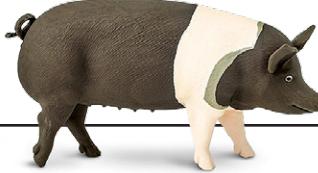


A PUZZLING CONCLUSION

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An Enigmatic Response

When Isadore got home from checking out the stockyards at the new Hamilton and North Western Railway station in Palgrave, his father asked if it was true the yards were built in a rather unusual design. "Sure are!" Izzy told him. "There are four pens set up for pigs, and when I was there today I counted 21 pigs in them, with an odd number in each pen. Can you imagine that?"

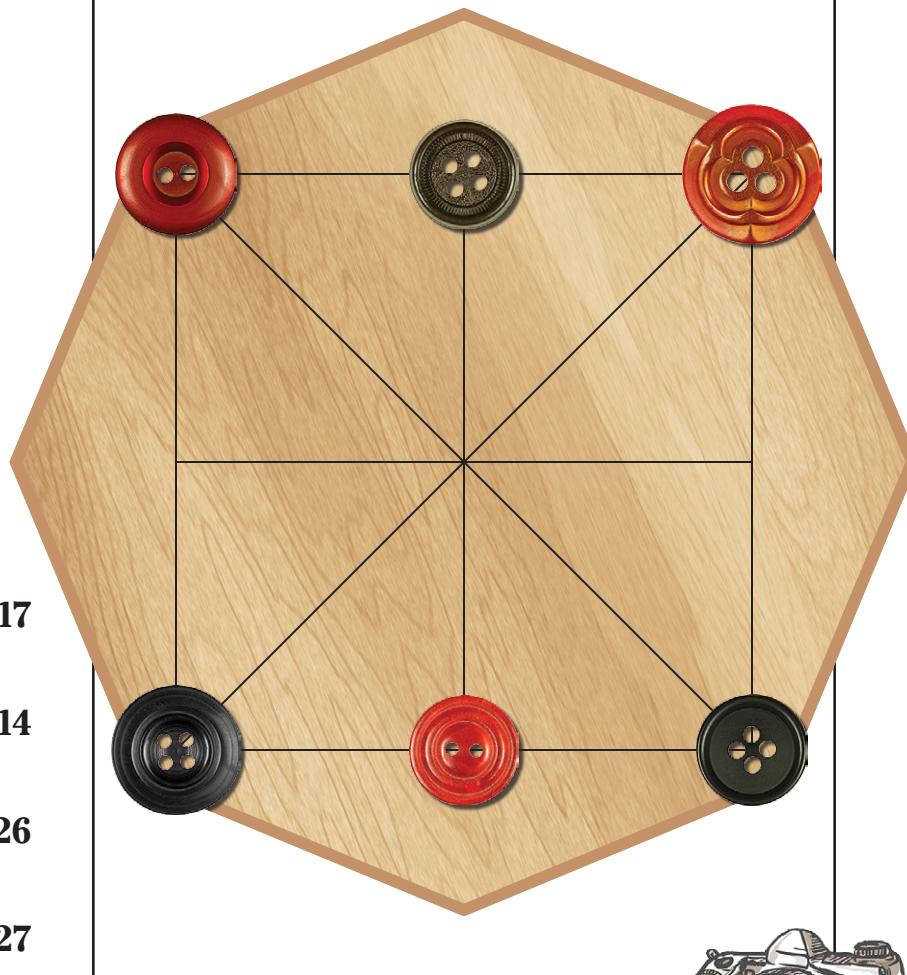
Can you?

Adding Suits

The four playing card suits in this matrix each represent four different numerals between 1 and 10. The sums at the right of each row and at the base of each column are the result of adding the numerical suit values.

What is the sum of the column on the right?

Heart	Heart	Spade	Diamond	
Club	Heart	Diamond	Heart	
Spade	Diamond	Spade	Club	
Heart	Club	Spade	Spade	
21	14	29	?	



Holly Needs Help

Holly was having a banner year attracting new clients, which might explain why she instinctively made mental notes on the four people she met in the kitchen at her neighbour's Christmas party. She noted, for example, that one of the four was a photographer, another was a singer, a third sold cars, and the fourth person was a banker. Within a few minutes of introducing herself to Mr. Creemore and Ms. Hockley (the other two were Mr. Caledon and Mr. Erin), she felt she might have met more potential new clients.

However, the next day Holly couldn't remember which person did what for a living, and although her neighbour was reluctant to reveal private information, he consented to give her these clues.

Use the clues to help Holly determine who does what.

In the previous summer, Mr. Caledon had approached the banker for a loan.

Ms. Hockley is planning to engage the photographer's services for her wedding.

The singer and Mr. Caledon are pals and avoid ever doing business together.

Neither Mr. Erin nor the singer had met Mr. Creemore until that Christmas party.