ 1.75.

No. 4, comes in a box $12\frac{3}{8} : 8\frac{3}{8} : 1\frac{7}{8}$ with two trays of 545 slabs, one 16-page book with 34 designs and a 32-page book with 63 designs.

Price \$ 3.50.



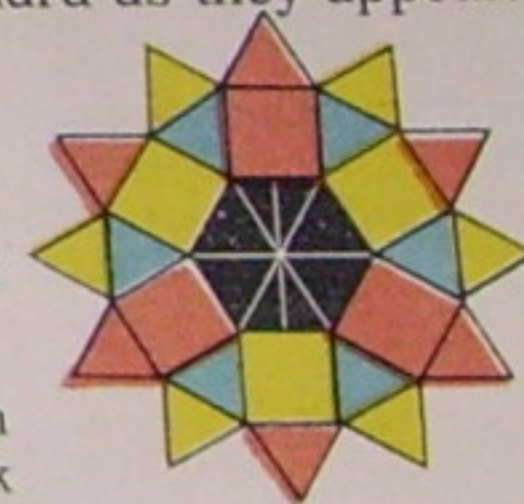
The Tablet Laying Game.

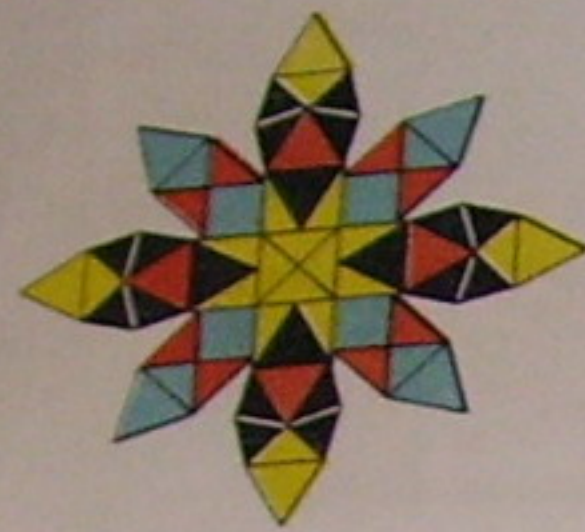
The flat pieces of colored stone in this game are of such peculiar shapes that they readily lend themselves to the formation of fantastic designs. Some of these strange patterns, as represented in the book of designs with each box have all the oddity and brilliancy of kaleidoscopic figures.

The stones are black, blue gray, red and yellow, of the same quality as the Anchor Blocks, which is a sufficient guarantee of their durability. Stars, crosses and figures that have an odd resemblance to "set pieces" of fireworks are found in the book. A few of the designs look so intricate that one may well wonder how they can be made with a few colored stones, but they are really by no means as hard as they appear.

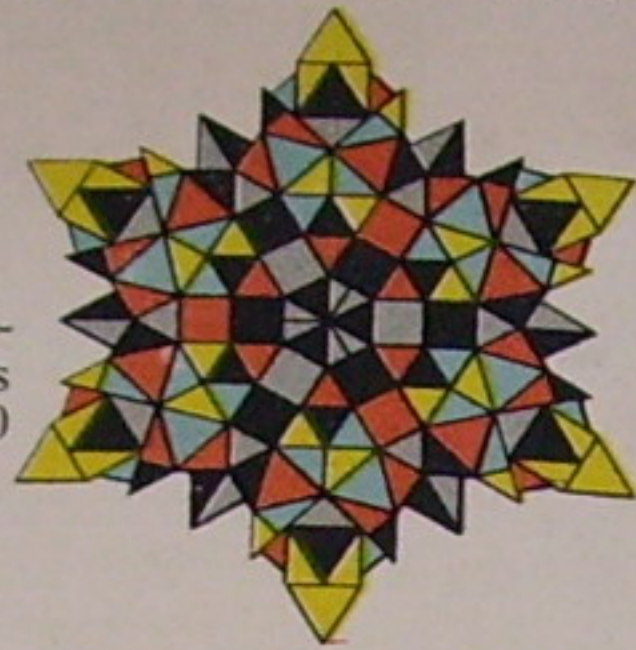
The Tablet Laying Game, like others on our list gives opportunity for unending variety of original work. There are five sizes, as follows:

No. 1. $9\frac{3}{8} : 6\frac{1}{4} : 1\frac{1}{8}$ inches. With 85 Tablets, four colors and one book of designs Price 80 c.

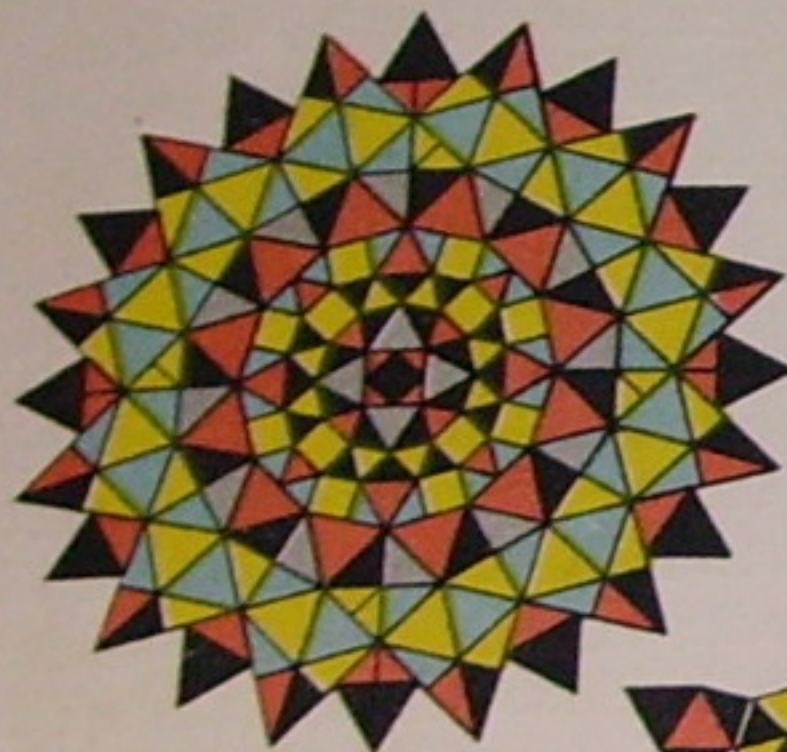




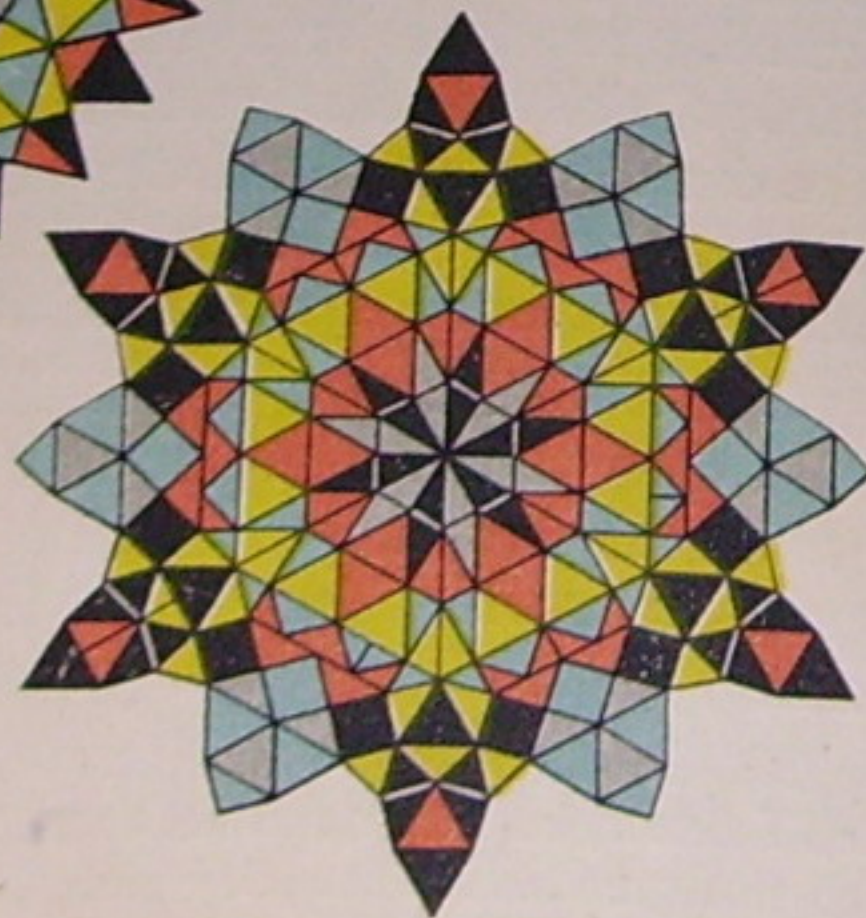
No. 2. $12\frac{3}{8} : 8\frac{5}{8} : 1\frac{1}{8}$ inches.
With 171 Tablets in five colors
and two books of designs, \$ 1.75



No. 3. $9\frac{7}{8} : 7 : 2\frac{1}{8}$. With 307 Tablets,
five colors and three books
of designs \$ 2.50



No. 4. $12\frac{3}{8} : 9\frac{1}{4} : 1\frac{1}{2}$ inches.
With 410 Tablets in five
colors and four books of
designs \$ 3.50



No. 6. $13\frac{1}{2} : 9\frac{3}{8} : 2\frac{1}{8}$
inches. With 648 Tablets
in five colors and
six books of designs.
\$ 6.00

Richter's Puzzles.

VARIETY is said to be the spice of life and it is certainly the crowning fascination of the Richter Puzzles. Almost all other puzzles before the public present but one problem each and when that is mastered interest in the puzzle naturally ceases.

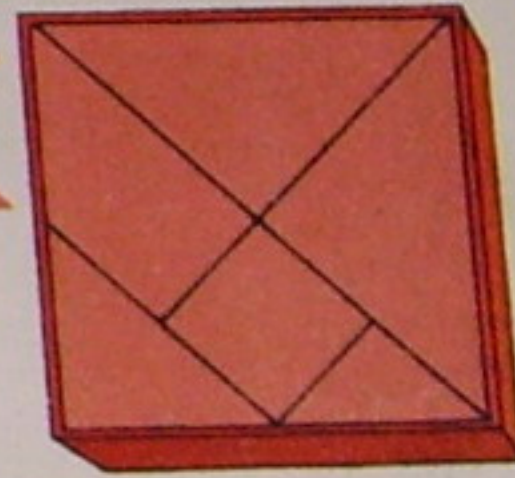
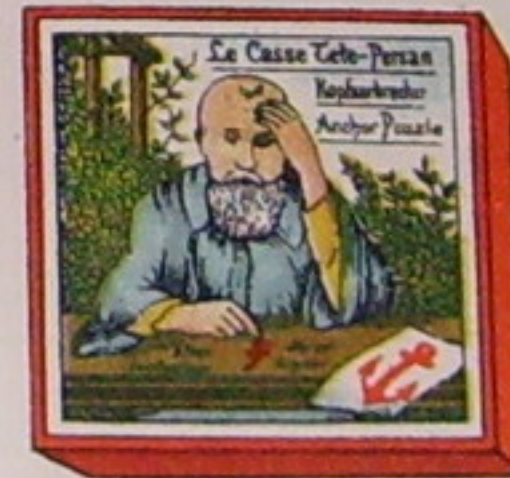
On the other hand any one of the Richter Puzzles offers dozens of mysteries according to the book of designs that goes with each box and anybody of common inventiveness and imagination can devise fresh puzzles for his own amusement and for the enjoyment and bewilderment of his friends. With a full set of the Richter Puzzles, hundreds of combinations can be made. They are equally interesting to children and to their elders.

The Richter Puzzles are made of reddish brown stones of various shapes, sizes and numbers. Each is packed in a neat box and with it comes a book of designs divided into two classes; those made with the stones in one box and others made with the stones of two different puzzles in combination. The player tries to reproduce the designs in the books exactly, and all the stones in one box must be used in every one of the single-box puzzles; all those in two boxes in every one of the combination puzzles.

Except the Star, which has 48 stones and is in a class by itself, the Richter Puzzles consist of from seven to ten stones each.

They are sold at a uniform price of 25 cents each, to which please add 5 cents for postage when ordering direct from the manufacturer. But when one dozen or more puzzles, either of one or several kinds, are called for in one order we will pay the postage.

Although it may seem at first glance that some of the designs in the books are pretty hard, a little ingenuity and perseverance will conquer all difficulties.



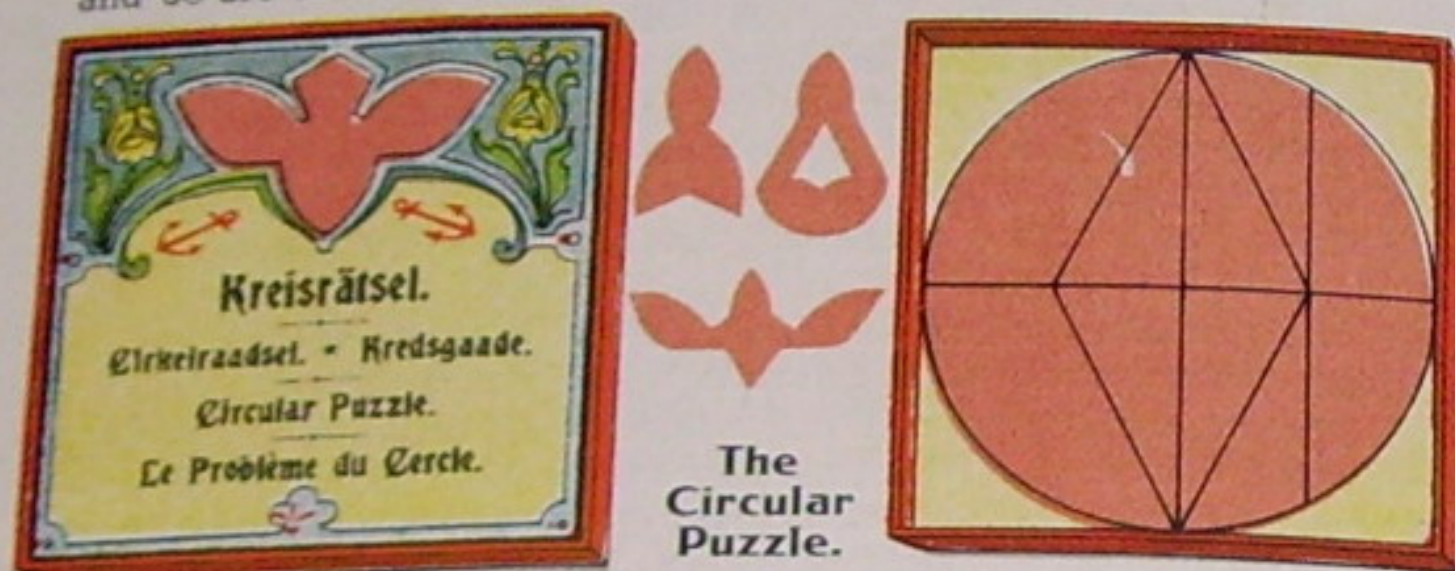
The Anchor Puzzle.

7 stones, 179 designs, including combinations with Circular, Cross, Pythagoras and Trouble Killer.
Some Anchor designs are shown above.



Be Quiet.

While working with this puzzle you will probably want every one around to keep quiet. The booklet of designs shows 120 set designs for the 10 stones in the box. 16 additional combination designs call for Patience Prover, The Sphinx, The Goblin and The Nine. Designs No. 64, 62 and 58 are shown from the book of designs.



The Circular Puzzle.

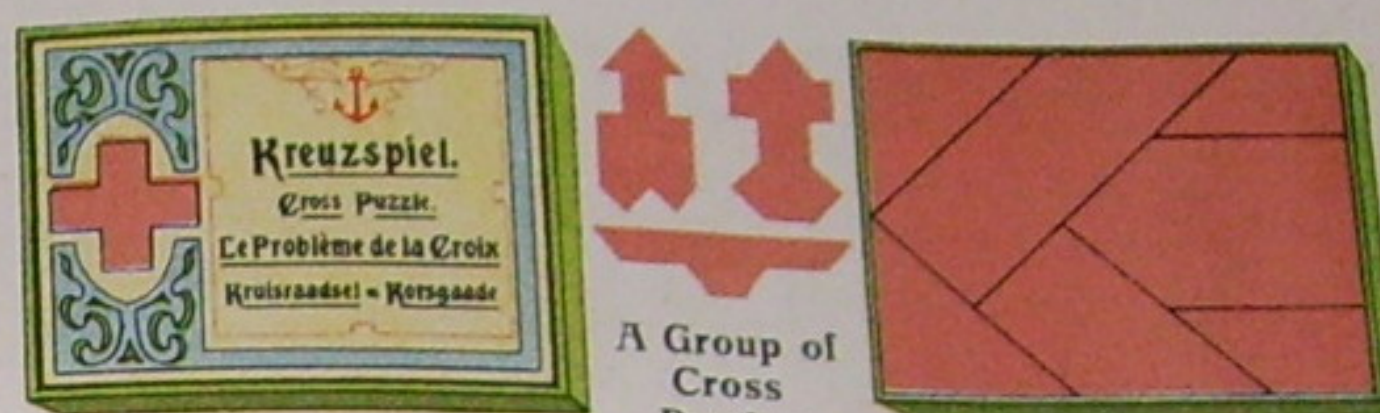
There are some fantastic problems and fanciful results with this puzzle of 10 stones. The book contains 105 set designs. This puzzle can be used in connection with The Anchor Puzzle, Pythagoras, The Tormentor and the Cross Puzzle. 16 combination designs come free with the book. Problems Nos. 77, 78 and 40 are shown from the book of designs.



Columbian Brain Testers.

The Columbian Puzzle.

9 stones, 95 designs and 16 combinations with the Circular, Not too Hasty, Trouble Killer and Wrath Breaker. The stones as packed in the box make an egg-shaped figure, recalling the familiar story of Christopher Columbus. How many shapes an egg may assume you will never know until you try to work this mystifying puzzle.



A Group of Cross Puzzles.

The Cross Puzzle.

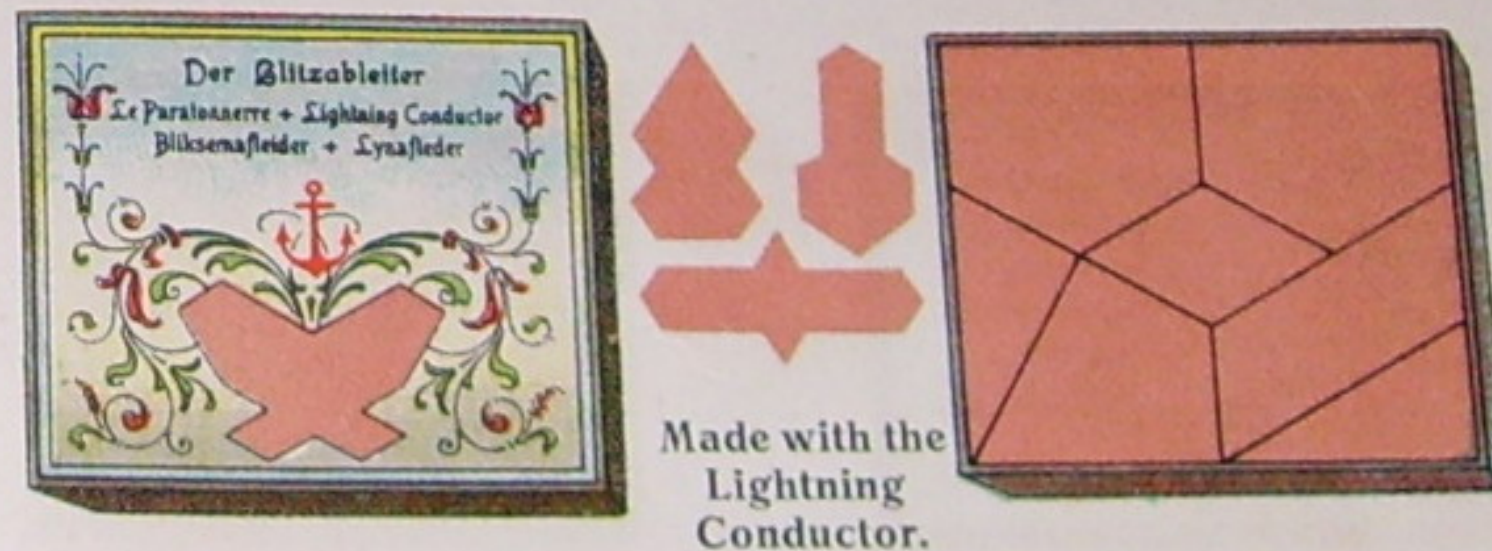
7 stones, 133 designs and 16 combinations with Circular, Lightning Conductor, Trouble Killer and Wrath Breaker. Pipes, a pistol, vases and candlesticks in fantastic forms are among the puzzles.



Examples of Goblin Puzzles.

Goblin.

This elusive puzzle consists of 7 stones with a book of 127 designs and 16 combinations with Be Quiet, The Nine, Patience Prover and Sphinx.



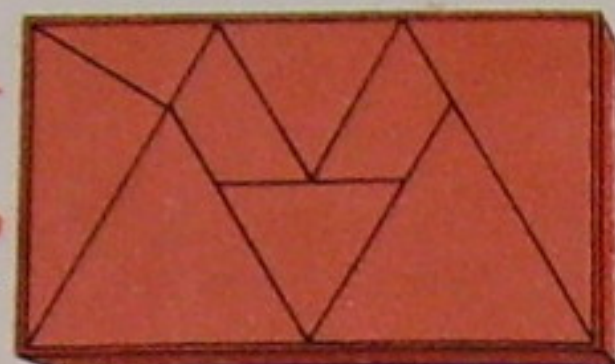
Made with the Lightning Conductor.

Lightning Conductor.

This puzzle which calls for such rapid thinking consists of 7 stones. The book of designs shows 124 problems and 16 combinations with Anchor, Pythagoras, Trouble Killer and Wrath Breaker.



Puzzles made with The Nine.

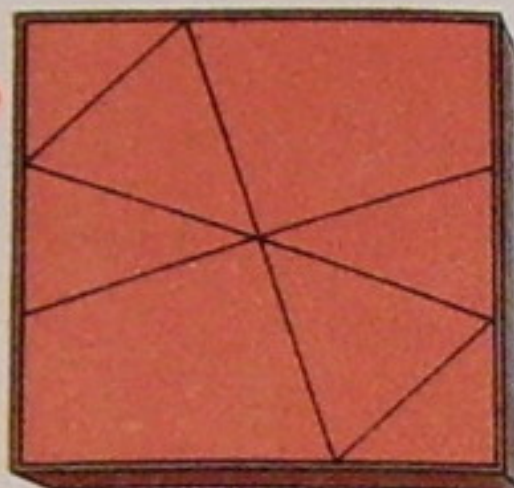


The Nine.

9 stones, 125 set designs and 16 combinations with Be Quiet, Goblin, Patience Prover.



Not too Hasty Problems.

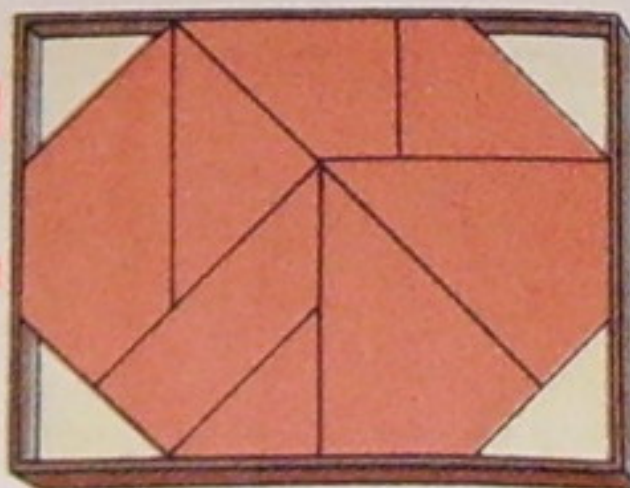


Not too Hasty.

True, it does take a little time to work these problems. This puzzle which is not used in combination with any other consists of eight stones and the book of designs shows 89 puzzles.

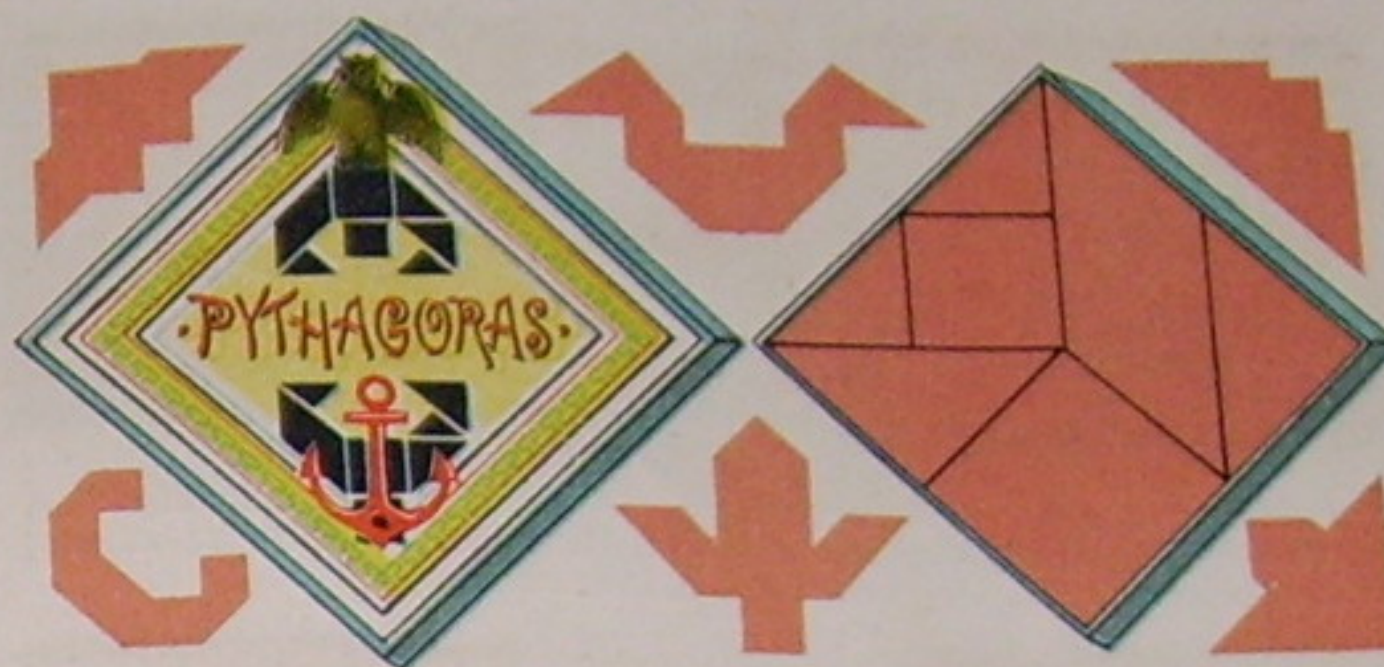


Two Patience Provers.



Patience Prover.

Designed to test the most patient, consists of eight stones. The book shows 114 designs and combinations with Columbian, Cross, Pythagoras, Wrath Breaker.



Pythagoras.

Seven stones, 181 designs and 16 combinations with Anchor, Circular, Cross and Tormentor.



The Sphinx.

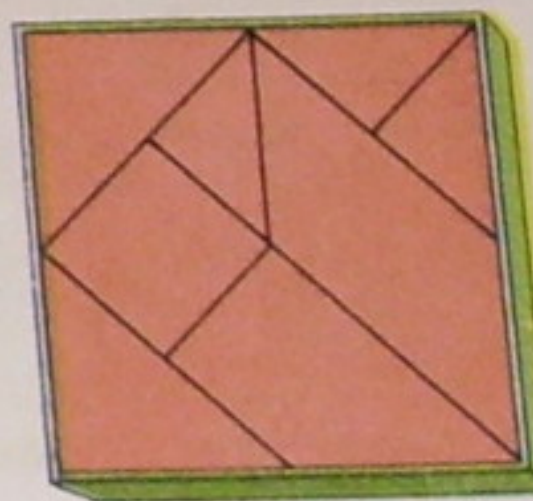
Sometimes this puzzle of 7 stones may seem more mysterious than the old Egyptian figure but its riddles are not so hard to solve. The booklet that accompanies each box gives 119 designs and 16 combination figures with the Patience Prover, The Nine and Be Quiet.



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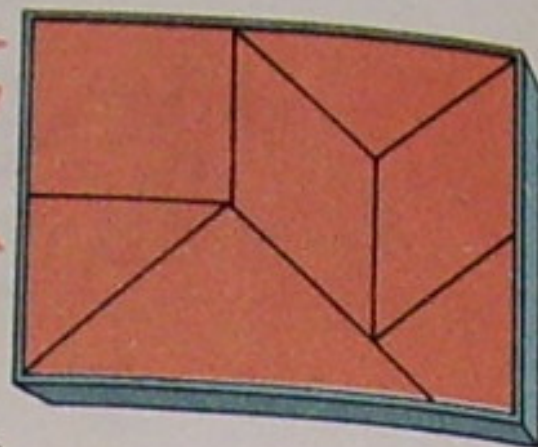


Tormentors to be mastered.



Tormentor.

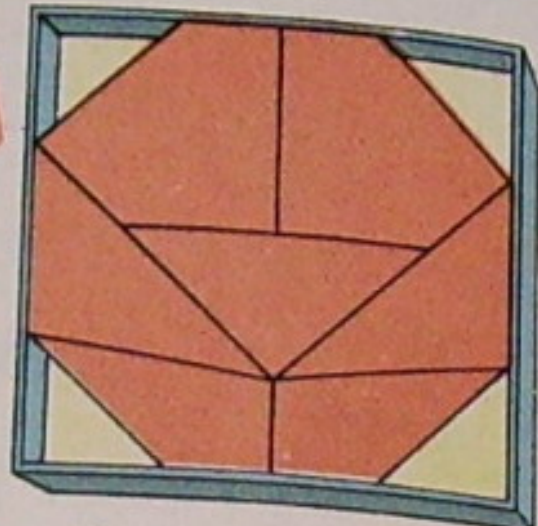
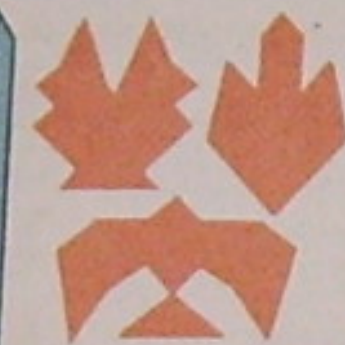
Impatient people gave this puzzle its name. It has eight stones, 158 designs and also 16 combinations with Anchor, Circular, Cross and Pythagoras. The alphabet and figures from 1 to 0 can be made with this puzzle.



Specimen
Trouble
Killers.

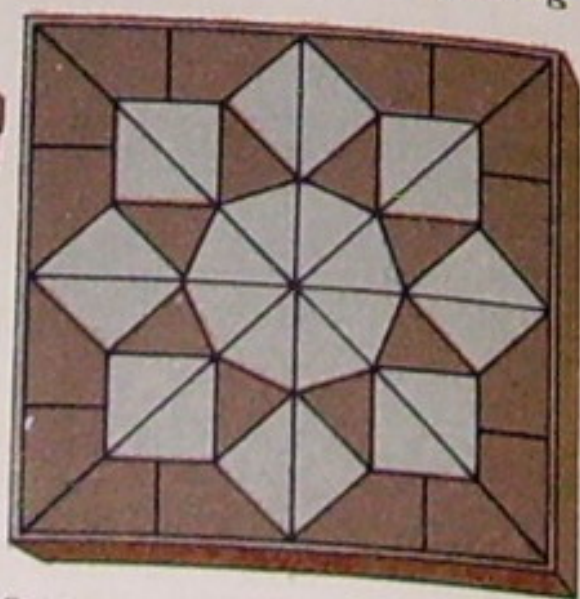
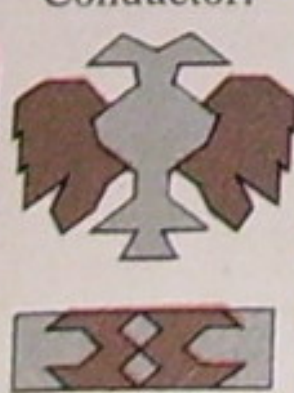
Trouble Killer.

Seven stones, 92 designs and also 16 combinations with Circular, Columbian, Lightning Conductor, Wrath Breaker. Most of the puzzles in the book look simpler than those illustrated here, but . . .



The
Wrath
Breaker.

This puzzle designed to appease the most tempestuous wrath is shown in 97 problems in the booklet of designs that accompanies each box. 16 combination designs are given for using this set of stones in connection with The Circular Puzzle, The Tormentor, The Trouble Killer, and the Lightning Conductor.



The
Star Puzzle.

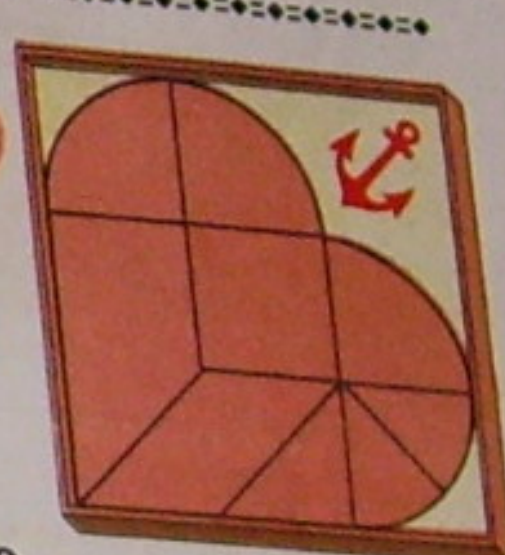
This fascinating puzzle is composed of 48 stones of 3 shapes. Some of the stones are black and some are gray. These colors are intended to afford a study in monotone besides furnishing the almost endless problems of design their shapes and sizes permit. The booklet that accompanies each box contains 153 puzzles. Designs Nos. 9 and 132 are shown here as samples of the 153 puzzles given in the book of designs. Price of the Star Puzzle 40 cents or 47 cents by mail.

The colors of the Saturn Game stones are soft like those of worsteds used in fancy needlework. This subdued coloring with the varying thickness of different parts of the design, gives the Saturn game patterns a strong resemblance to elaborate crochet work.



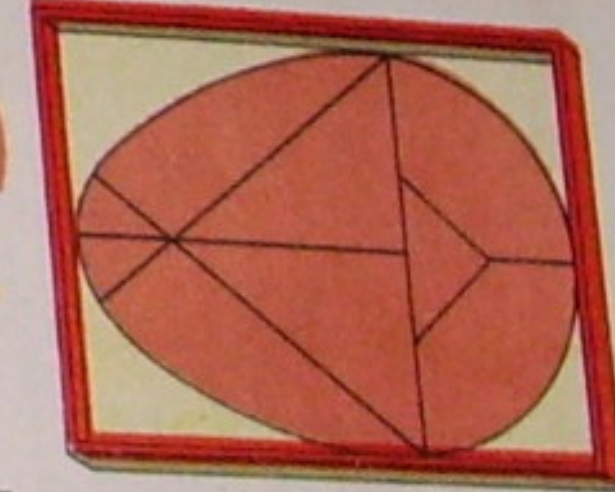
A book of designs goes with each paper, carpets, rugs and jewelry are developed with the Saturn Game.

Price: \$ 2.—



Heart Puzzle.

This puzzle, which is not used in combination with any other, consists of nine stones and the book of designs shows 98 puzzles.



Magic-Egg.

This puzzle, which is not used in combination with any other, consists of nine stones and the book of designs shows 105 puzzles.



Embroidering with Blocks
or
The Type Embroiderer
"Karola".

An instructive laying game of especially formed blocks in five colors for



devising new embroidery patterns in several colors resembling artistic embroidery done in yarn on real material.

Price list:

No. 0	Superfine paper box	containing	165	embroidery types	\$ —.50
No. 1	"	"	233	"	\$ 1.—
No. 2	"	"	337	"	\$ 1.50
No. 3	"	wooden box	449	"	\$ 2.—
No. 4	"	"	579	"	\$ 3.—
No. 5	"	"	1058	"	\$ 4.—



Puzzle Parties-A new social amusement.

WITH the growing popularity of Richter puzzles has sprung up a new amusement in the shape of the puzzle party. The hostess supplies a suitable number and assortment of Richter Puzzles and competitions are arranged in four ways, as follows:

I. Each contestant selects a puzzle which must be different from that of any competitor, and must be announced before the beginning of the game. At a signal from the umpire play begins. Whoever solves his problem first wins, or prizes may be given to all who finish within an agreed time, say fifteen minutes.

II. The second game is like the first except that instead of working on different puzzles all the players attack the same one, which may be chosen in any way agreeable to the company.

III. The players divide themselves into two teams equal in numbers. Each player takes a separate puzzle and the side which makes the greater number of correct solutions in the time agreed on wins.

IV. Consultation games with combination puzzles, each calling for two boxes, like Anchor and Cross or Wrath Breaker and Tormentor. Two or more players work at each puzzle in consultation and honors go to the team solving a problem in the shortest time.

One rule never to be lost sight of is that the solution of a puzzle must be exact.

Puzzle Solutions.

Many of these puzzles are so hard that the solutions are not easily remembered. You may solve once and fail the next time you try. For this reason players often wish to preserve a key once found. We have provided additional copies of all books of design in which to mark the solutions. Any of these can be secured by sending us 6 cents in stamps.

If you want a book of keys already made, to save the trouble of making your own keys, send us 12 cents in stamps and it will be sent to you postpaid.

