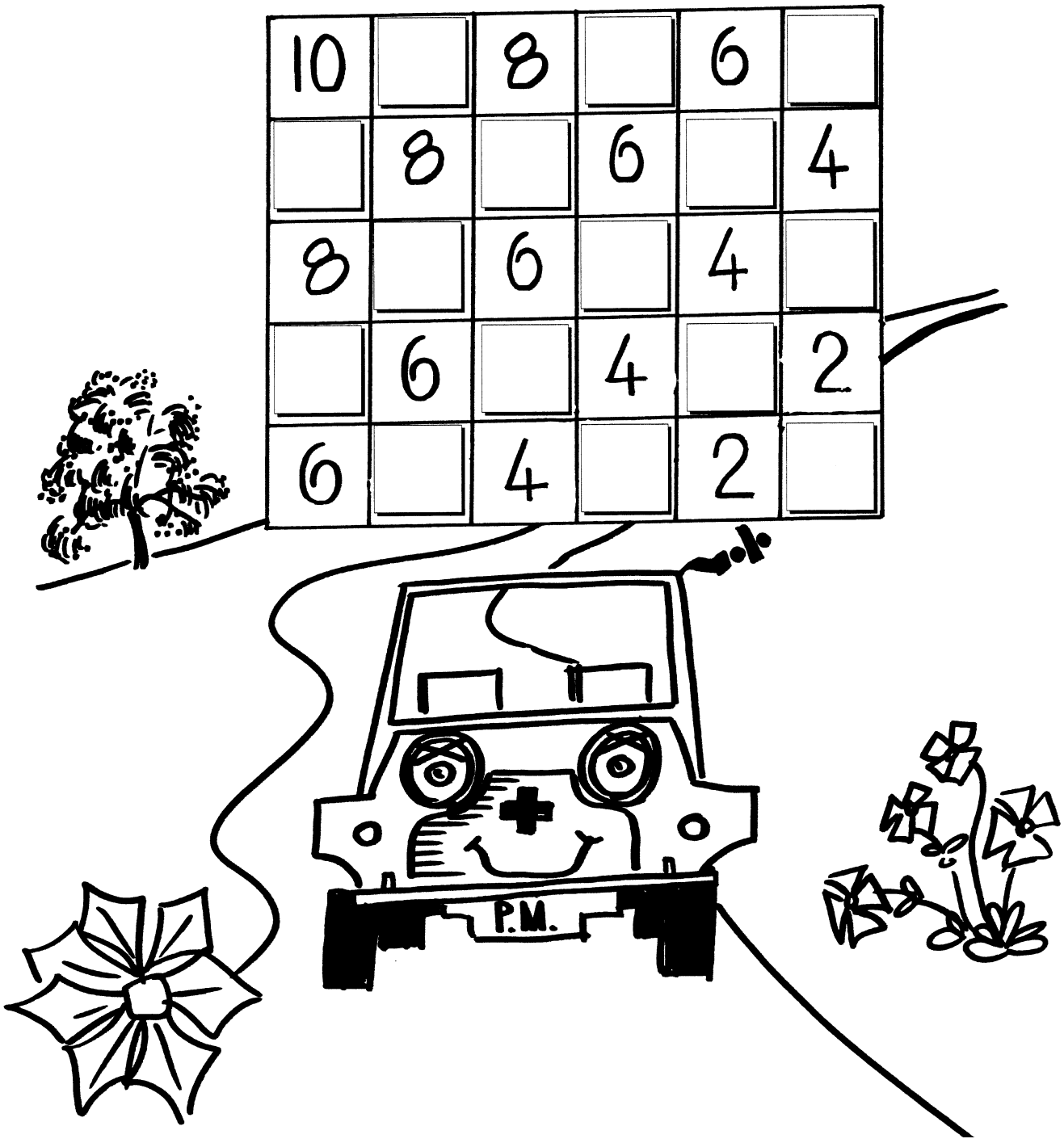
Look closely now and you will find
The numbers I have hid.
They're special ones and can be found
By any little kid.

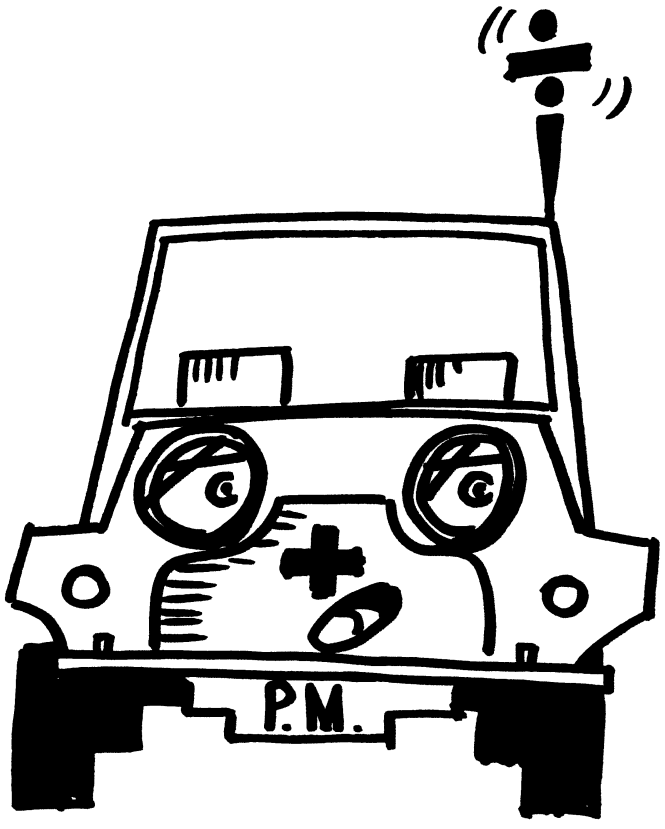


Many numbers now have gone,
But many I am leavin'.
When you find the missing ones
You'll know that they are _____.

	9		7		5
9		7		5	
	7		5		3
7		5		3	
	5		3		1

Right arrow tells you add on two.
I wonder what the left will do?

1 ⇄	3 →	5 ⇄	7 →	9
4	6	8	10	12
7	9	11	13	15
10	12	14	16	18



Up arrow tells you take off three.
I wonder what the down could be?

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4	6	8	10	12
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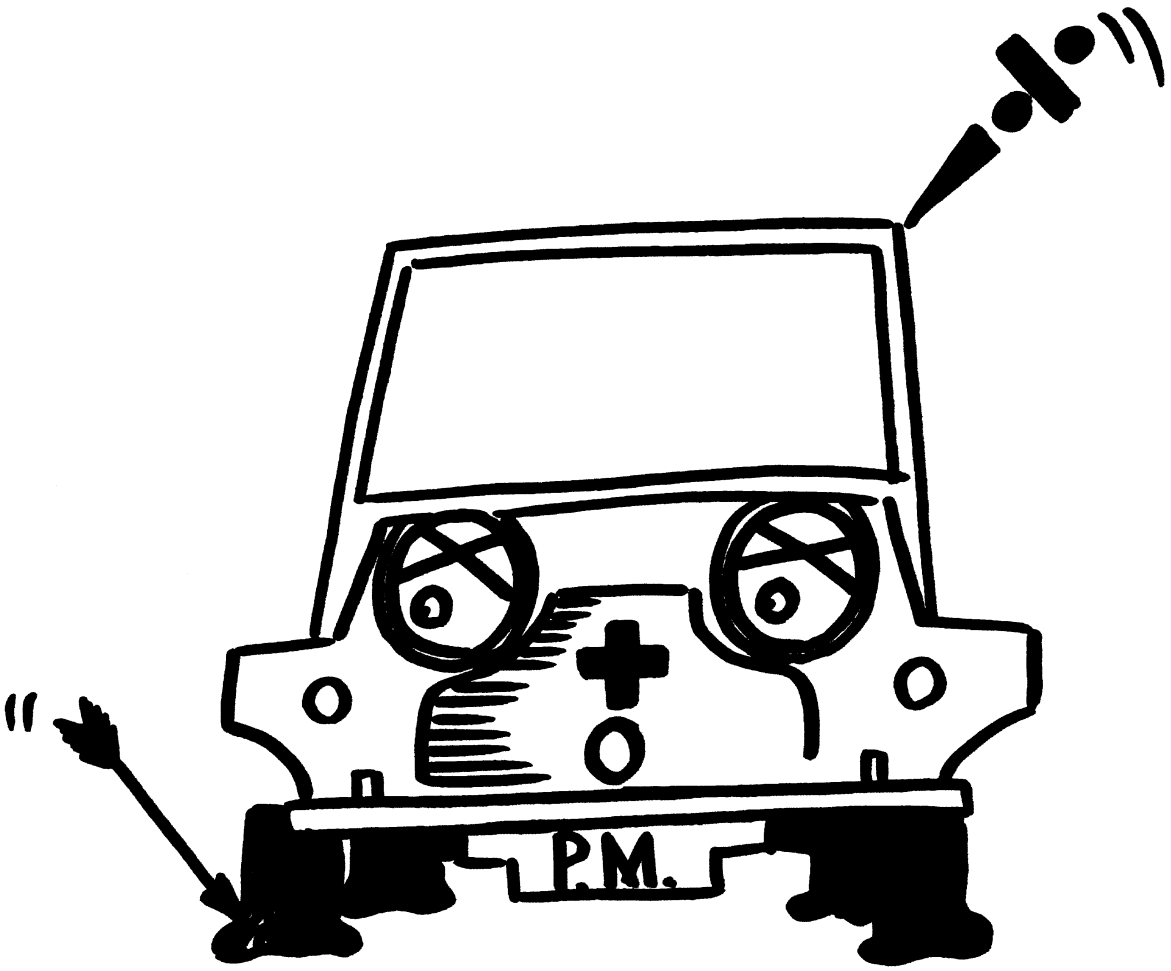
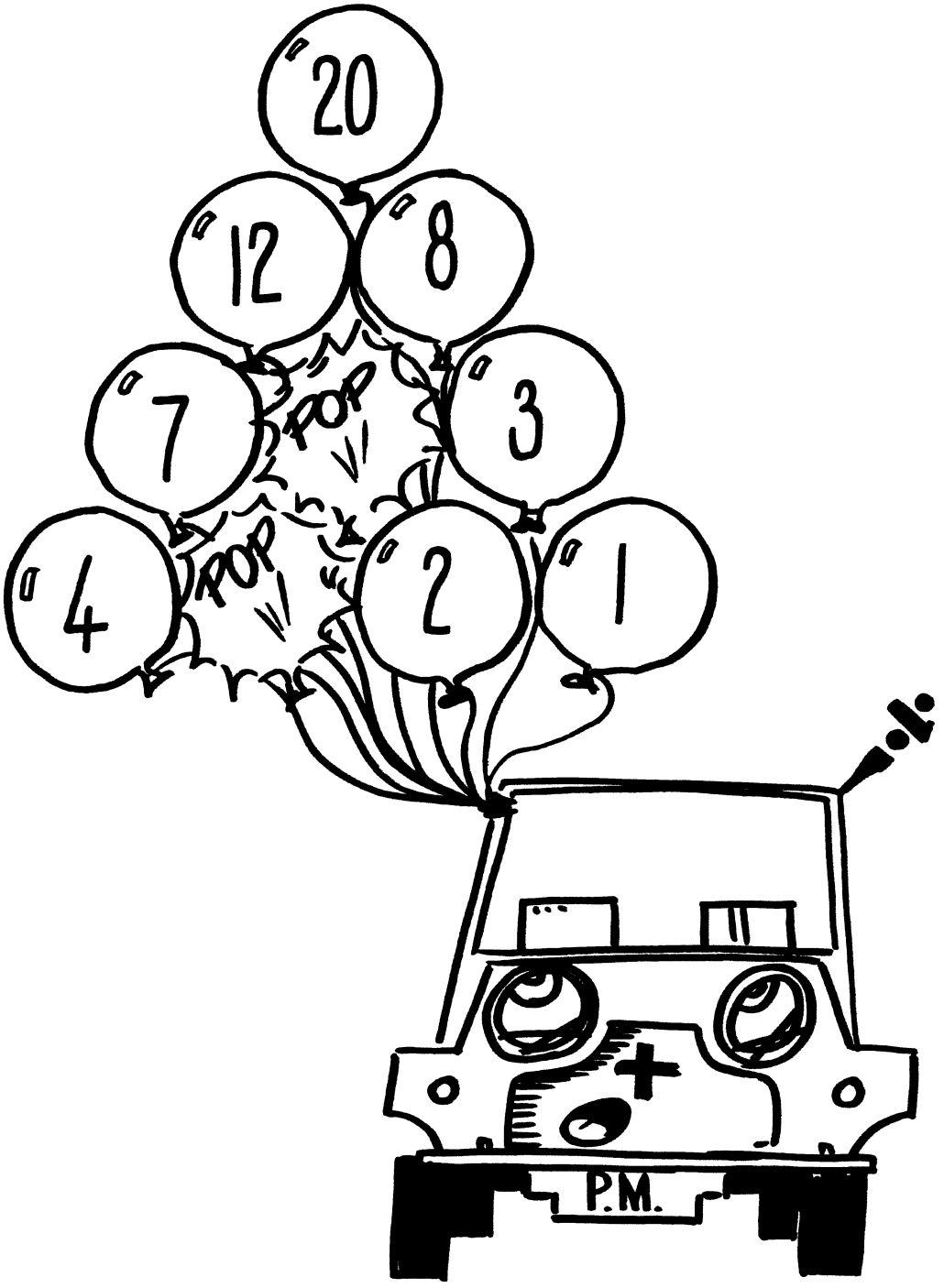
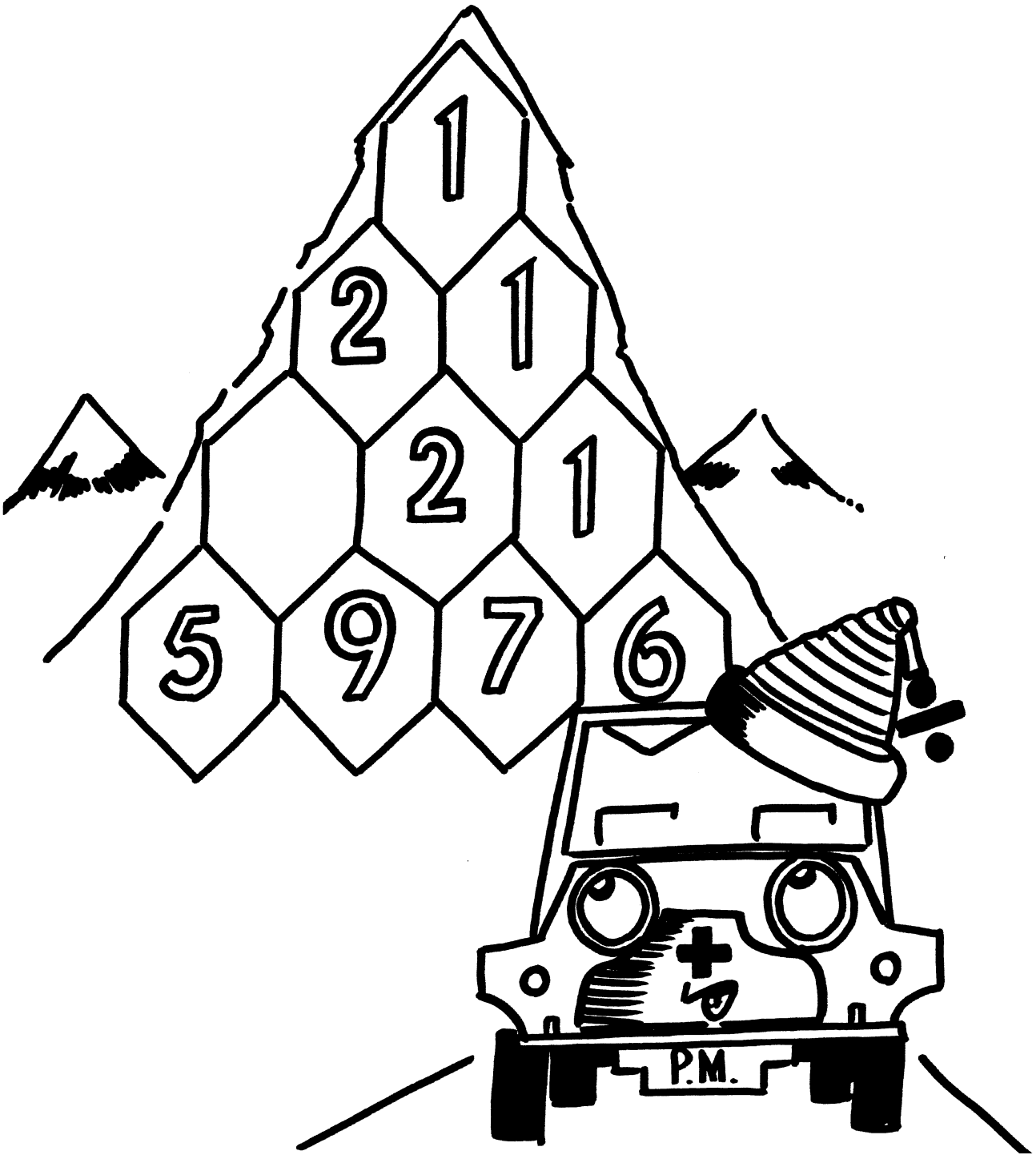
10	12	14	16	18



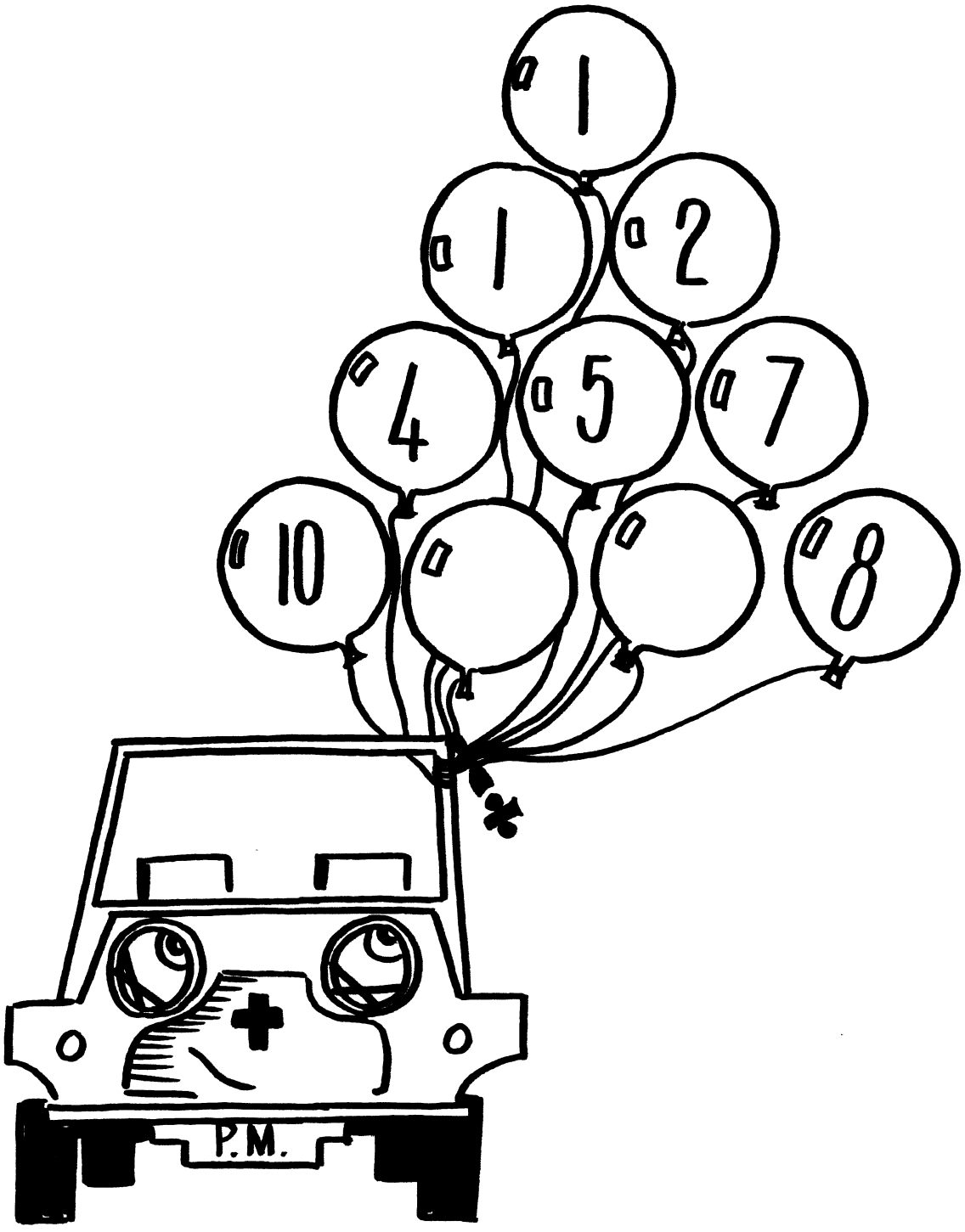
I have my little secrets;
Here's another one to do.
Two numbers have gone missing
To make it hard for you.



There's a difference in my mountain
And to fill the empty space,
You have to try to understand
The change that's taken place.

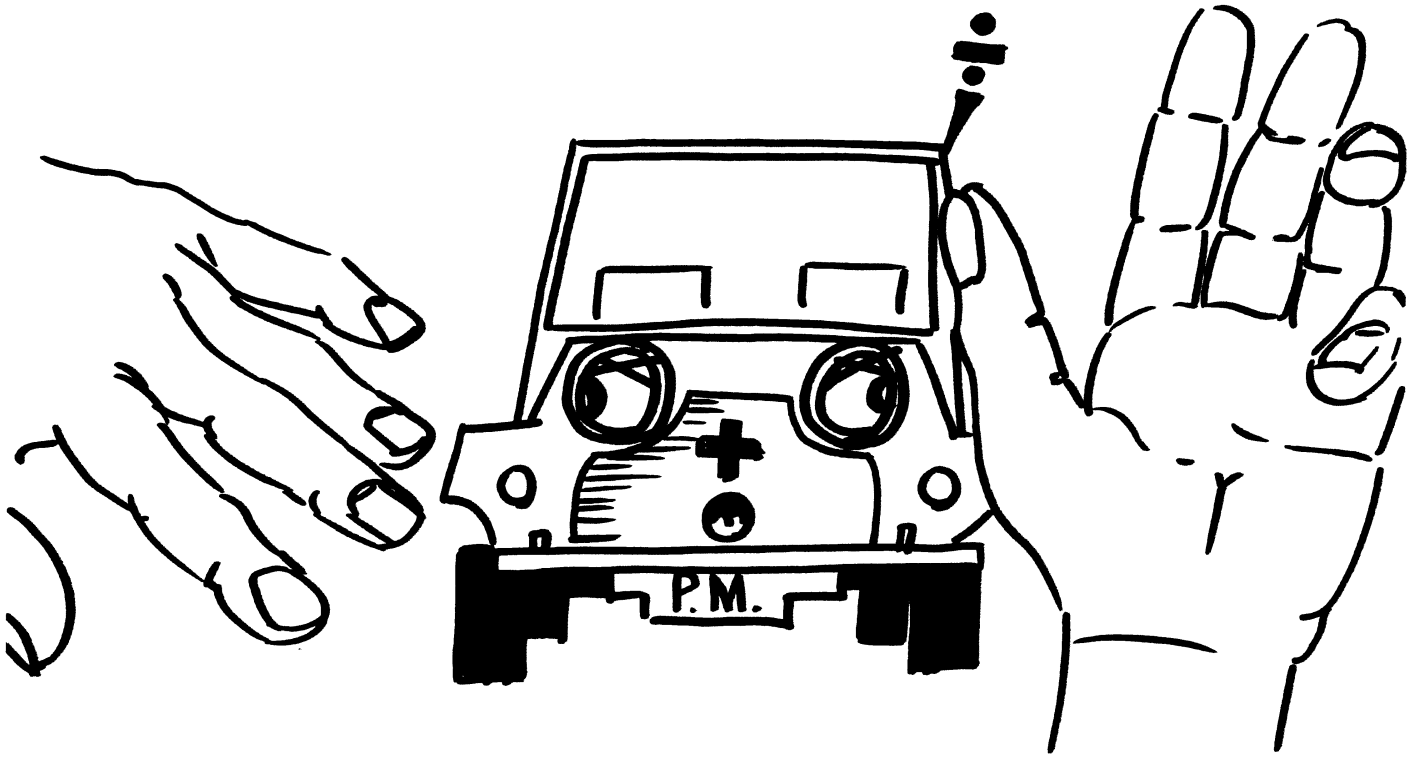


Now you have seen the difference,
Try using it below
To find the missing numbers.
Come on now have a go.



If I had four hands my friend,
Five fingers stuck on each,
And counted all the fingers there
What number would I reach?

(*That gives you 'thumb'-thing to think about.*)



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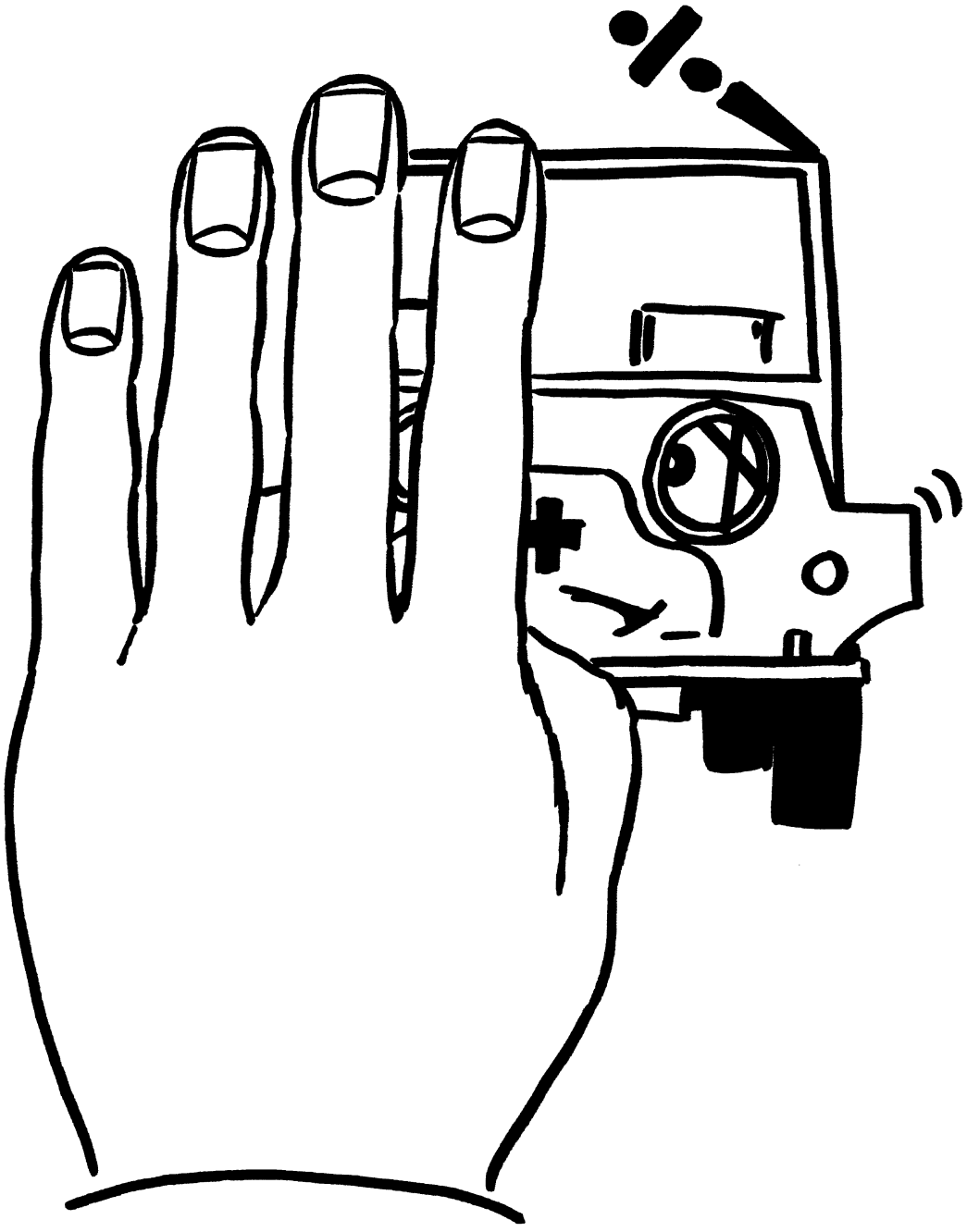
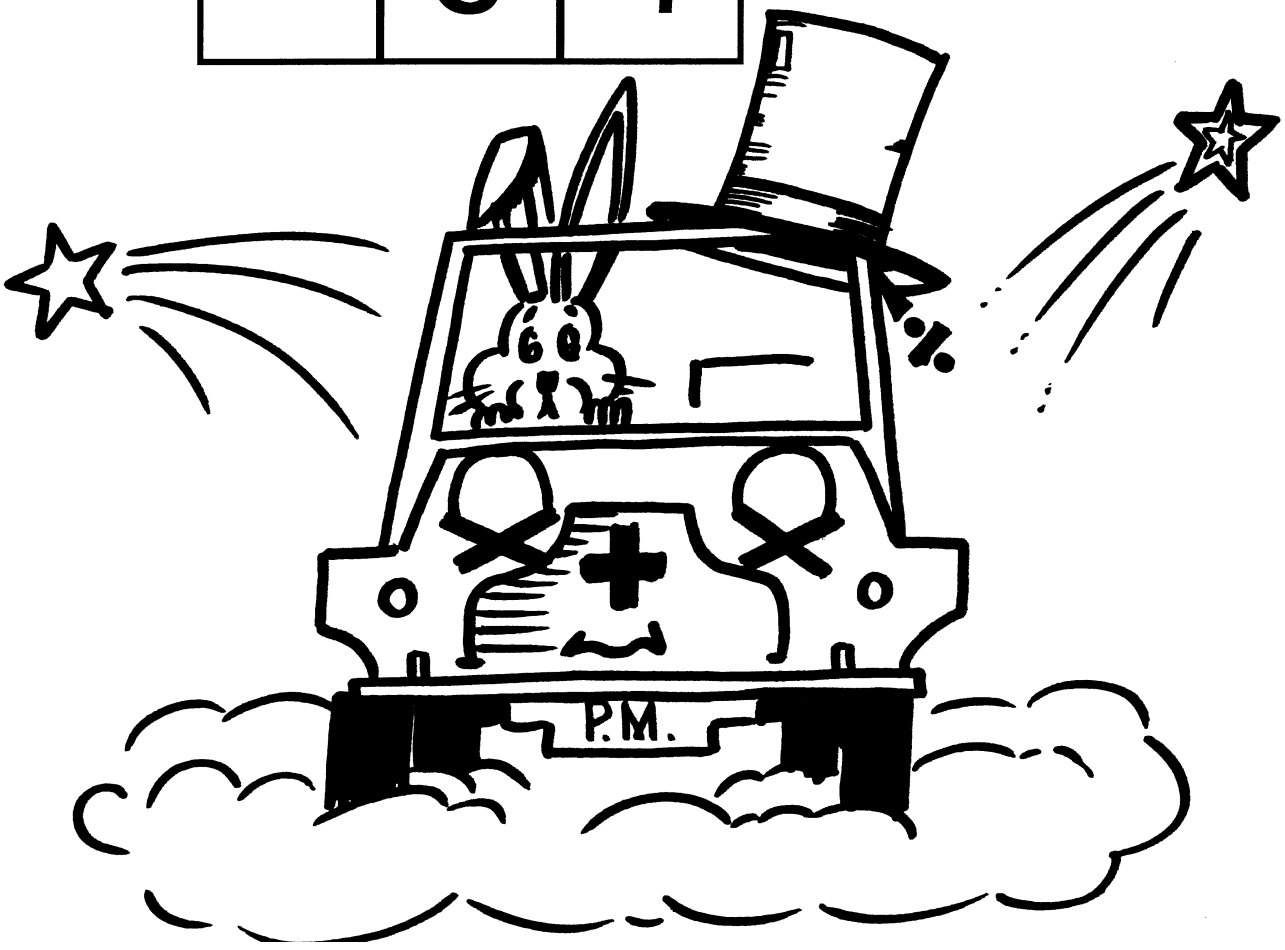
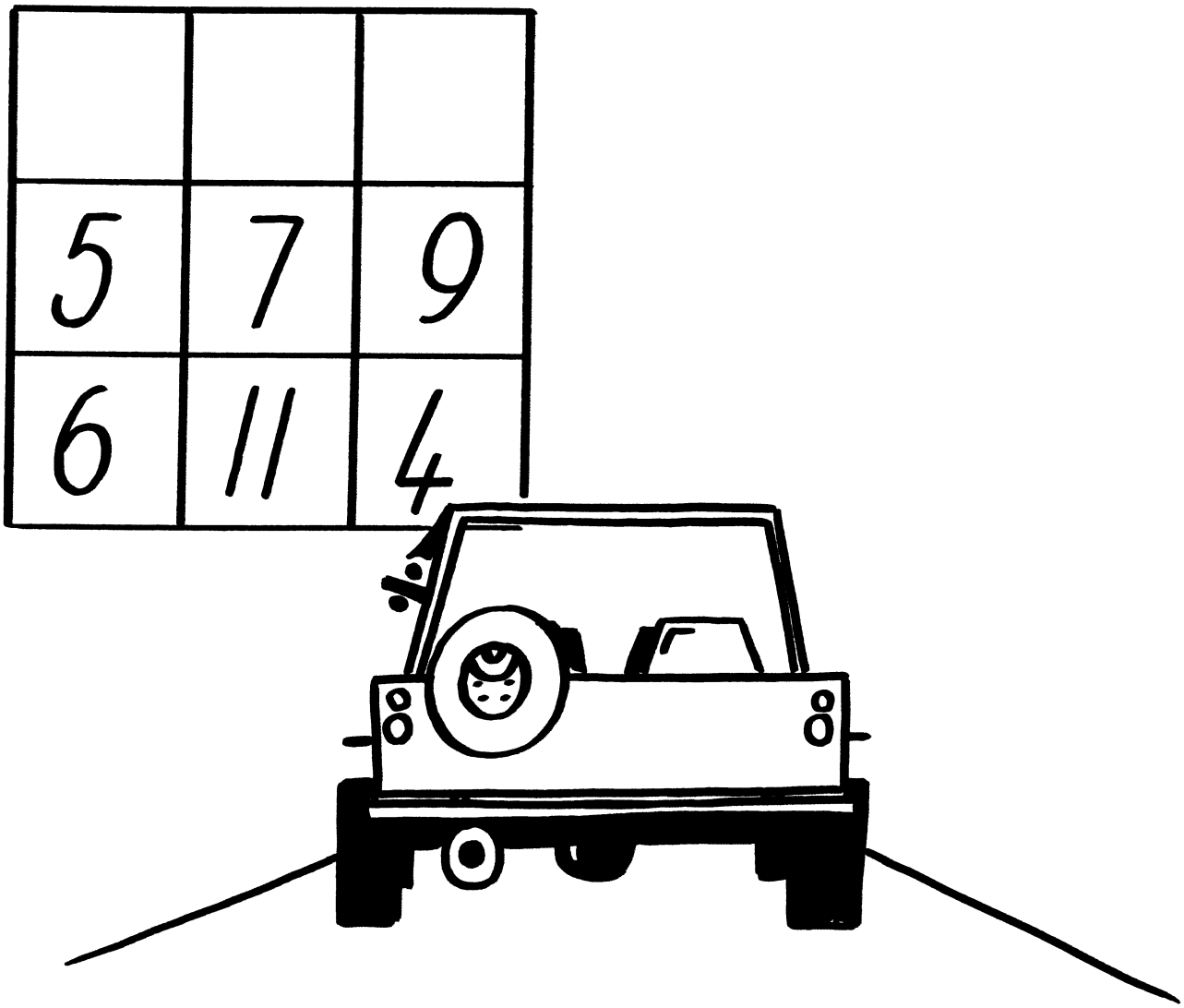


I'm a Magic Square they say
And if you look the sloping way,
You'll know how much each line will be,
Then you can find the missing three.

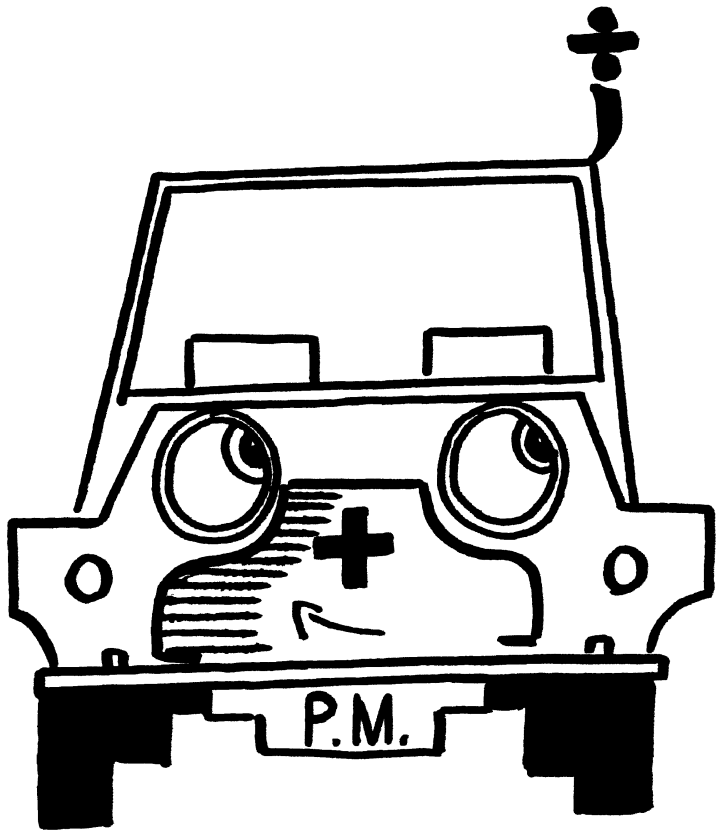
6		2
1	5	
	3	4



Another Magic Square to do
If you know the counting clue.



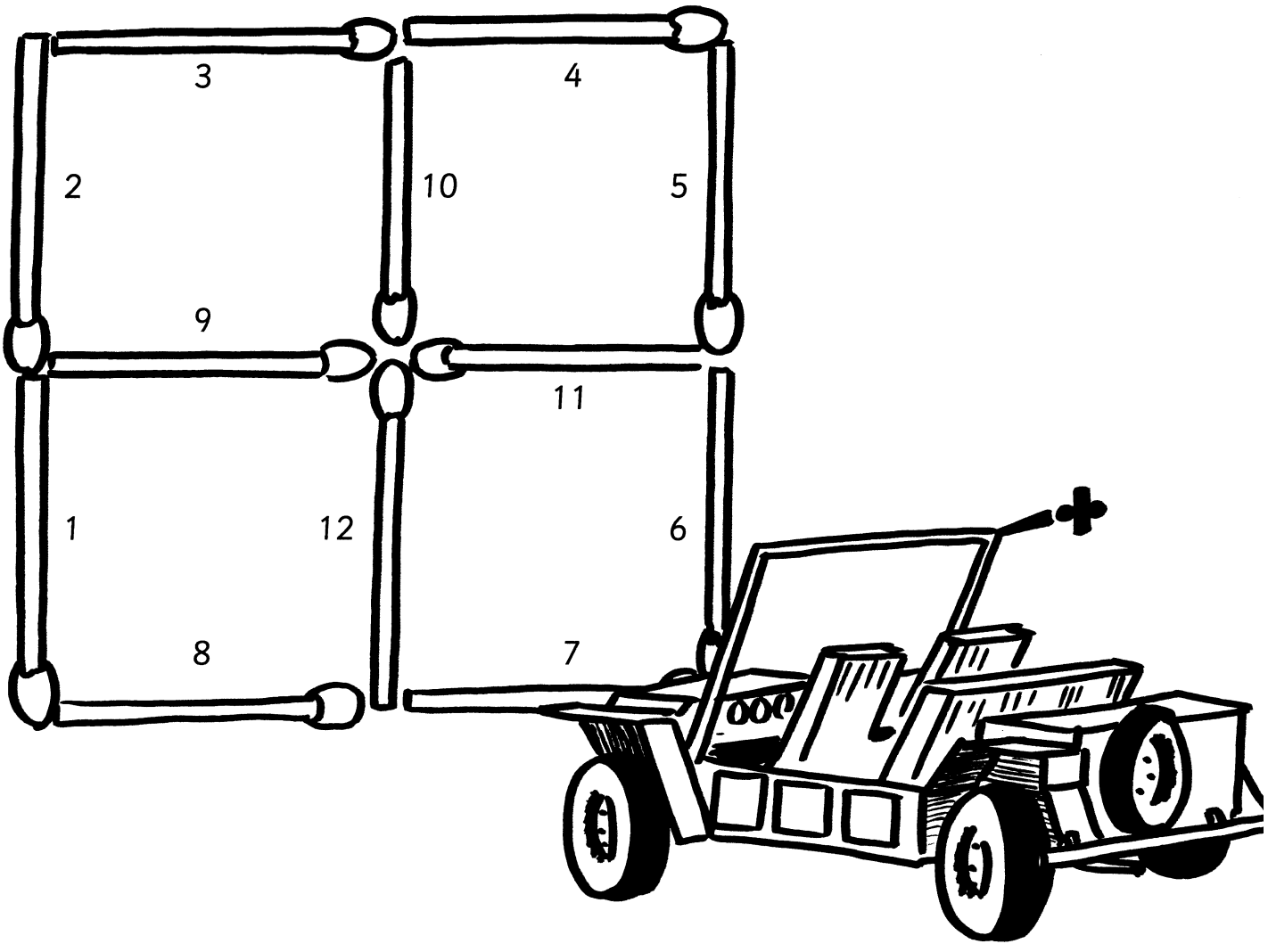
Can you finish the Magic Square
So it sums to 42 everywhere?
Three to eighteen are the digits to use.
Get yourself started -
there are no more clues.



			5
	11	18	4
		7	
		3	

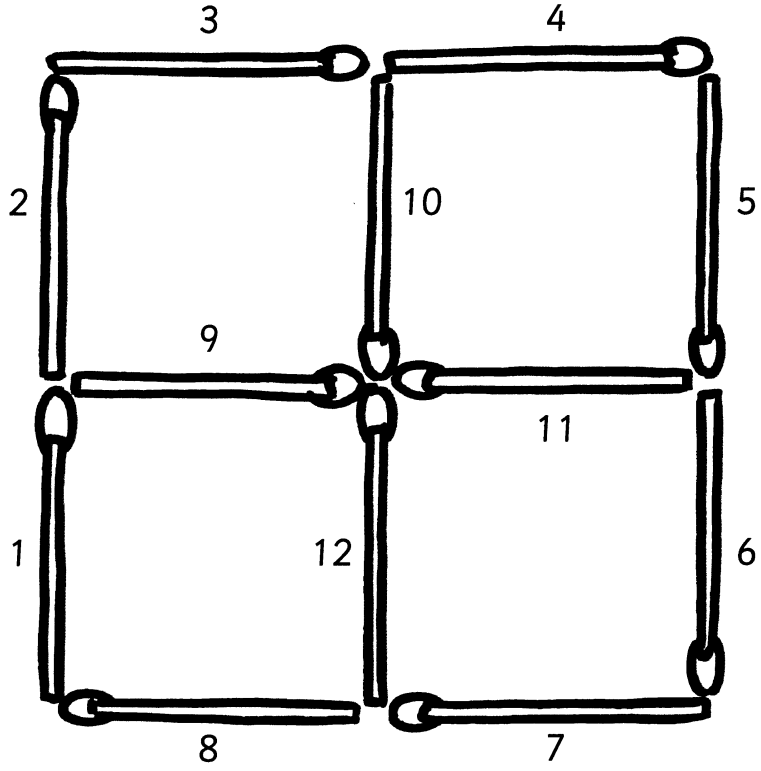
Now here's a different puzzle
For bright sparks we might know.
You must leave me just two squares
By making two sticks go.

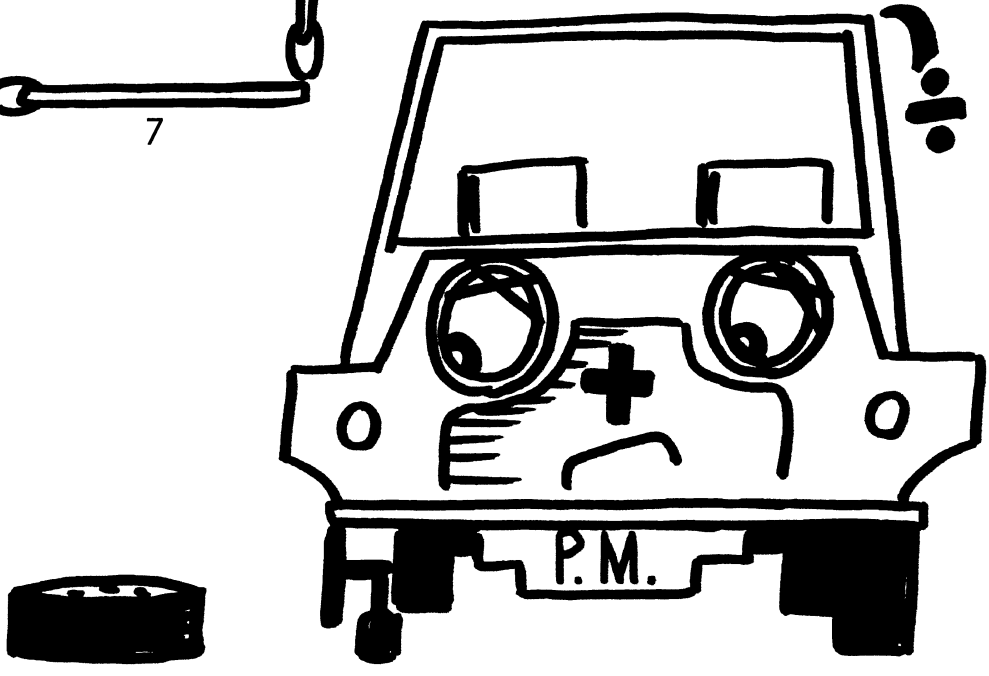
Which ones?



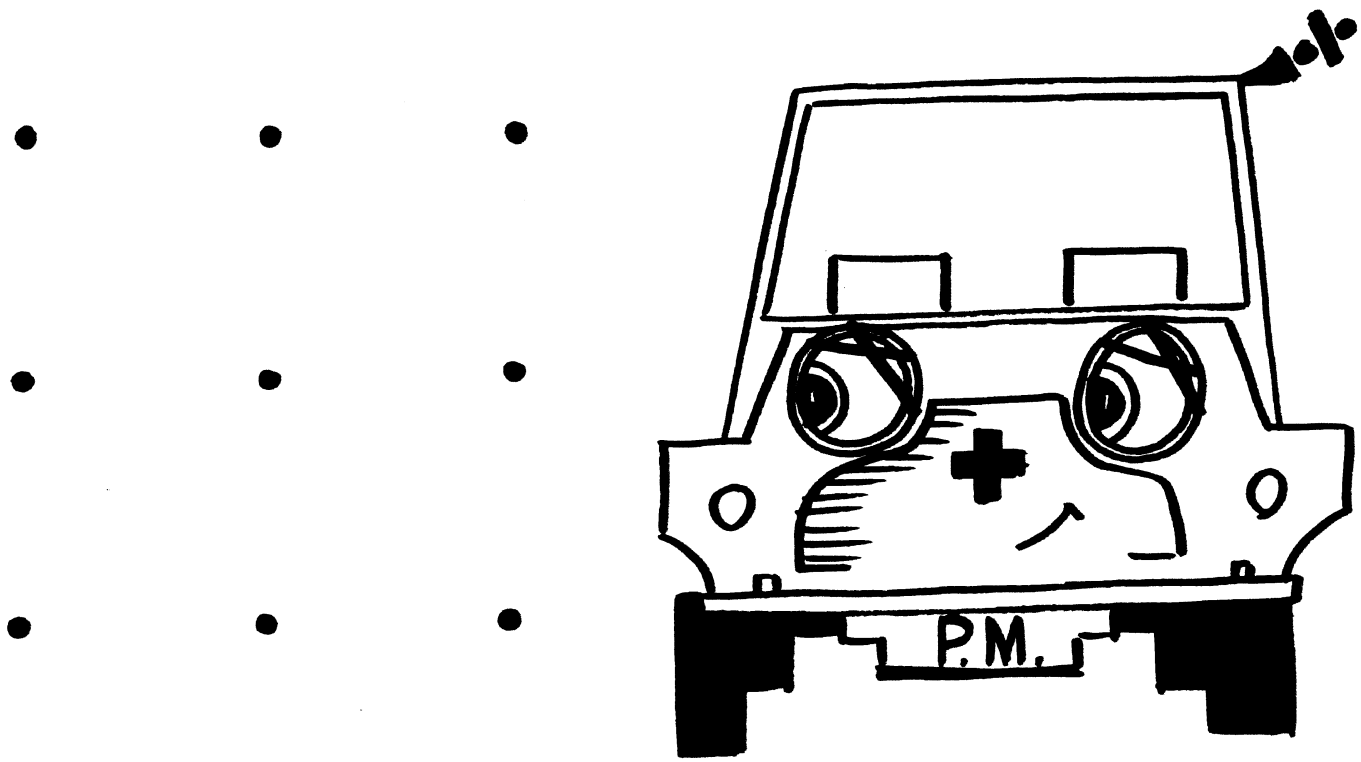
Shift two matches to somewhere else
To make seven squares all by yourself.

Which matches to where?



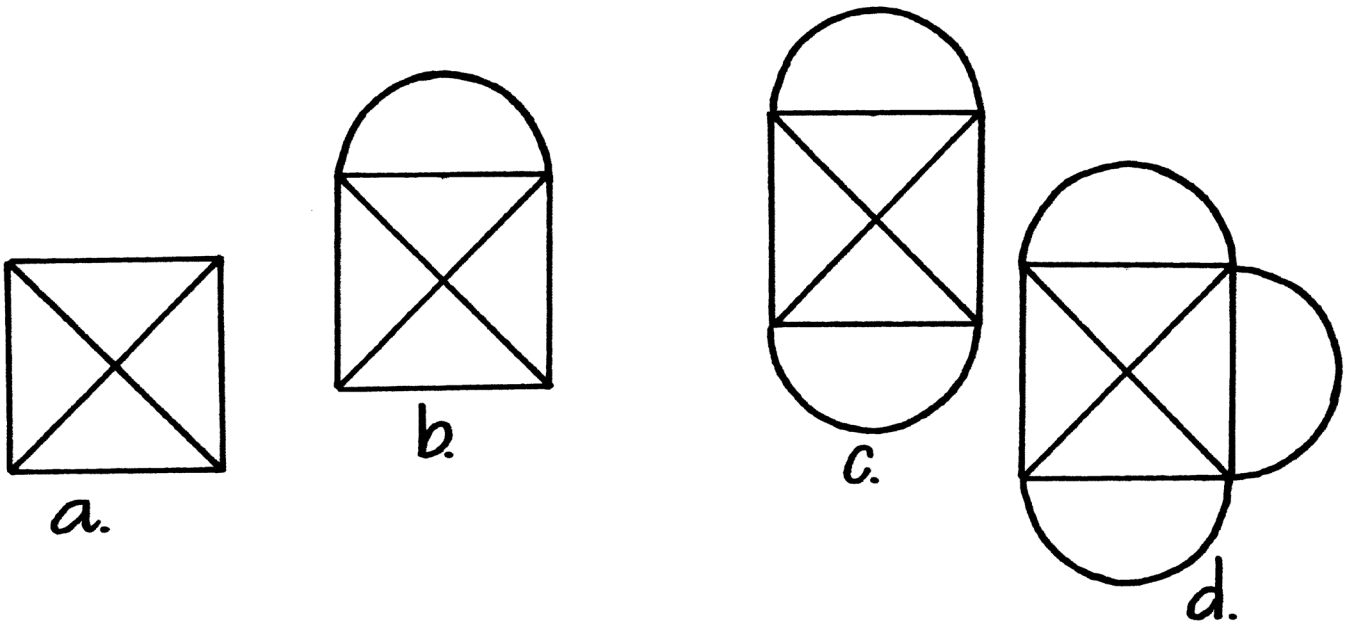


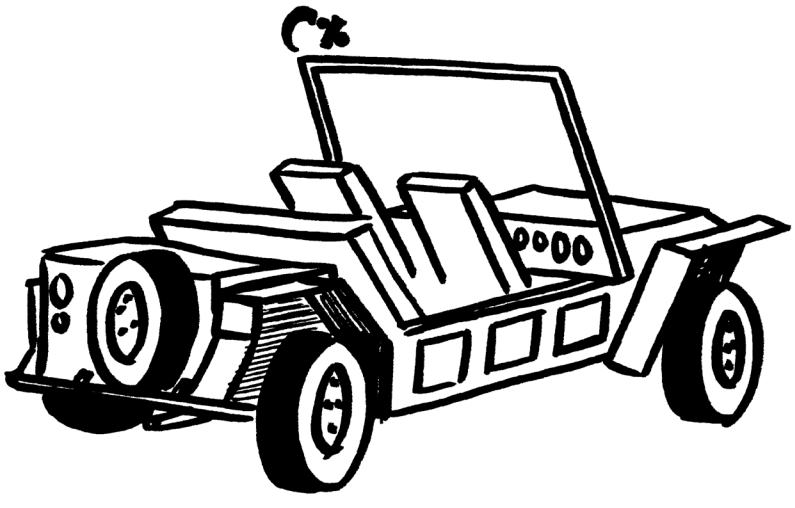
Lifting your pencil means you're a cheat,
But 4 straight lines looking really neat
Must be drawn through all the dots.
I hope you don't tie your fingers in knots!

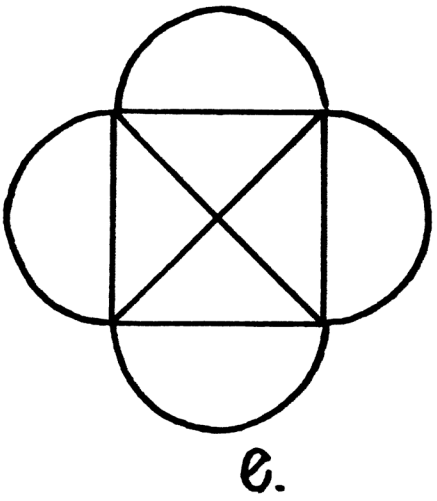


Some paths here you can traverse
and arrive at where you start,
Without going over the same route twice,
not even a little part.

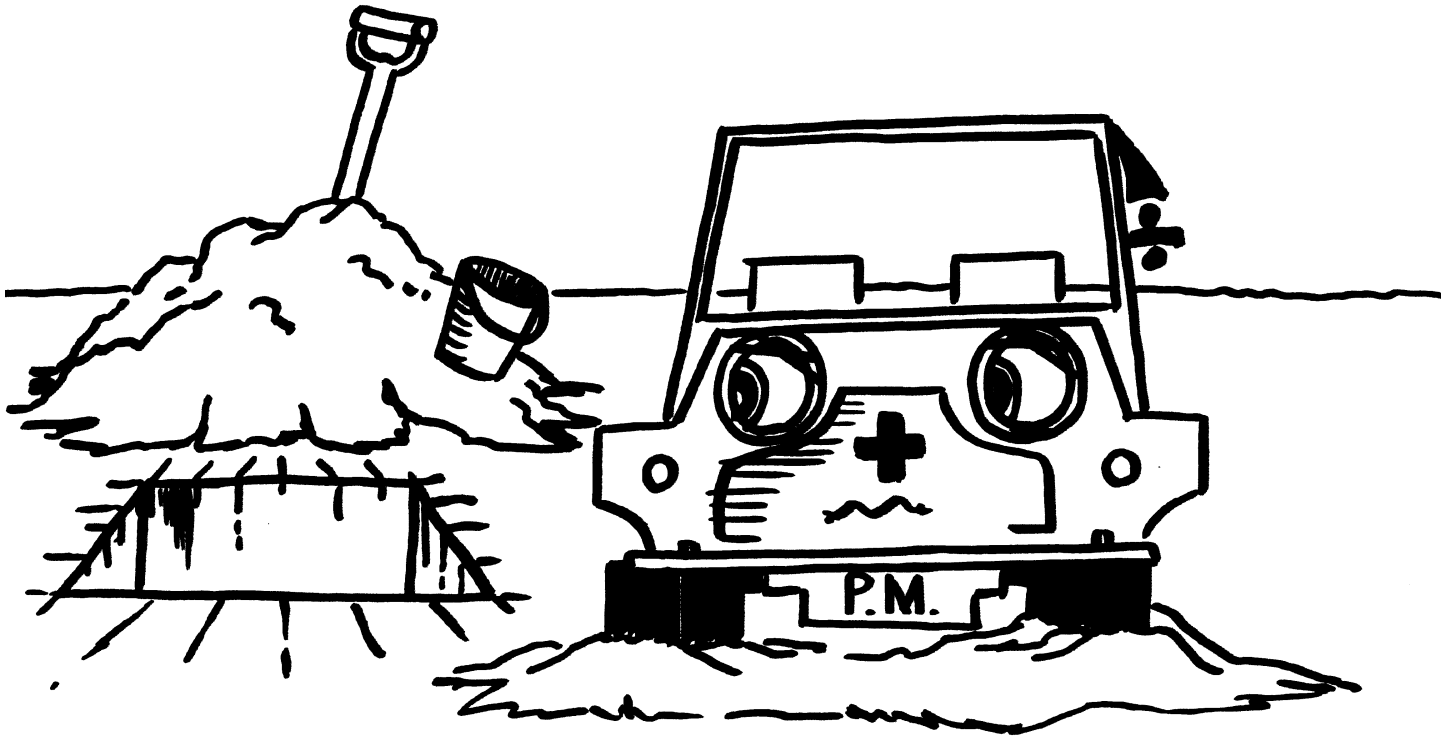
Which ones?





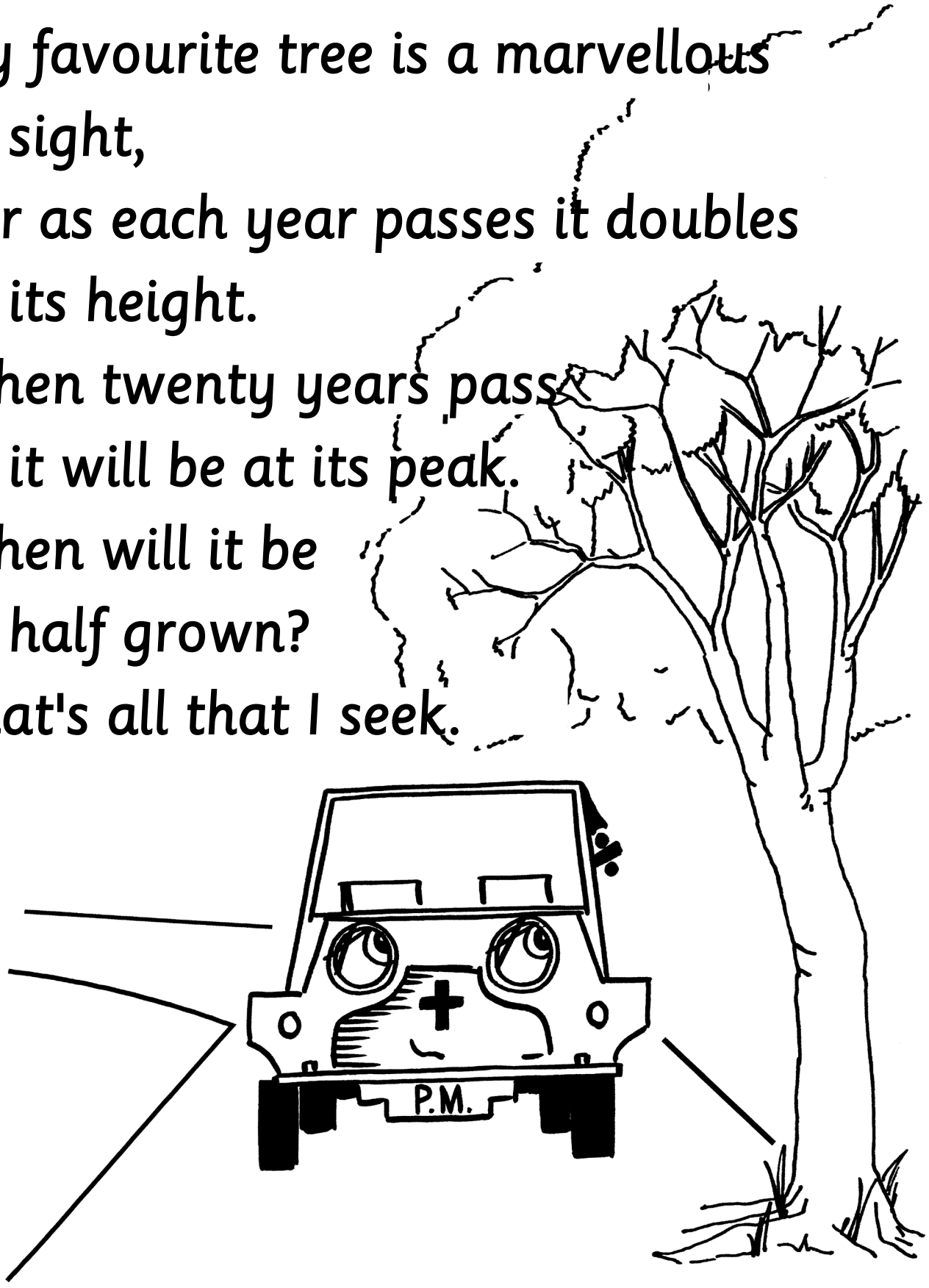


I dig a hole one metre wide,
One metre long and deep.
How much earth is in the hole
Is all that you must seek?

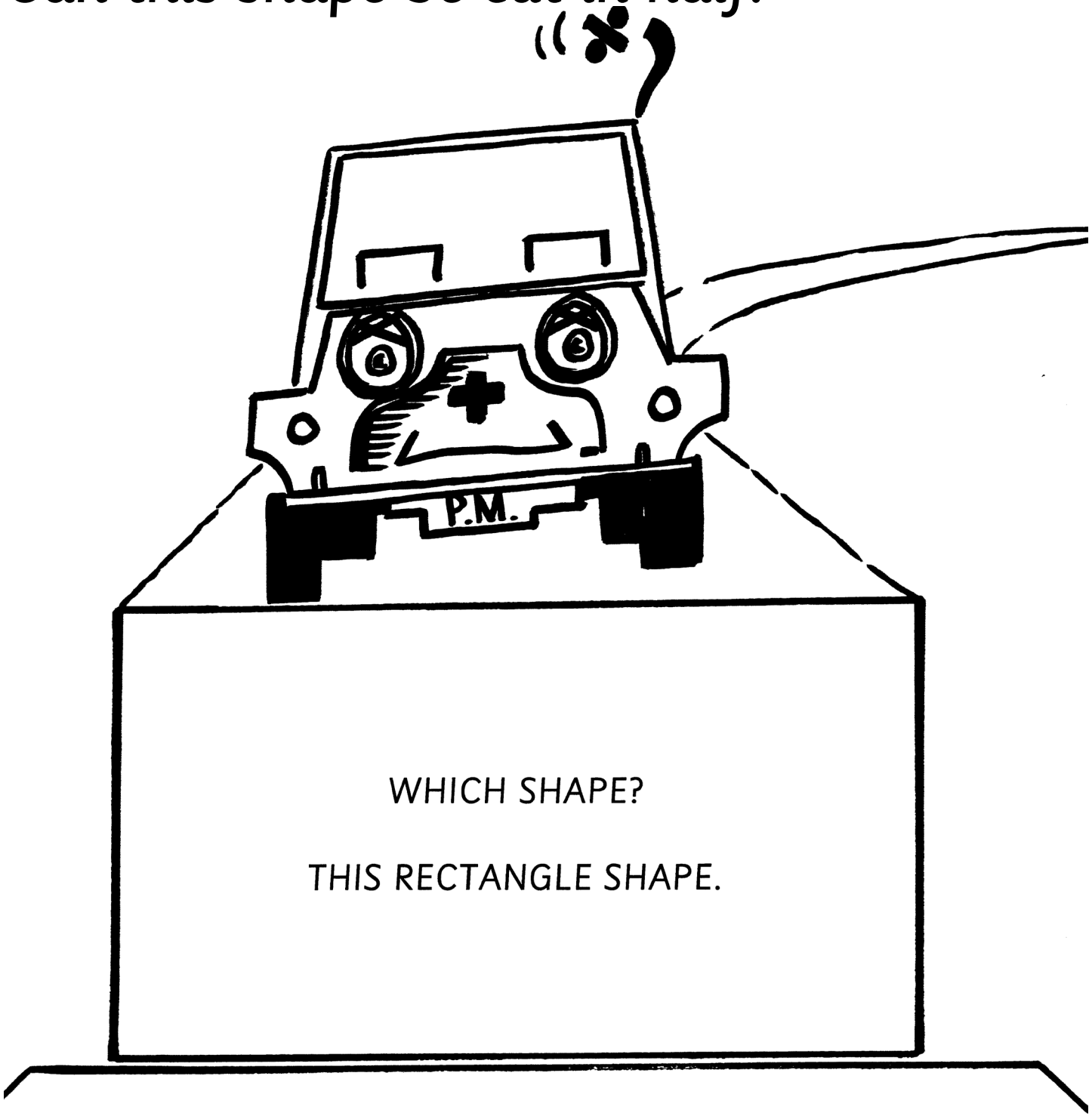


"You may only touch just one..."
"Or move it?"
"Yes, that's fine.
...to make the glasses alternate
Full / empty down the line."

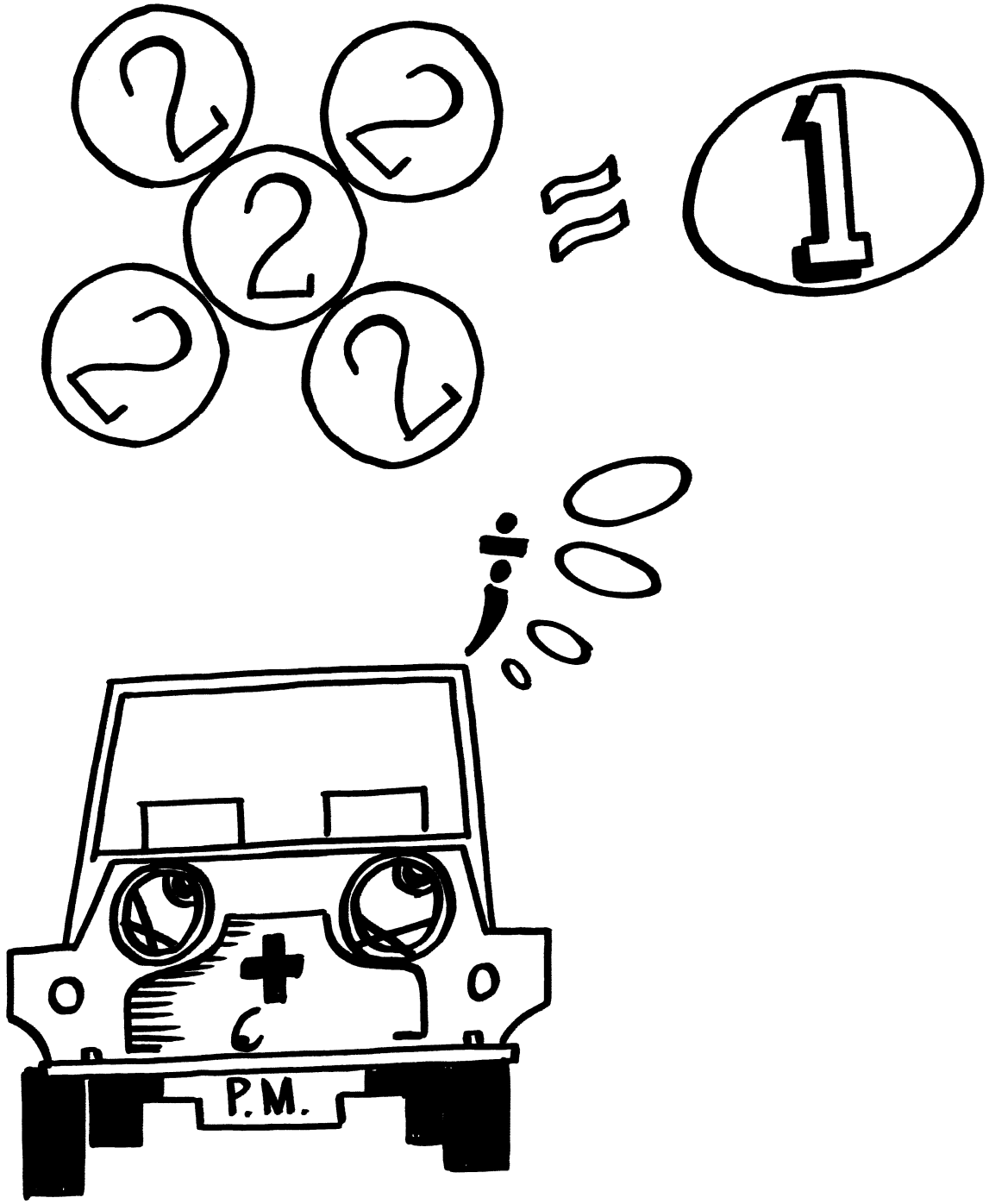
My favourite tree is a marvellous
sight,
For as each year passes it doubles
its height.
When twenty years pass
it will be at its peak.
When will it be
half grown?
That's all that I seek.



Now here's a little puzzle
To sort the grain out from the chaff.
How many different ways
Can this shape be cut in half?

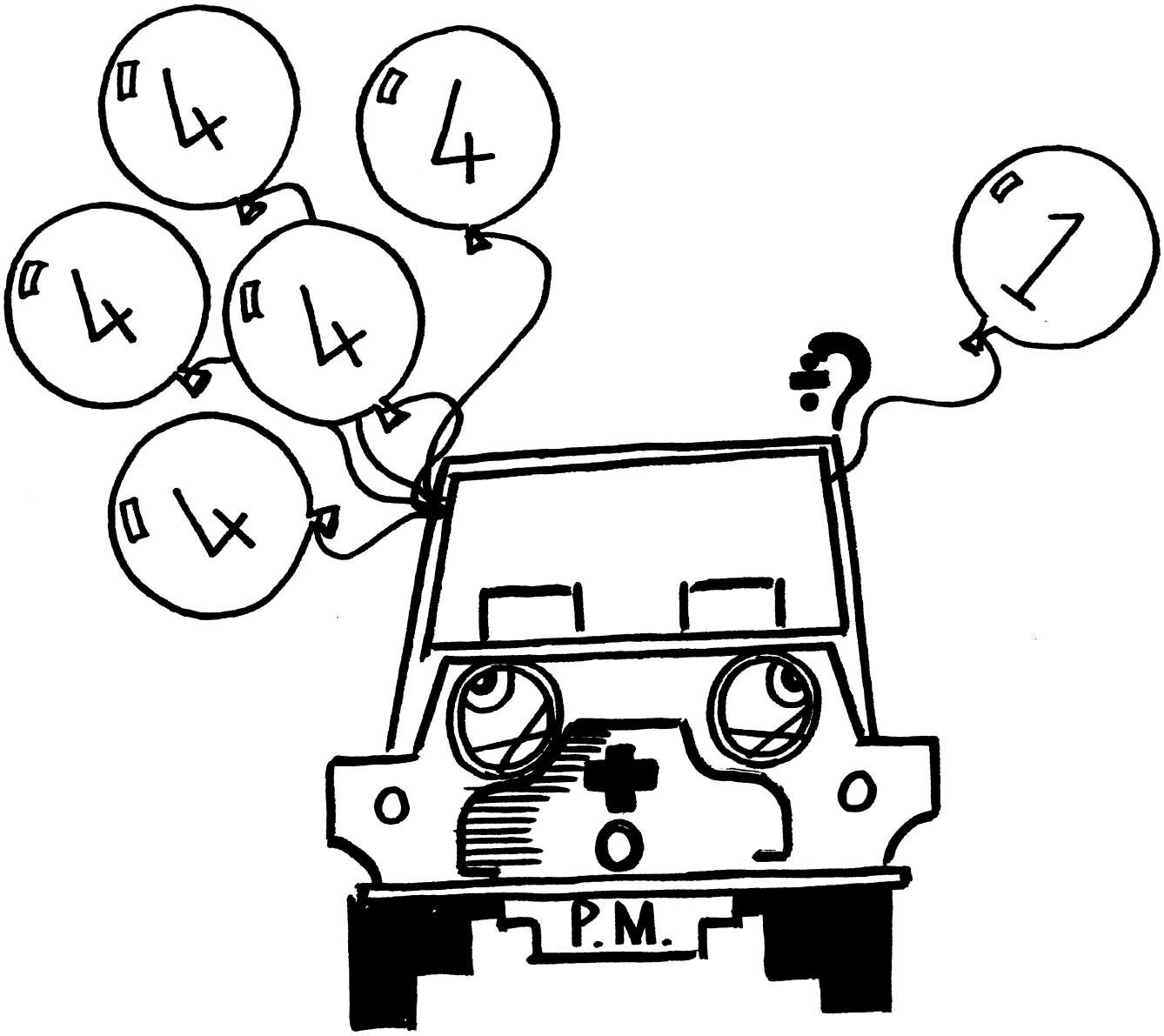


This time what you are asked two do,
I hope is not two much for you.
Just take five twos and have some fun
Combining them two equal one.



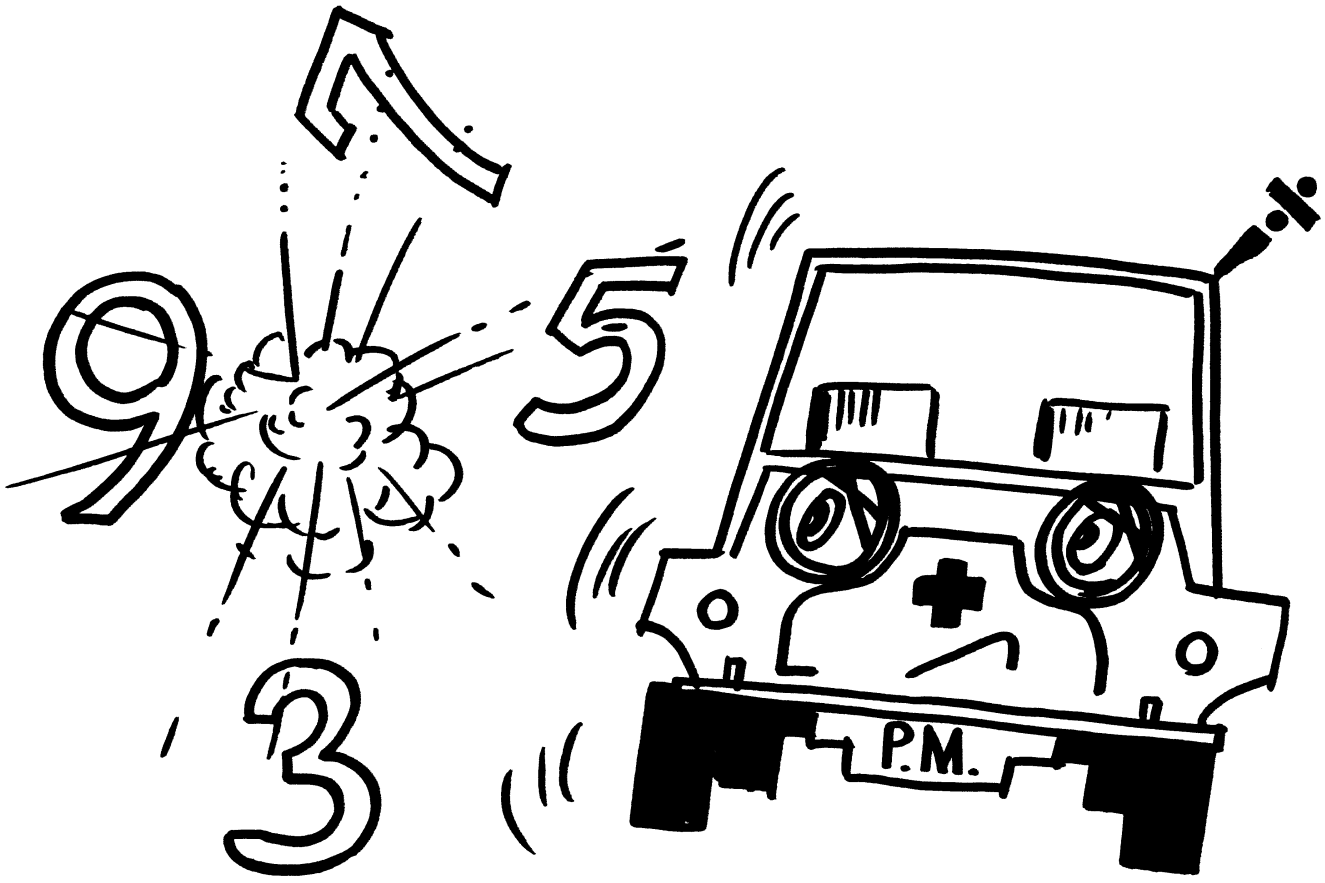
Make no mistake! It can be done.
Yes just five fours can equal one.

How?

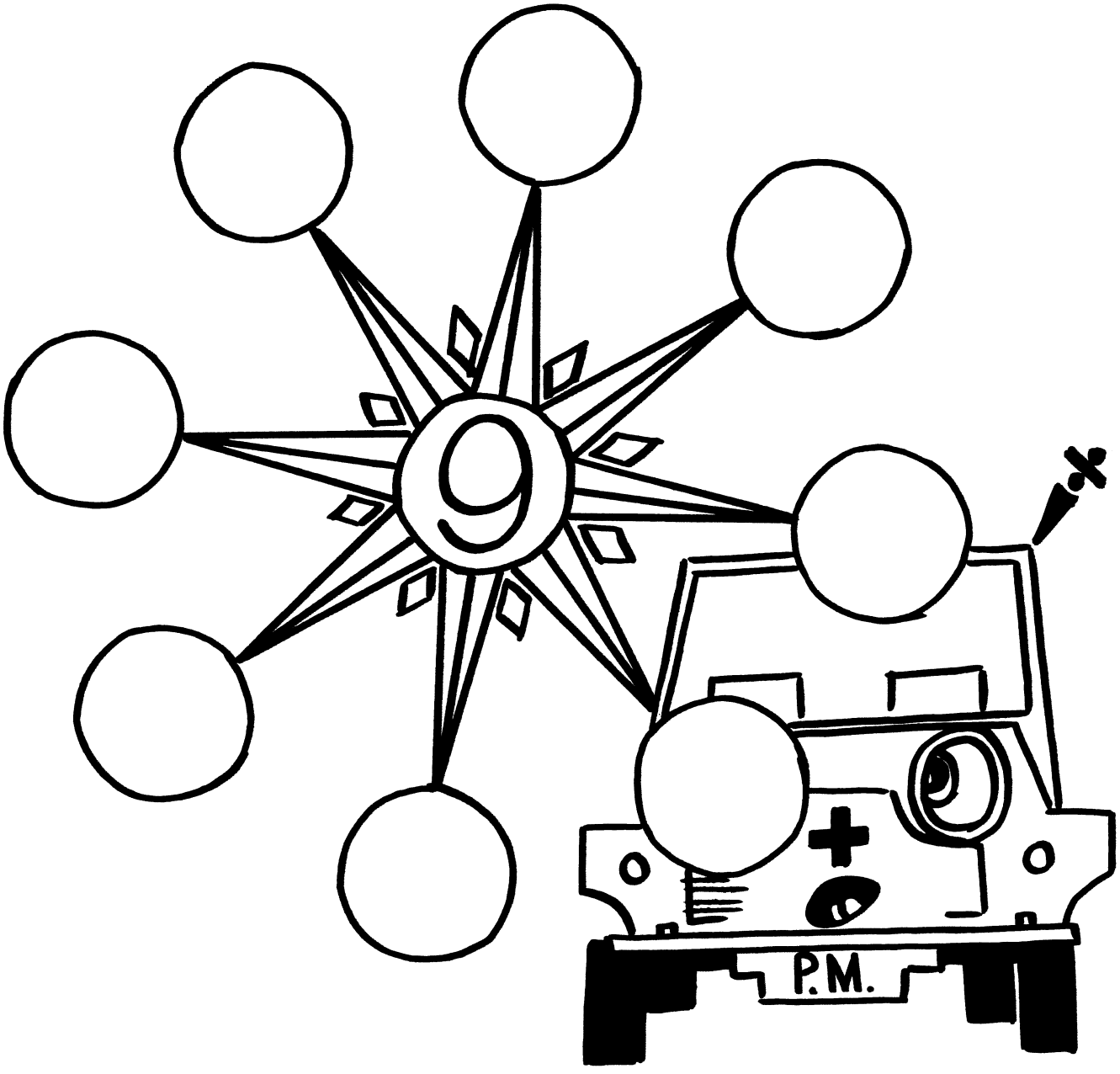


Four odd numbers not the same
Can add to twenty, that's the aim.

Which ones?



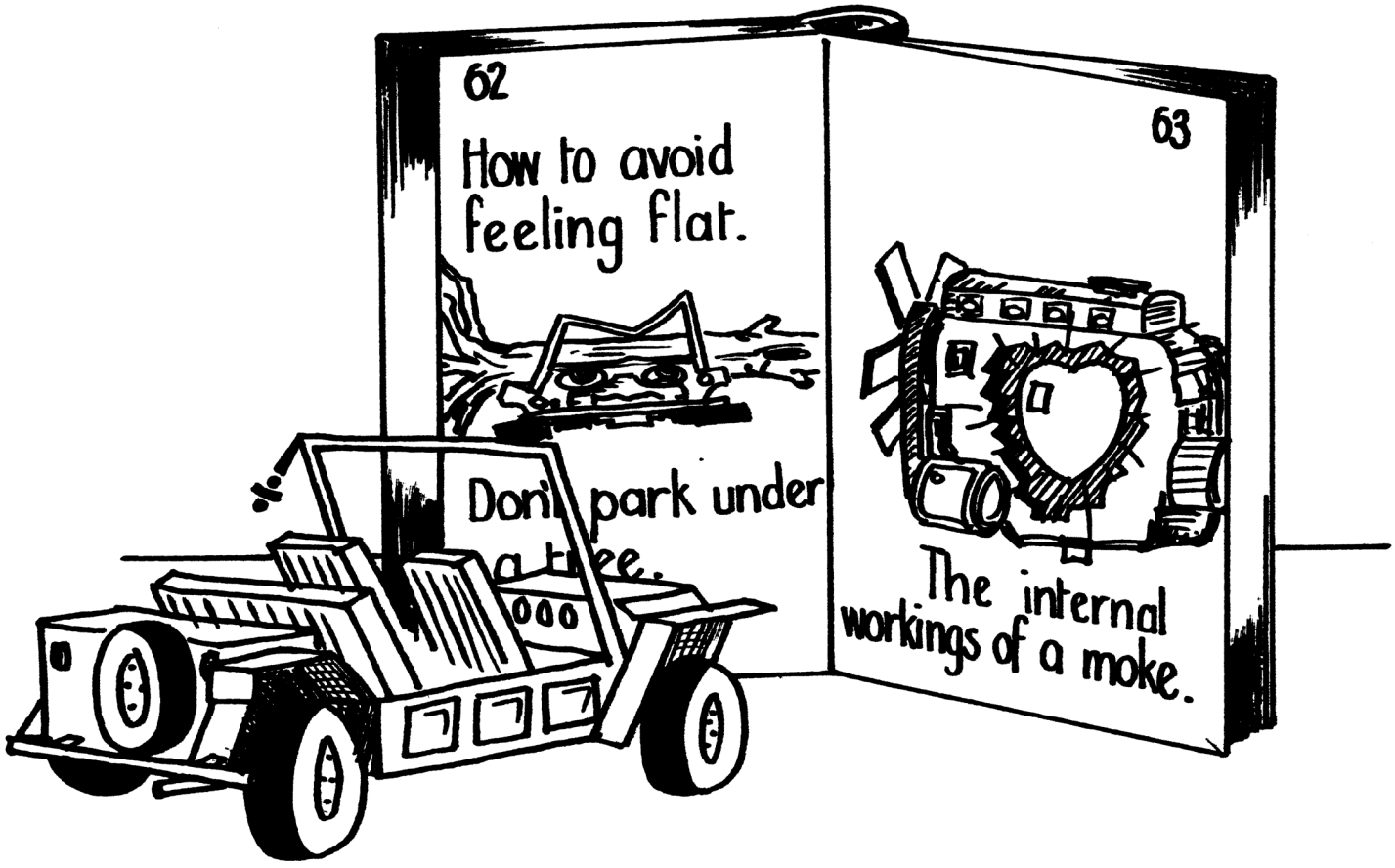
Thirteen up to twenty are
The numbers which will do,
To fill the circles of my star
With lines worth forty-two.



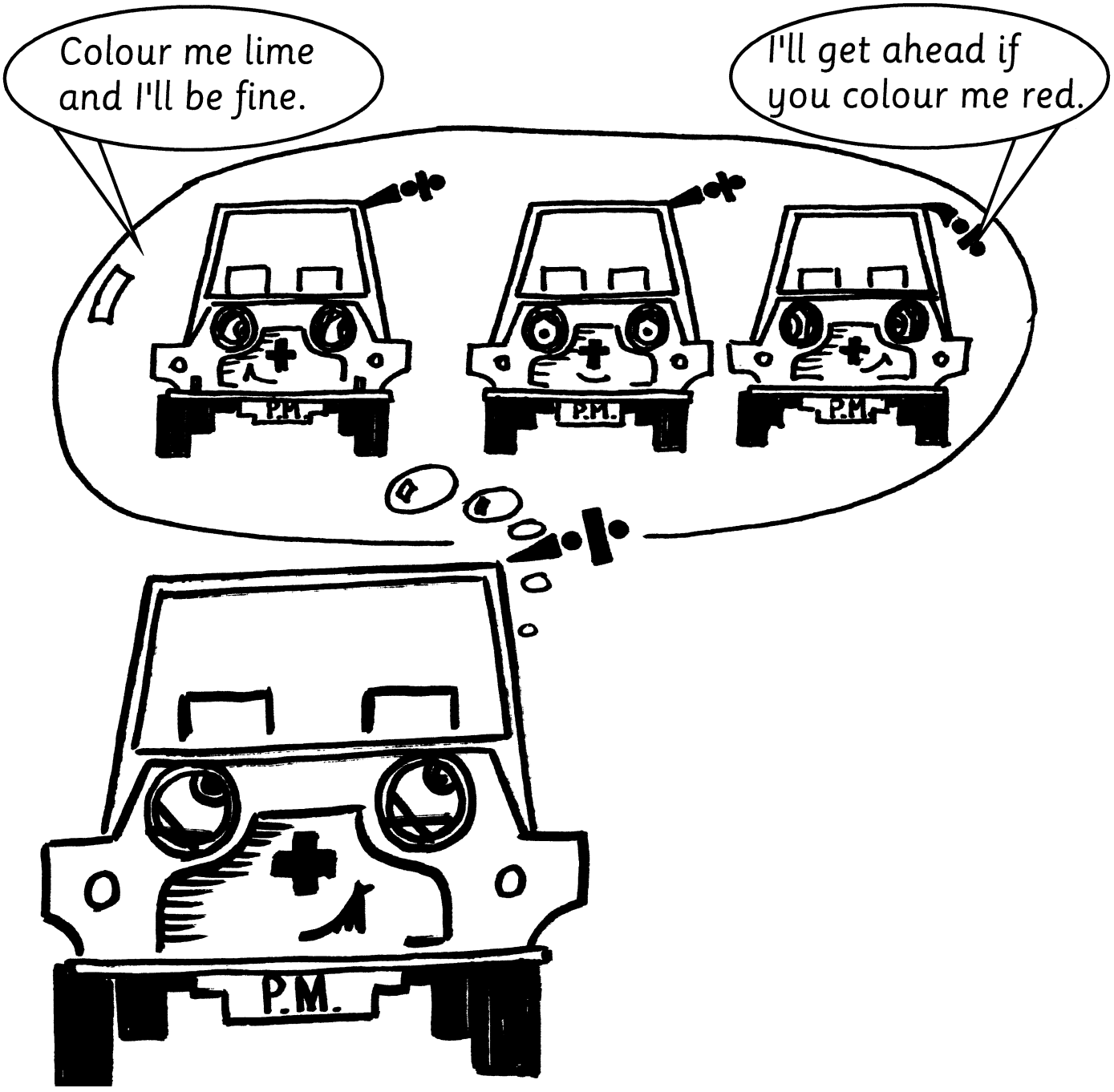
Use the digits nought to nine
But only use each one one time,
To make the largest number known
Which can be made from these alone.

Now here's another number test
For those of you who are the best.
Use again the nought to nine
But make the smallest one this time.

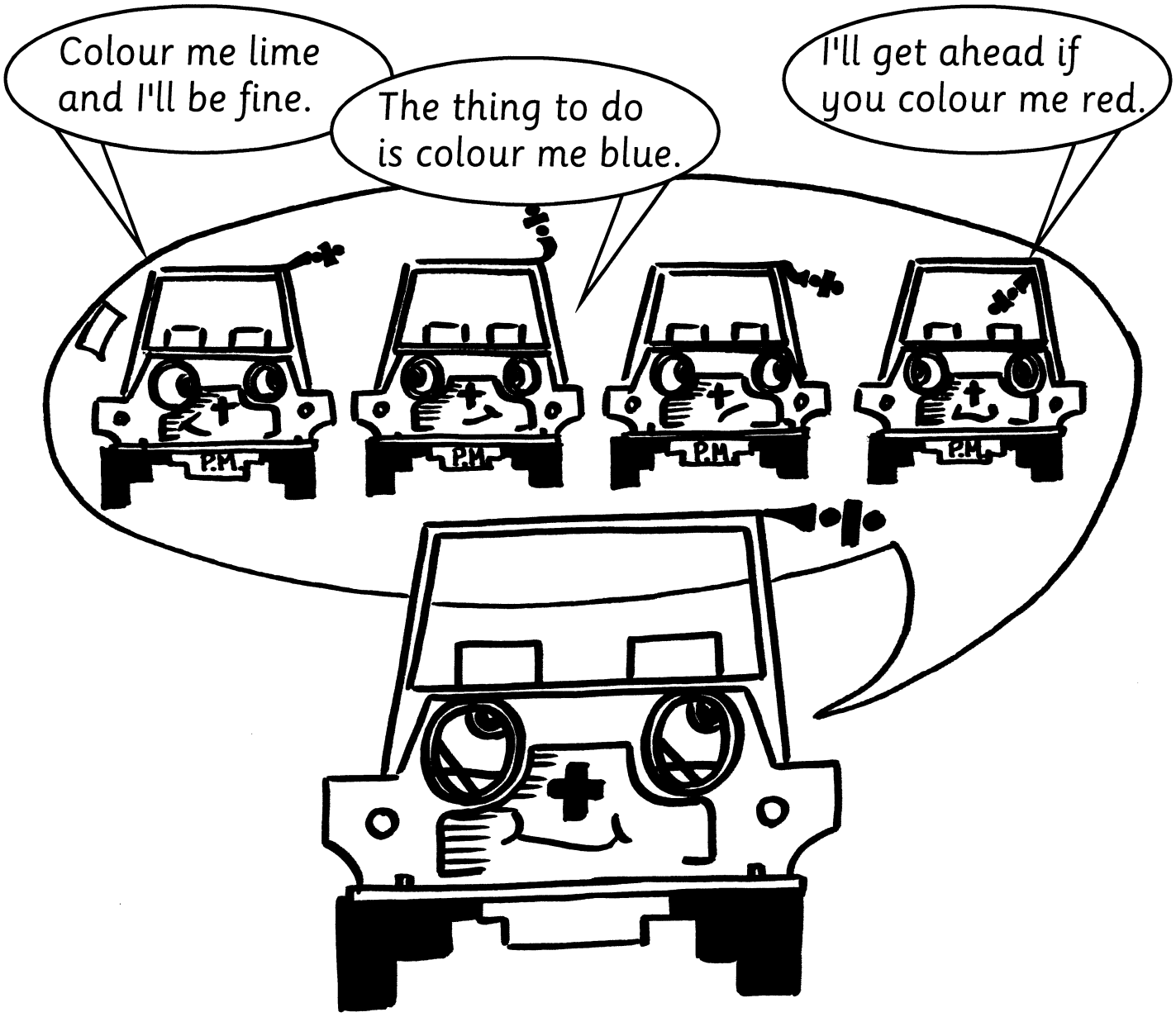
Two hundred and one digits
Are what have been used,
To number the pages of this book
    I peruse
So can you discover and whisper to me,
Just how many pages before me I see?



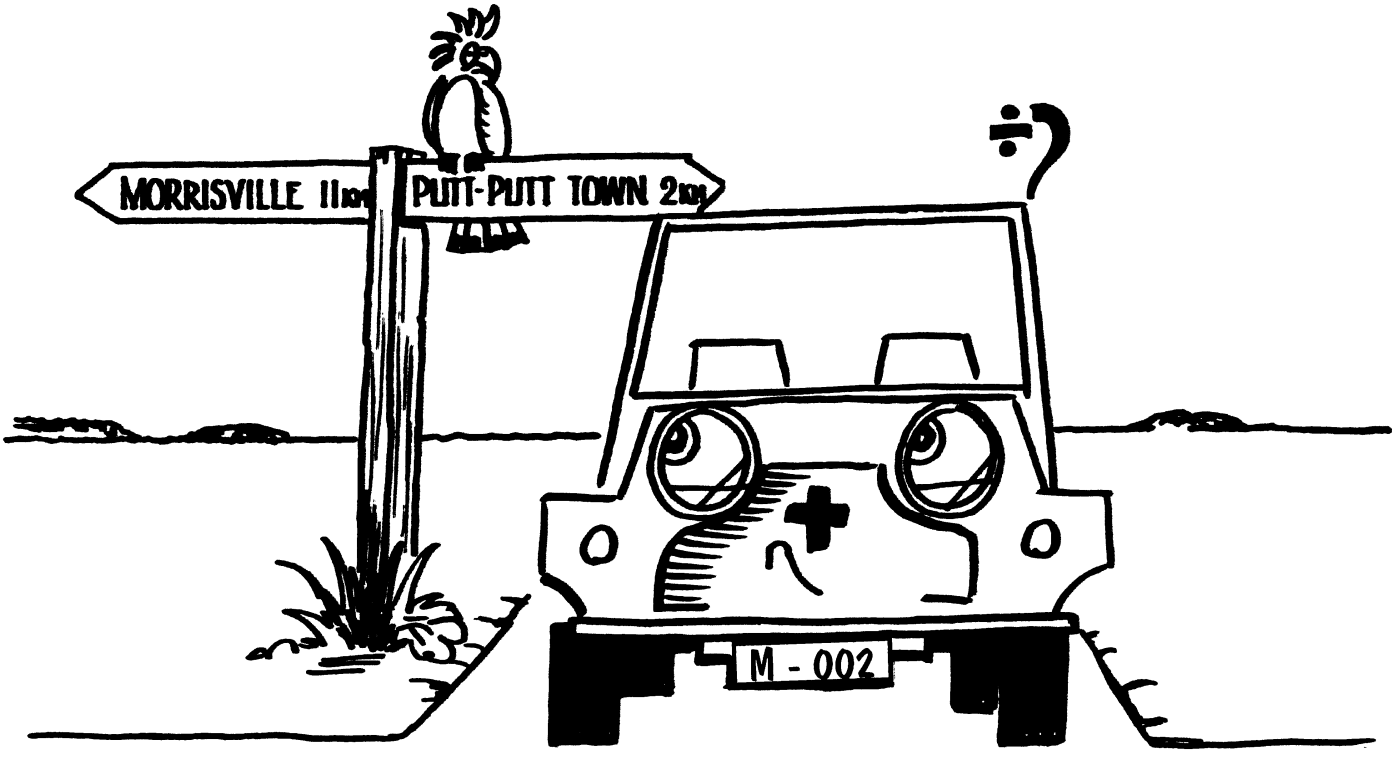
My friends and I parked in a line.
One was red and one was lime.
I am white, now can you see
How many ways we parked as three?



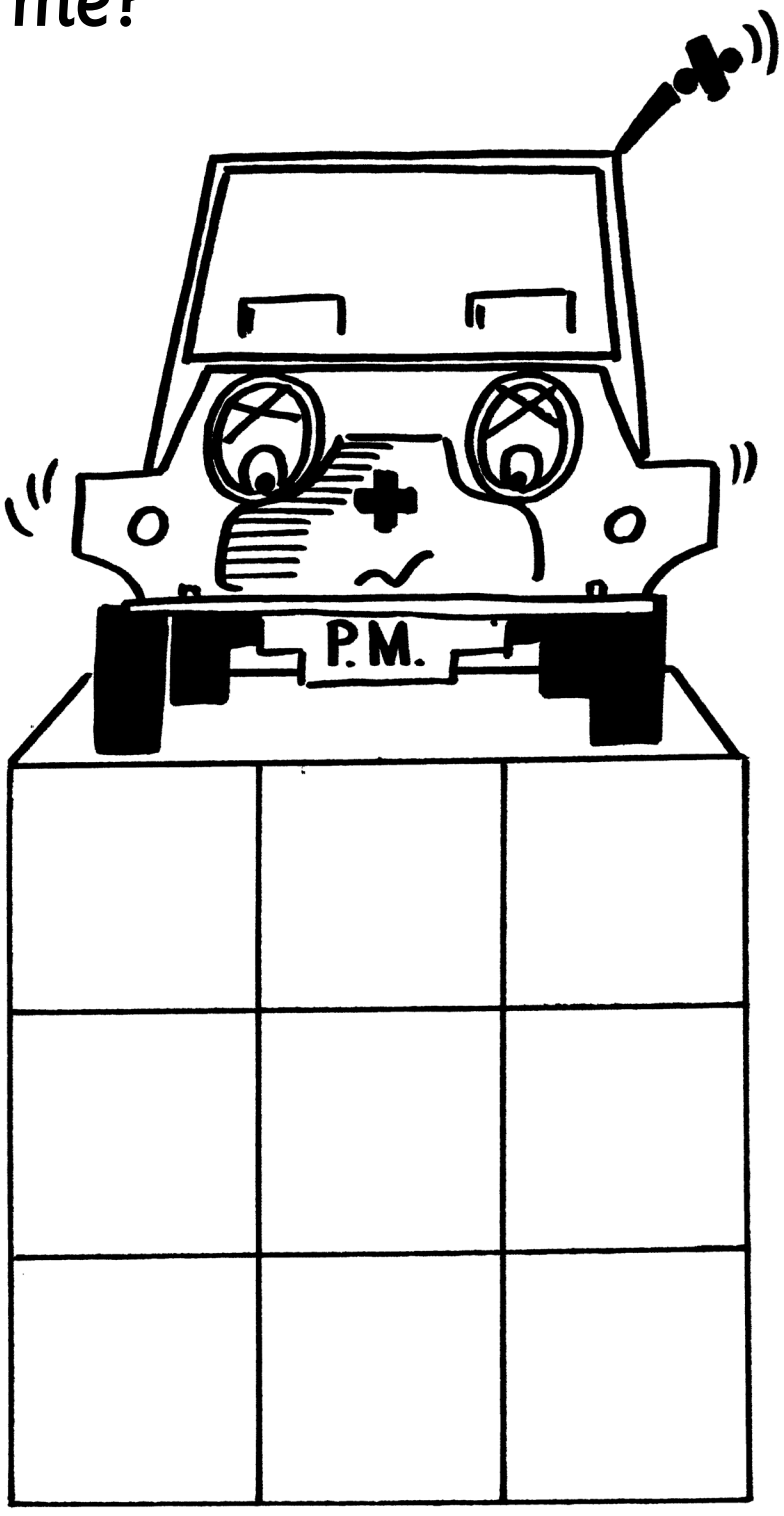
Another Moke has joined the fleet.
It's a blue one and quite neat.
Again we're parking in a line.
How many different ways this time?



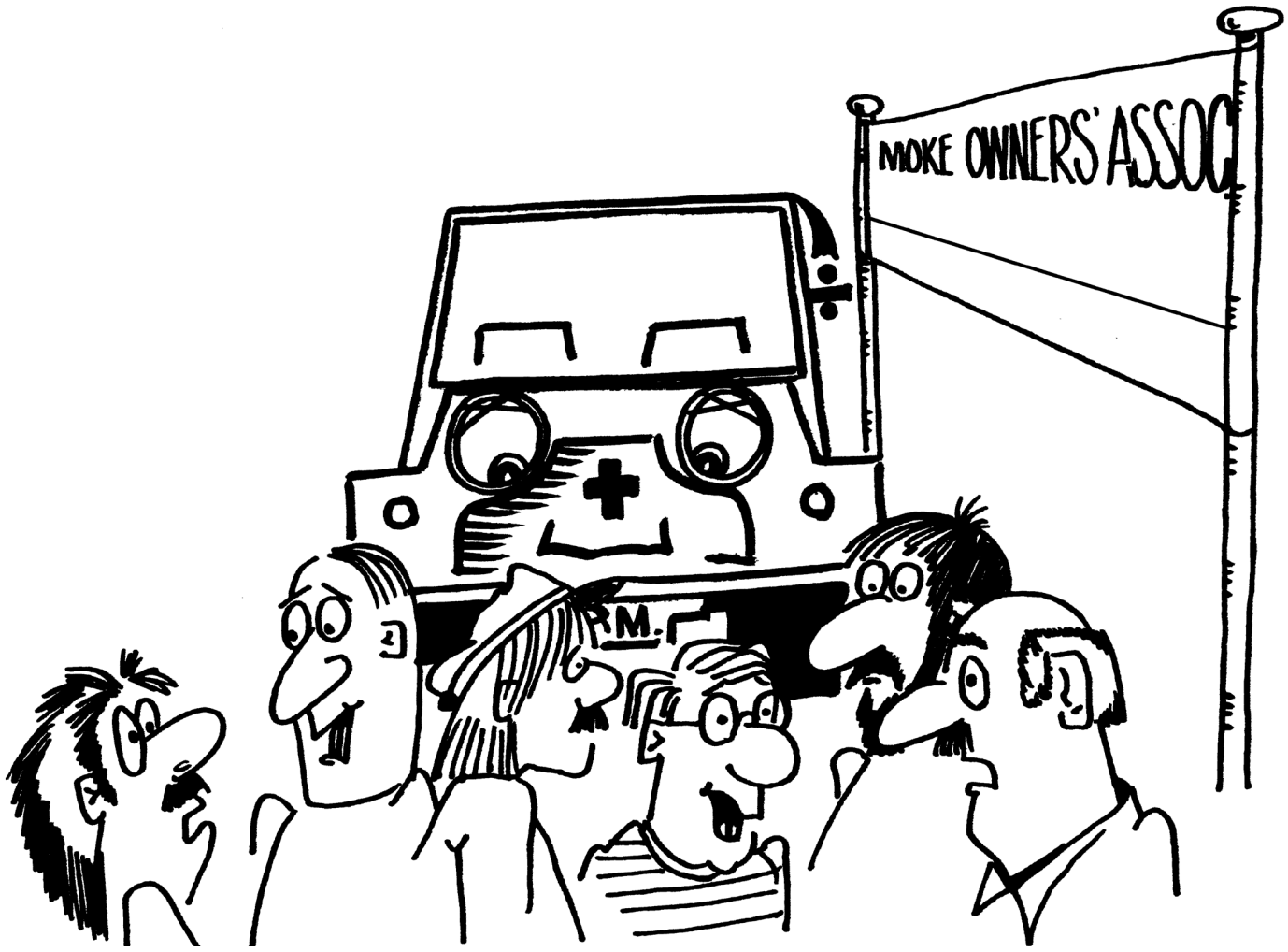
One letter and three numbers
Are used in Putt-Putt land,
On number plates for cars
Which may be small or grand.
So put your mind to work,
And calculate for me,
The greatest number of number plates
That in this land you'd see.



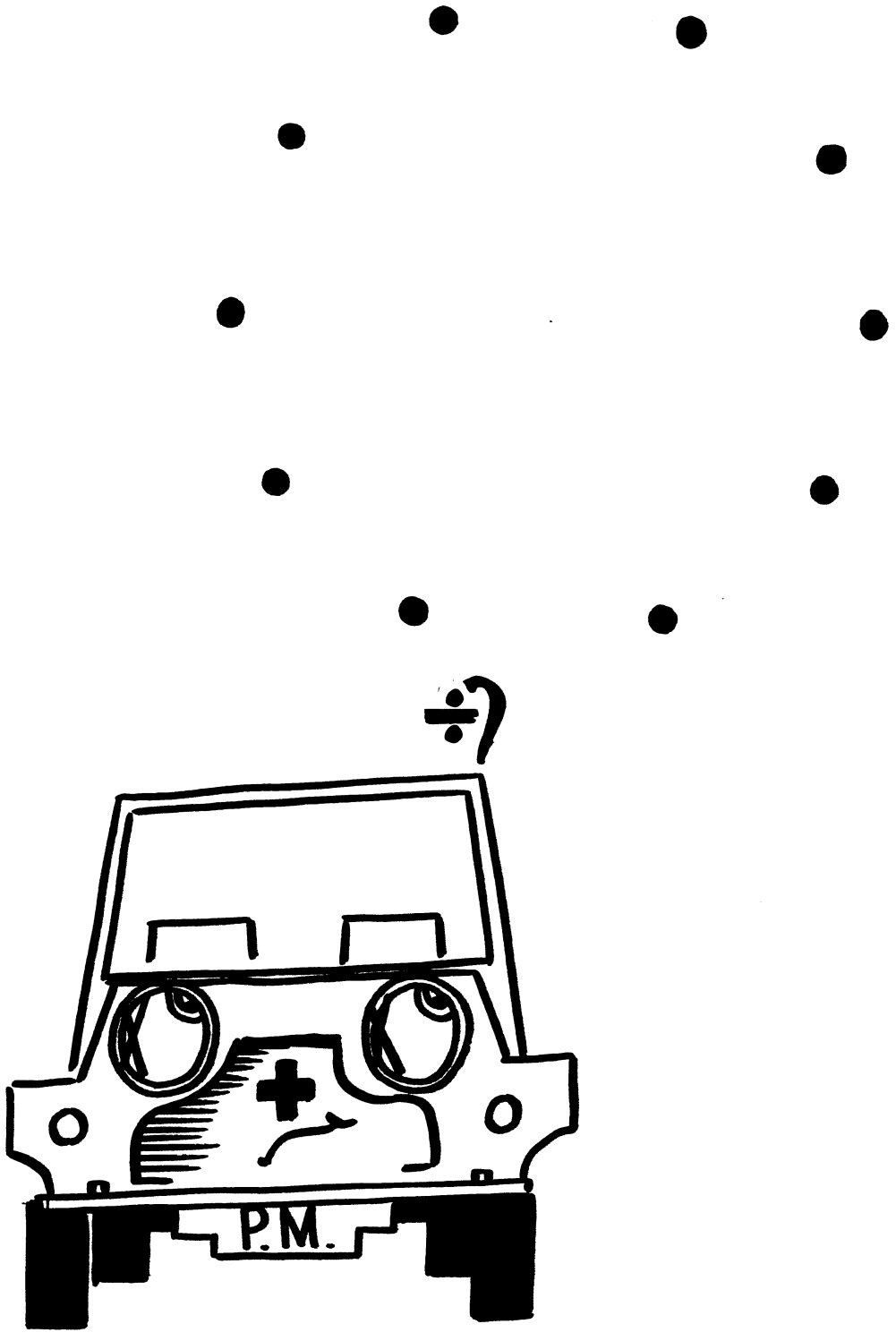
Sizes one, two or three
The squares can be.
How many can you count
Below for me?



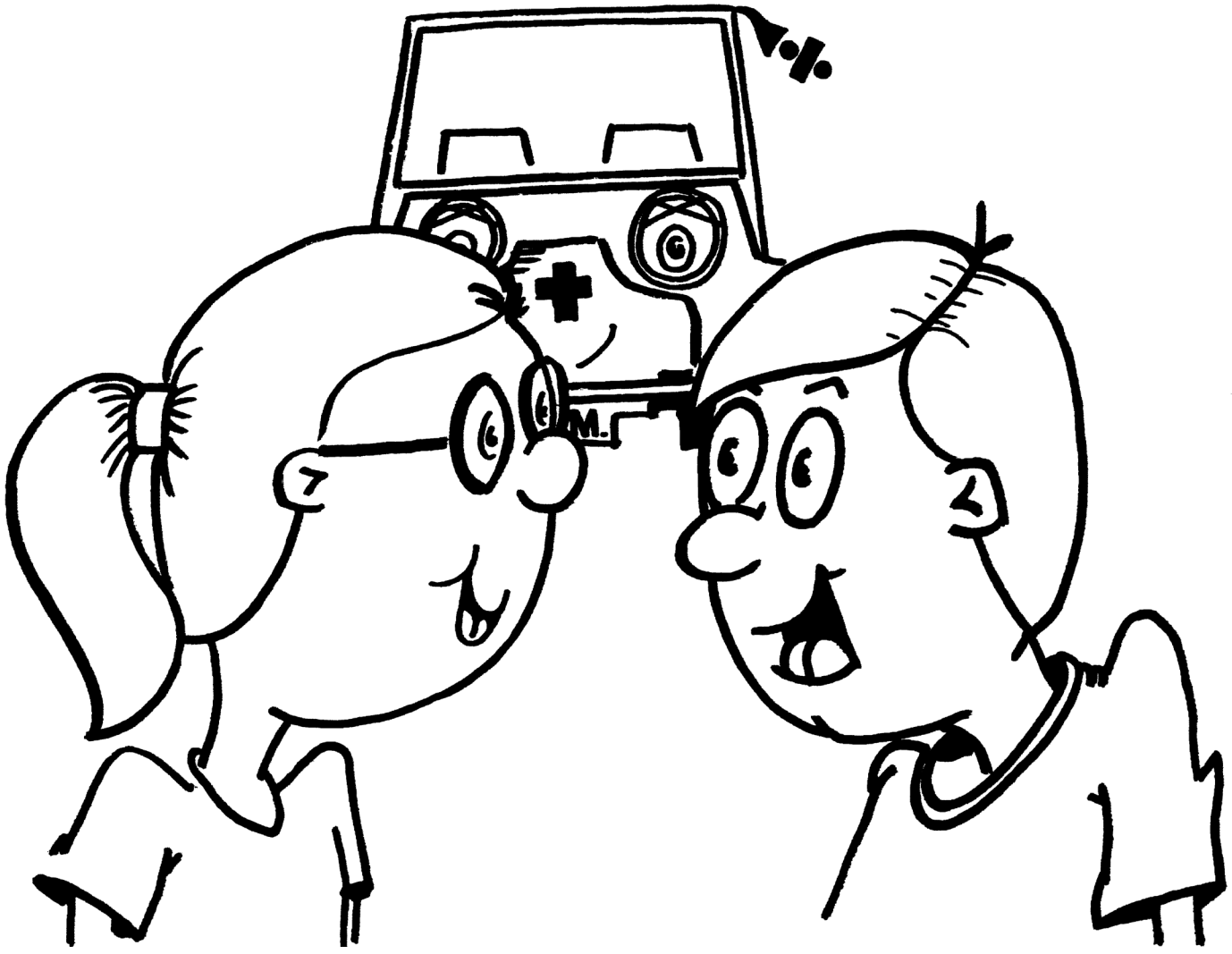
There are just six men in a room.
They shake hands with each other.
How many handshakes does it take
To shake with one another?



Each dot joined to every other.
How many lines can you discover?

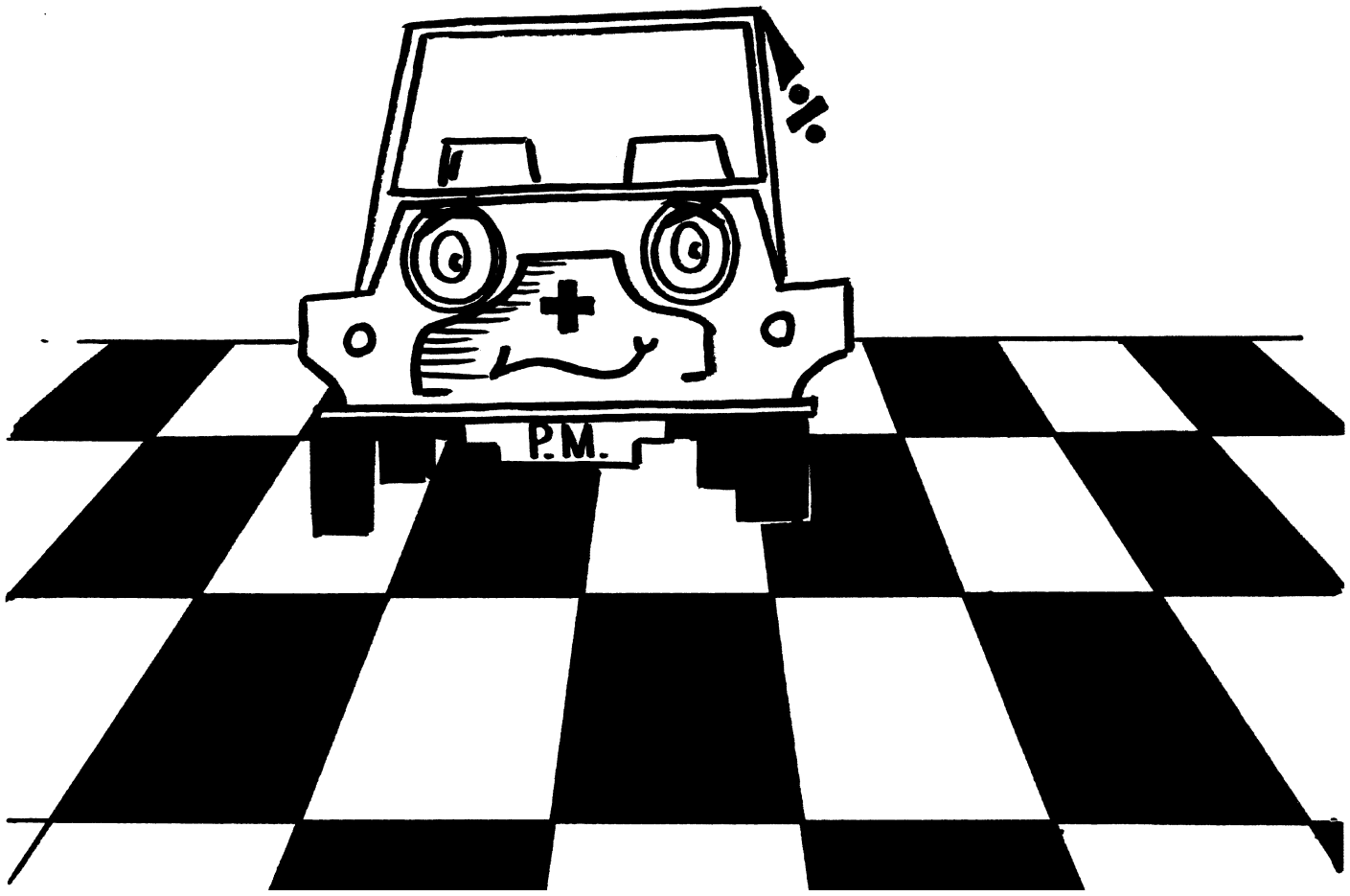


There's thirty children in my class
And eight less girls than boys.
Can you tell me now you're asked
How many kids are boys?

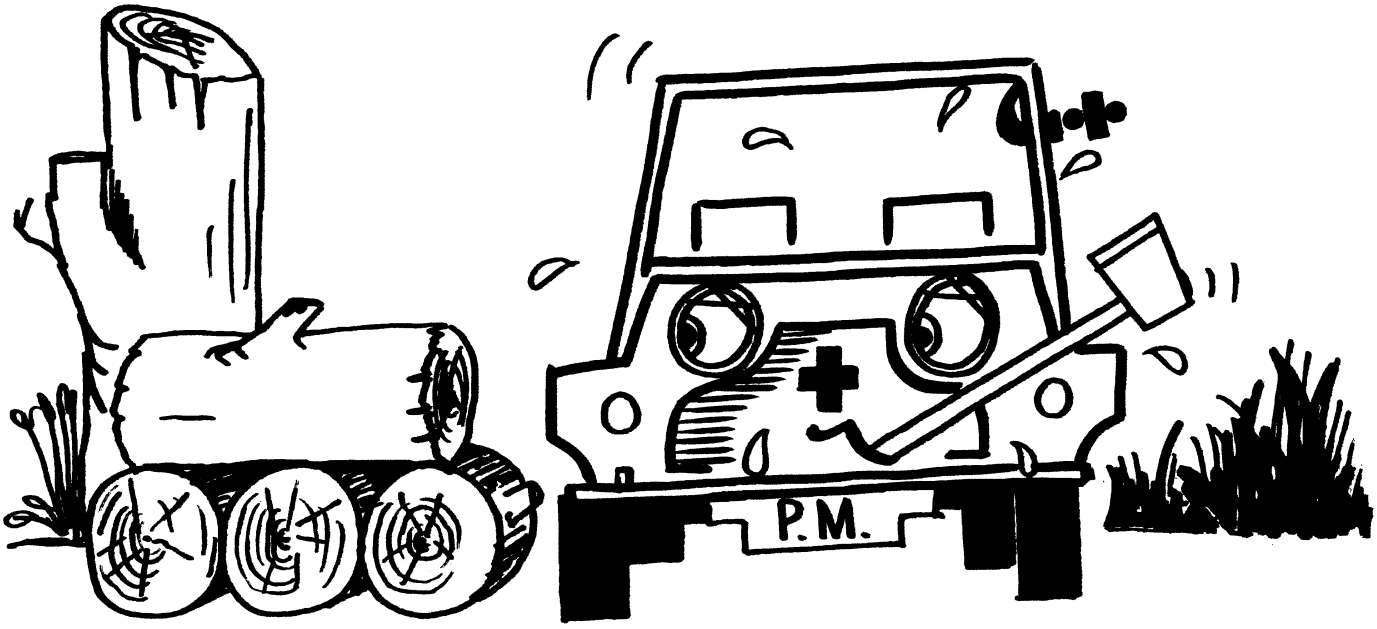


One dollar and ten for a bottle and cork
Bought at the shop when we went
for a walk.
I'll tell you the bottle cost
one dollar more
Than the cork, now calculate
each price for sure.

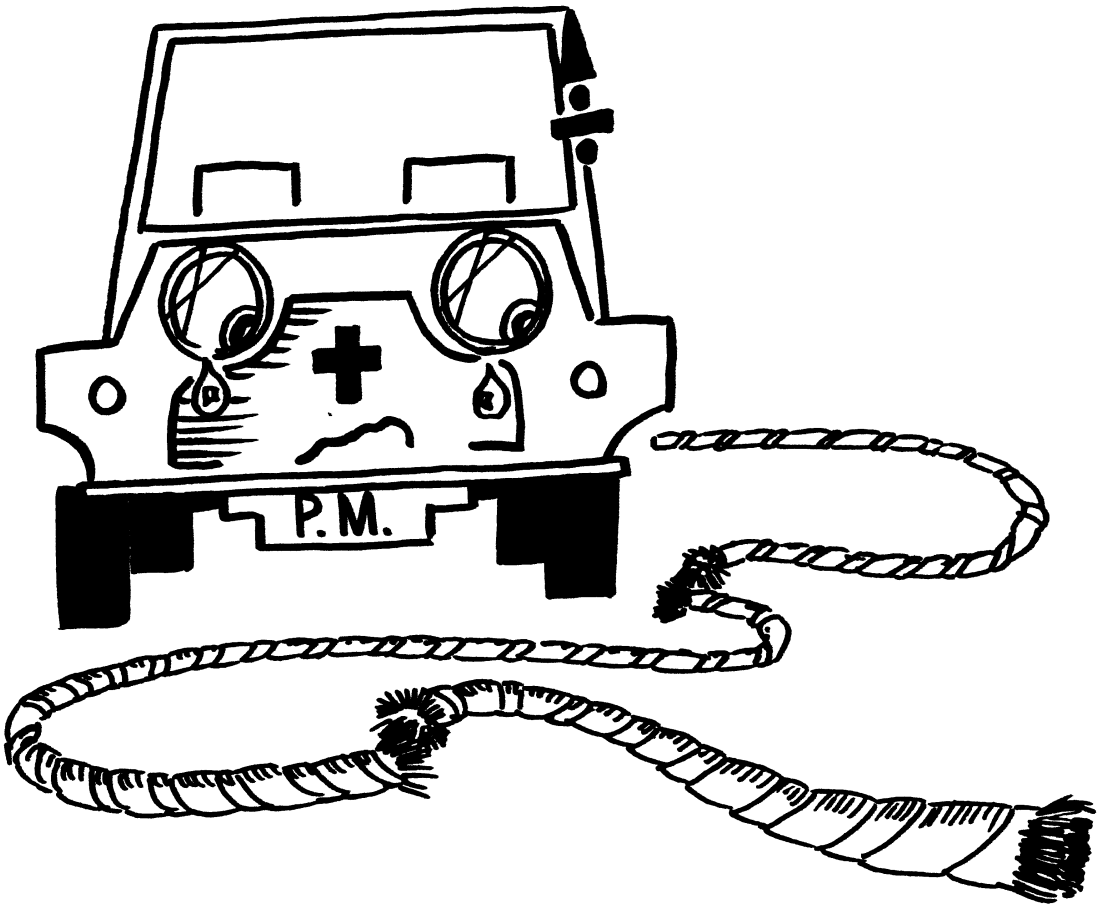
It cost one hundred dollars
To tile my kitchen floor.
If it was a little bigger
It would cost a little more.
My lounge room floor is twice as long
And also twice as wide,
So how much will it cost to tile?
Can you help me decide?



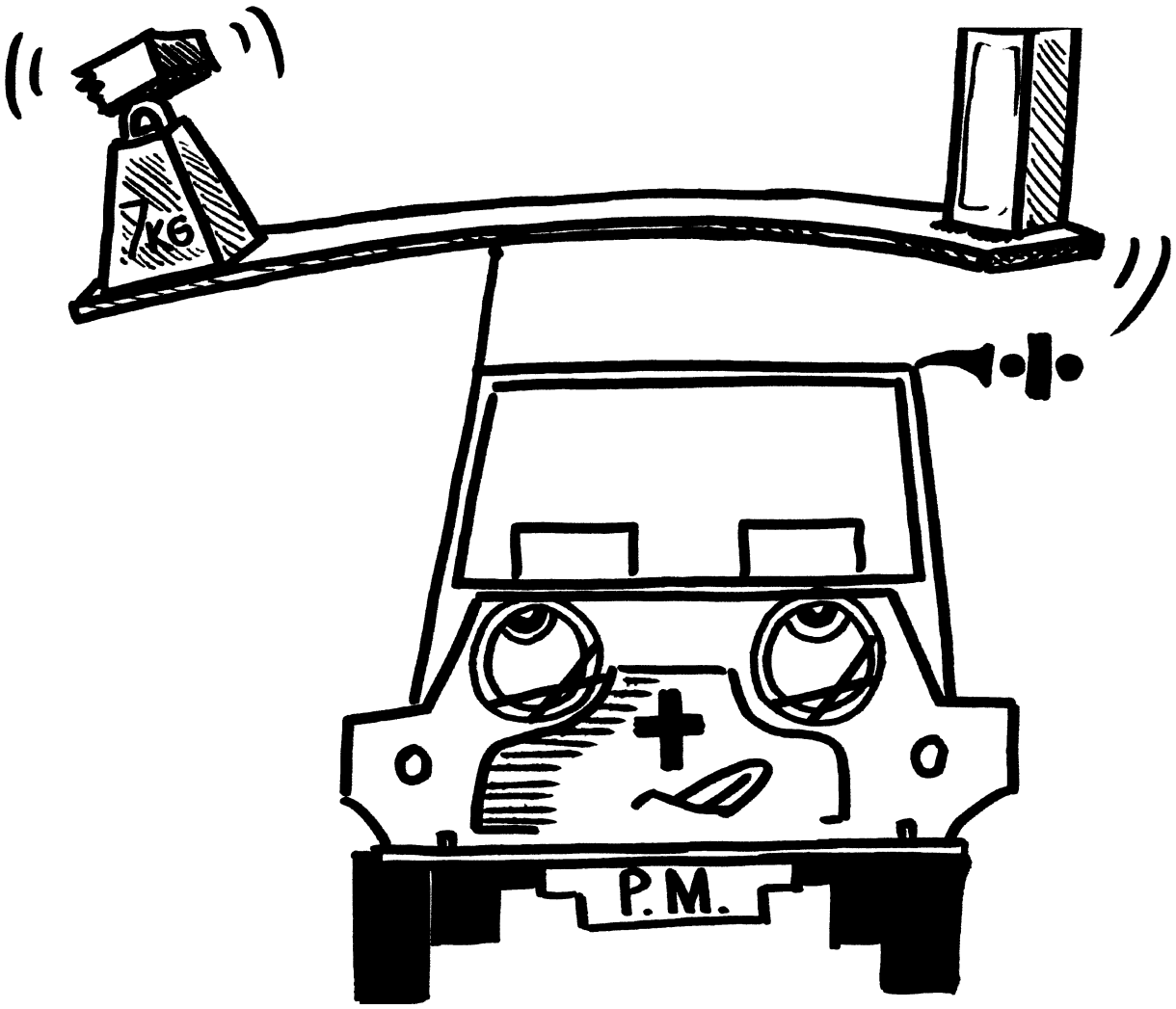
When my log was cut into four
Sixty cents was the cost I bore.
If my log had been cut into eight,
What would it cost at this same rate.



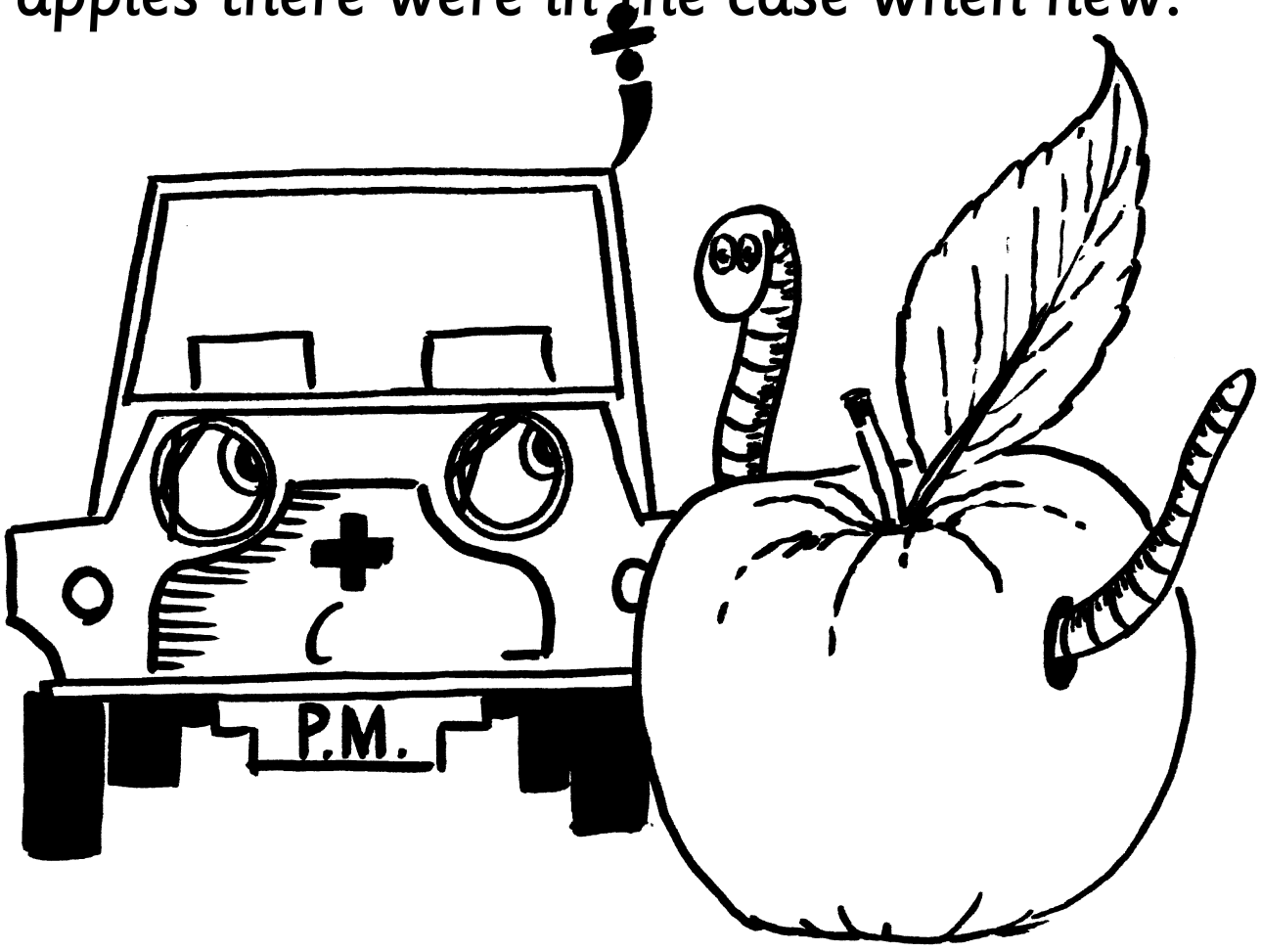
My towing rope was cut in half
and half was thrown away.
The other half was cut just once
one third along its way.
The longer part (ten metres length)
is what I used today.
But how long was my towing rope
before this cutting fray?



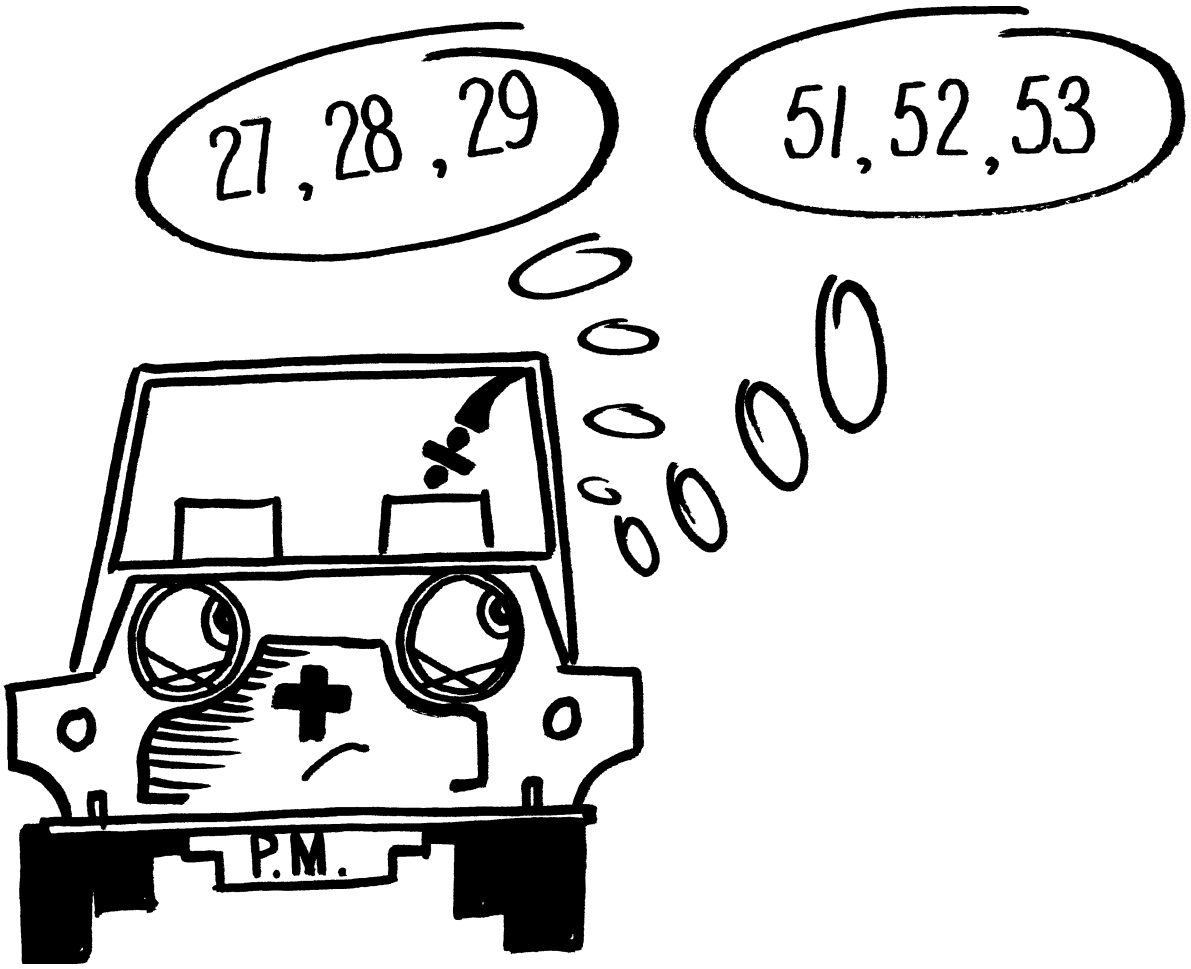
Just seven kilos and half a brick
Is my brick's weight and that's no trick.
So work out now in any way
What my brick and a half would weigh.



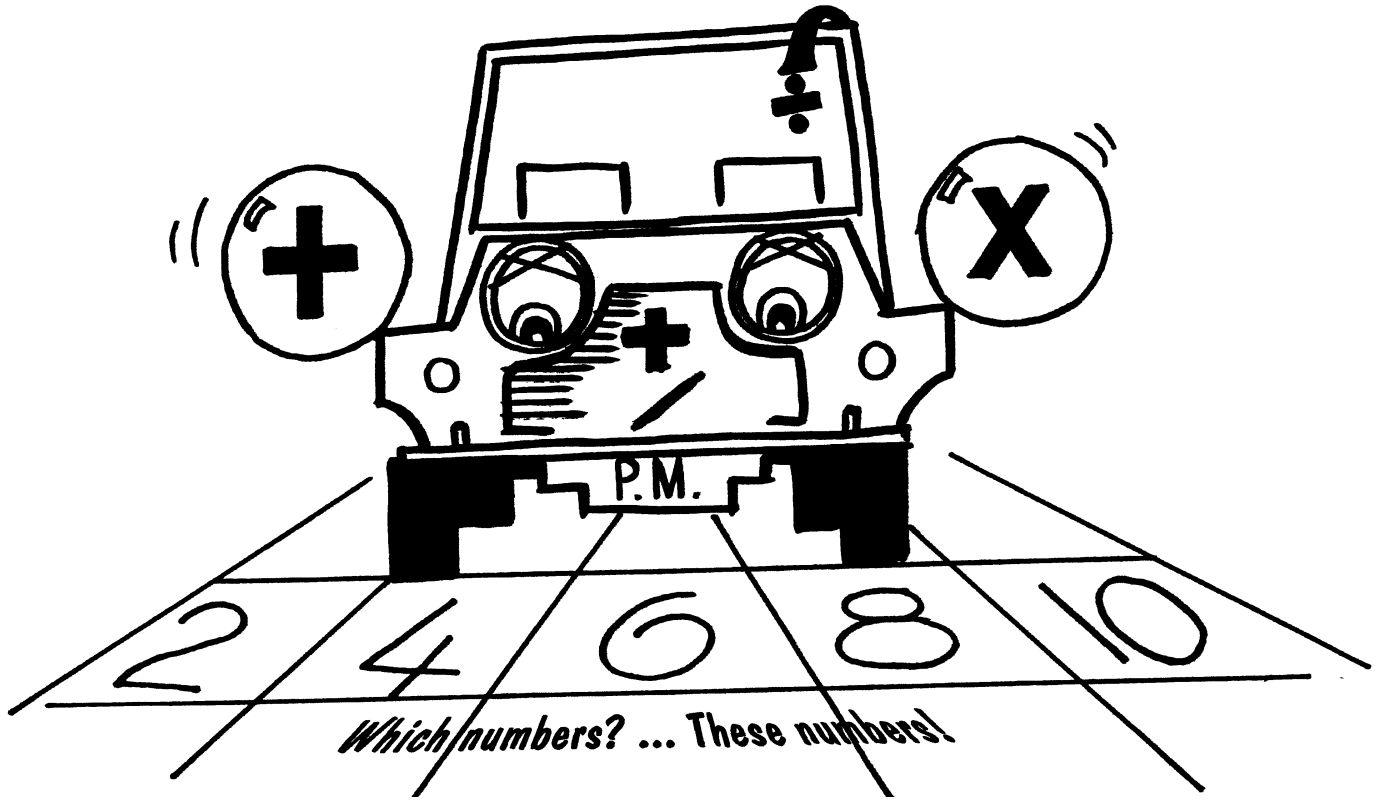
I went to the green grocer just last week.
A few juicy apples I had to seek.
But the green grocer had quite a tale to tell
'Bout why there was just one apple to sell.
Customer A bought half a case
And two apples more to stock his place.
Customer B bought half those left
And stole two more. He must have been deft!
Customer C, one before me,
Did the same as Customer B.
So find the number - as I have it's true -
Of apples there were in the case when new.



Consecutive numbers it seems to me
Are really as simple as 1, 2, 3.
It never will matter the place you start
Because they are always one apart.
Now you must simply seek and find
Which three of them are in my mind.
One one four is their total sum.
Finding them out will be such fun.

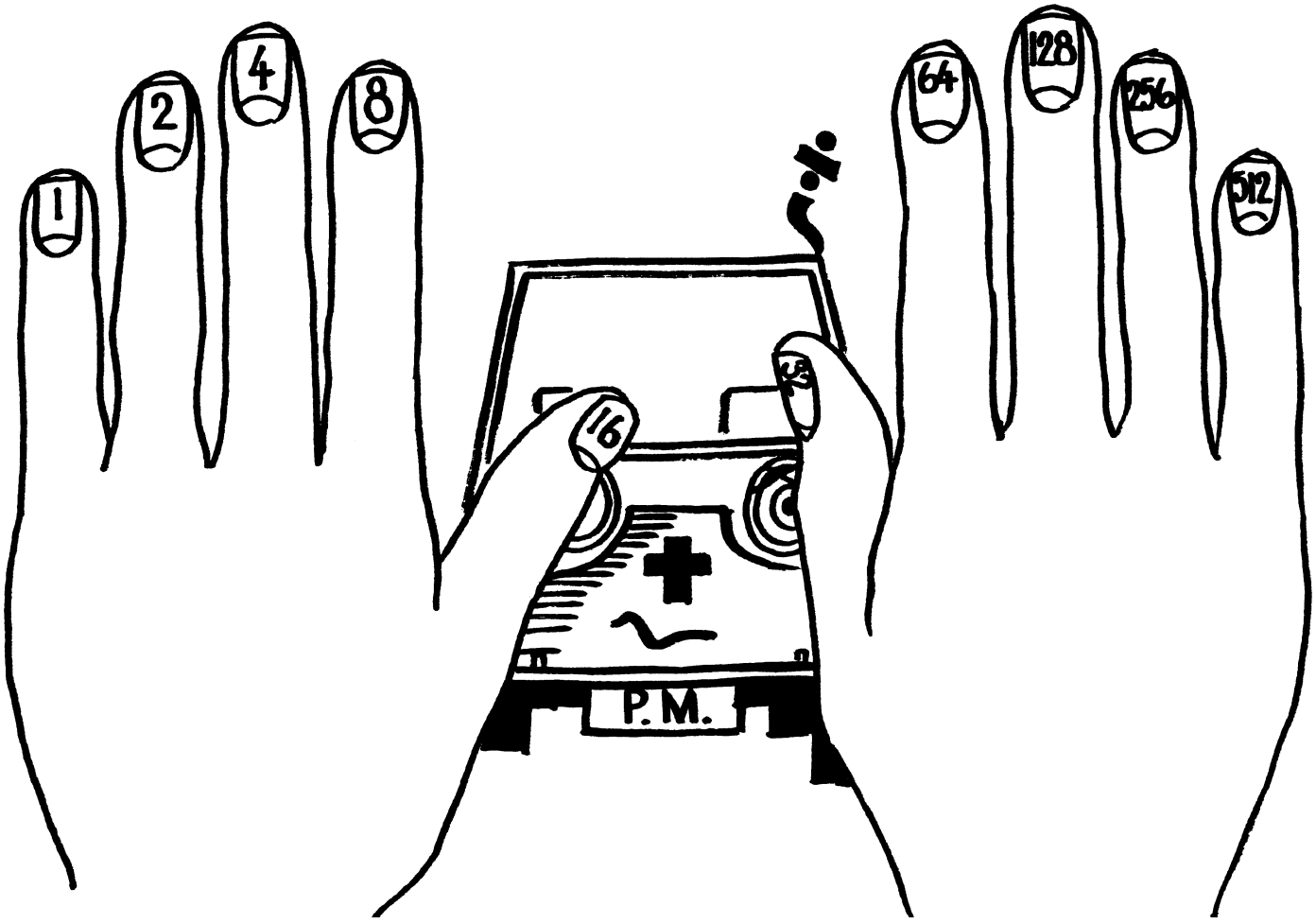


To find these numbers' total
is easy if you add.
But find it out by 'times-ing'
and I'll be very glad.
Just tell me which two numbers
can multiply to be
Equal to the total and
why you chose them for me.

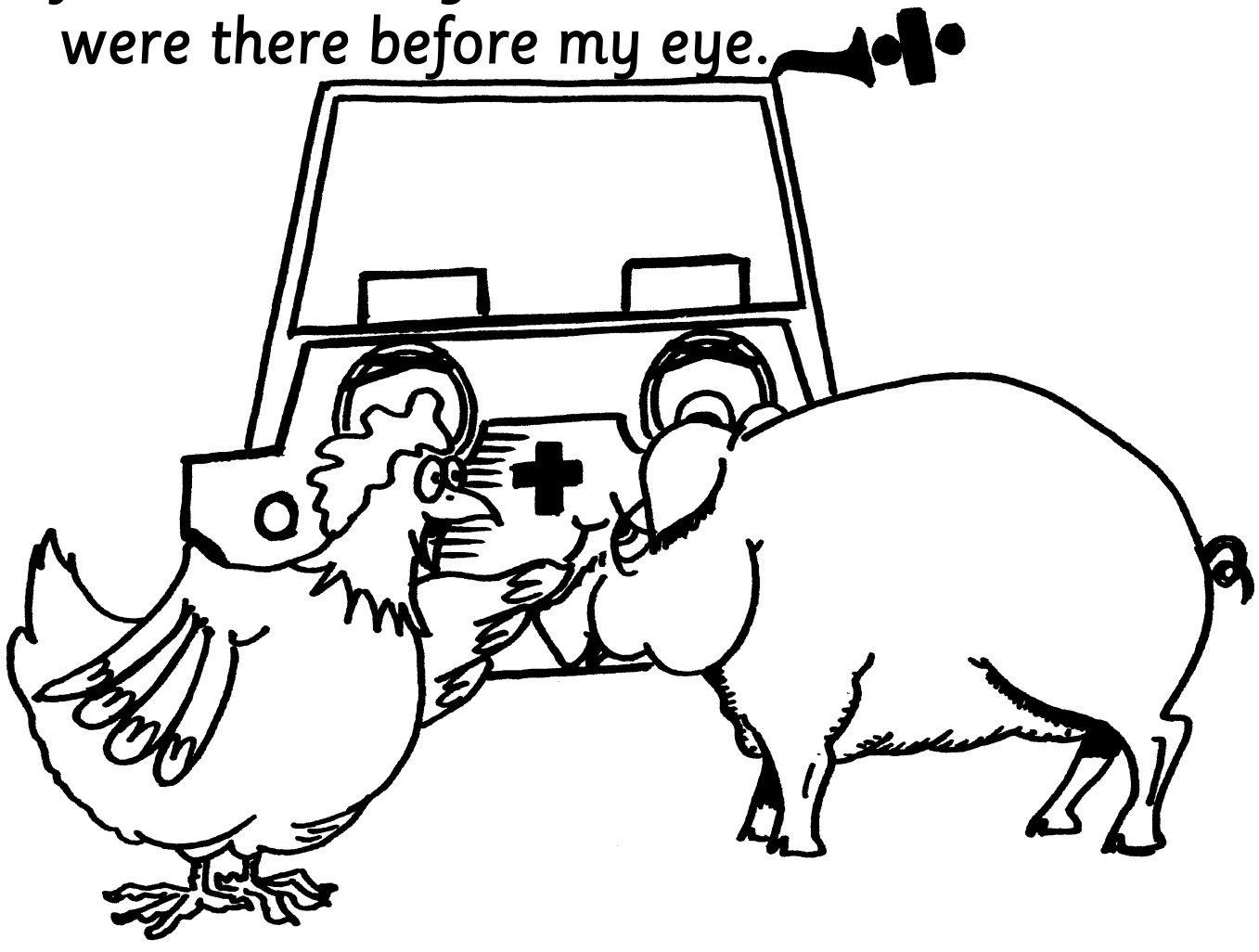


"Total the numbers from one to
one hundred!"
That's what the teacher
of little Gauss thundered.
So he found the sum very quickly indeed
Without adding each one.
How did he succeed?

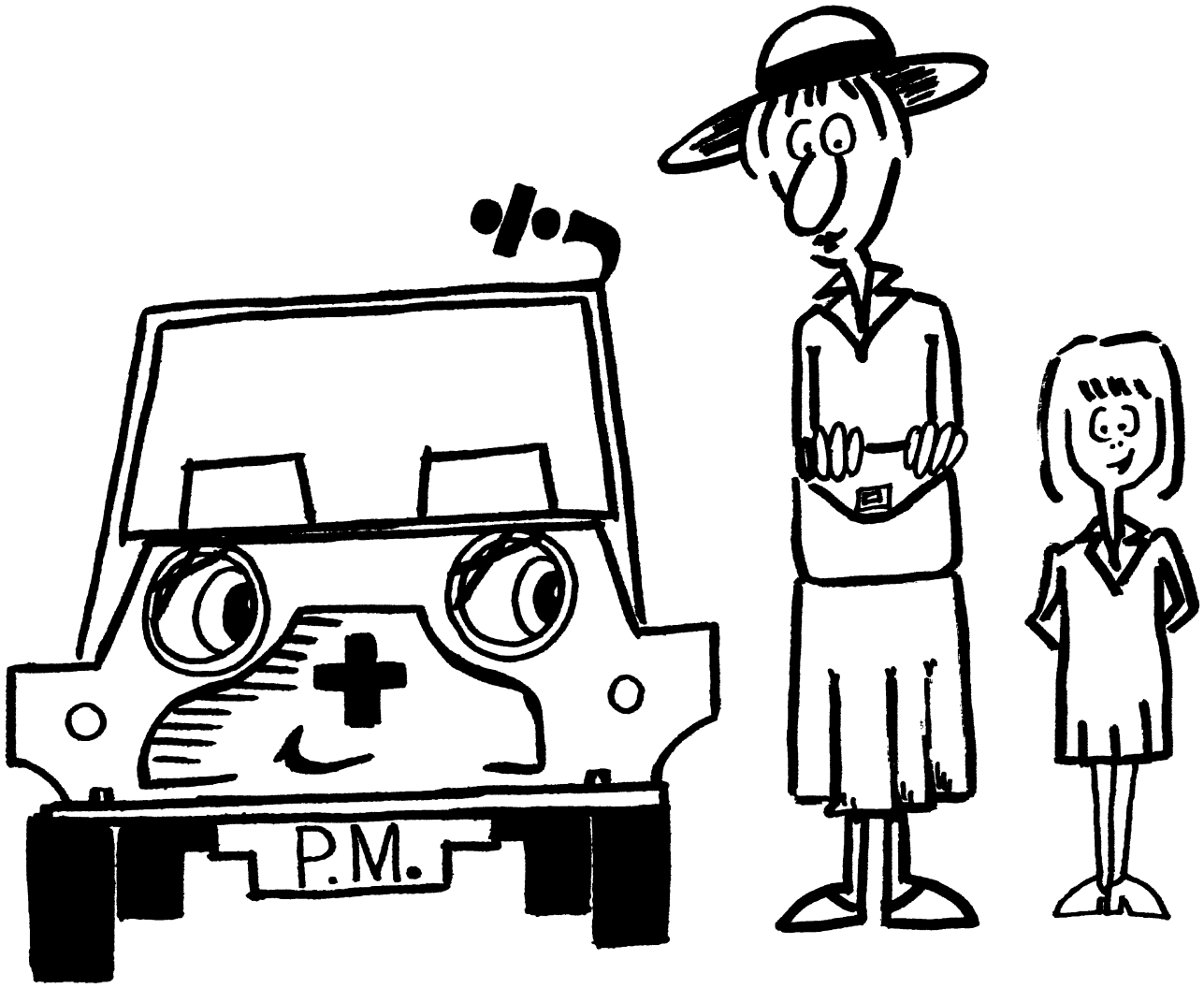
A finger up is counted.
A finger down is not.
You can't add up my fingers,
But find how much I've got.



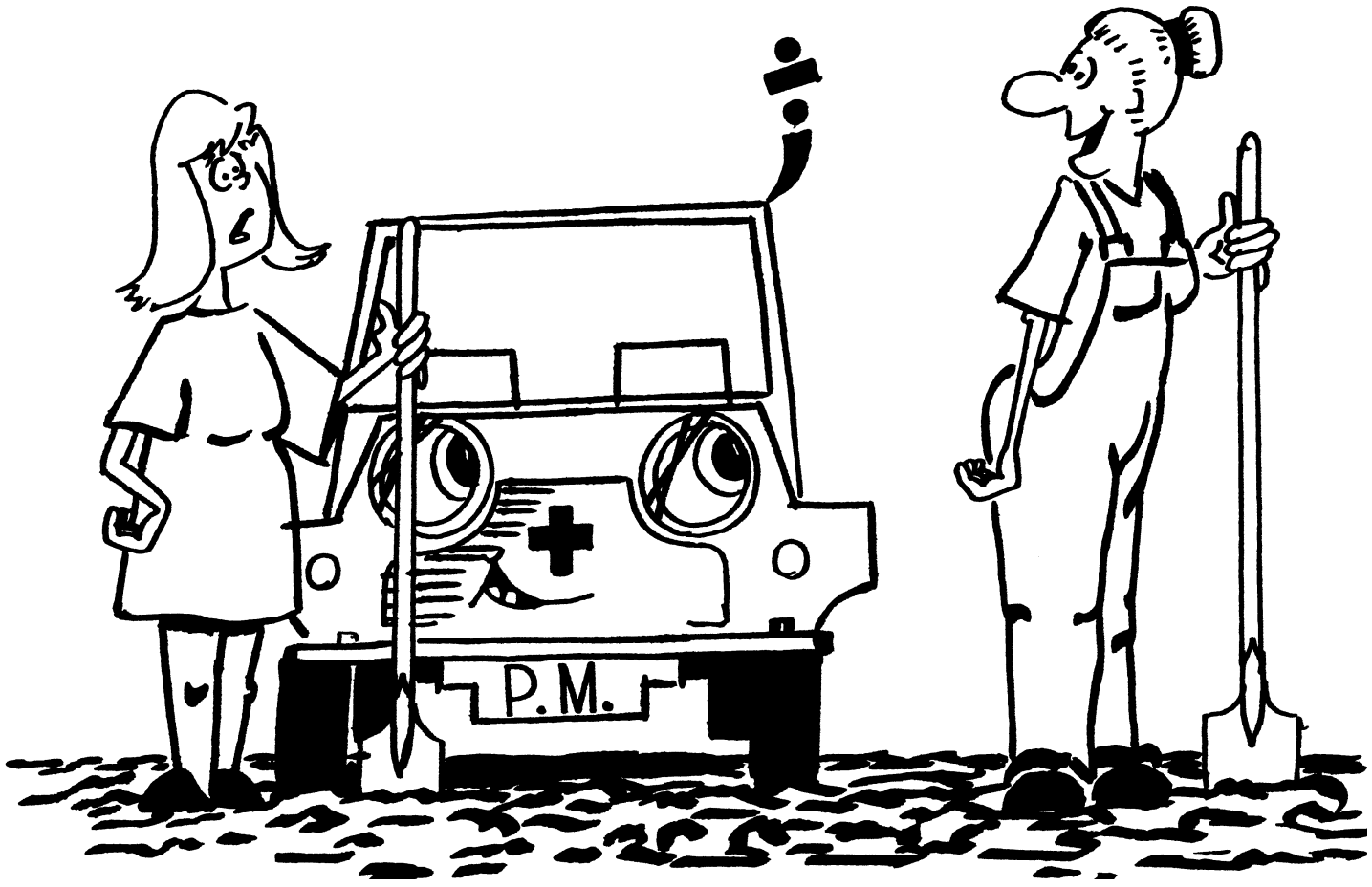
Chickens and pigs are all that live
on the farm of Mr. Brown.
He counted forty-one creatures
on the day I came from town.
But I'm a silly fellow
and I counted legs instead
And found there were one hundred
which came up to be fed.
I know that you are smarter
than either he or I,
So find how many chickens
were there before my eye.



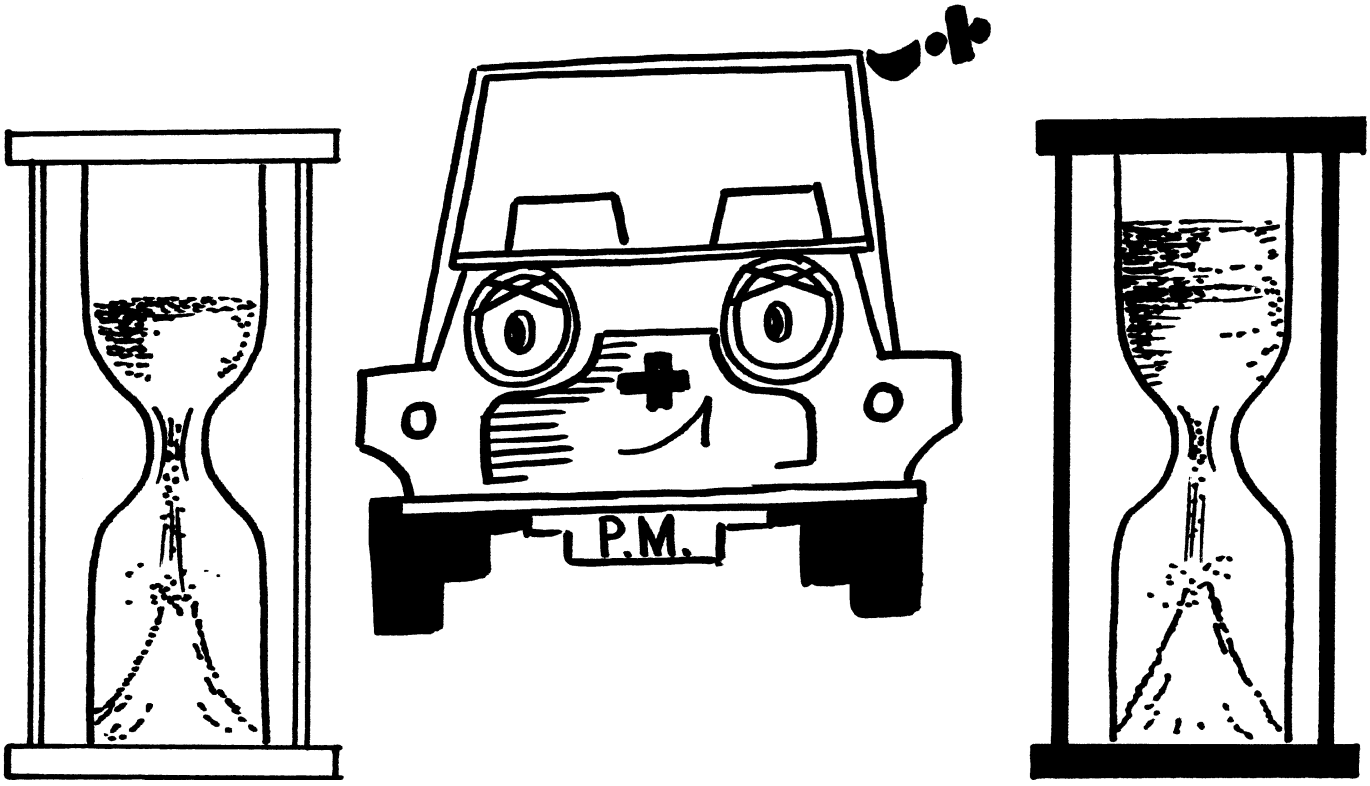
Mum is now five times my age
And you don't have to be a sage
To calculate the years since she
Was thirty-nine and I was three.



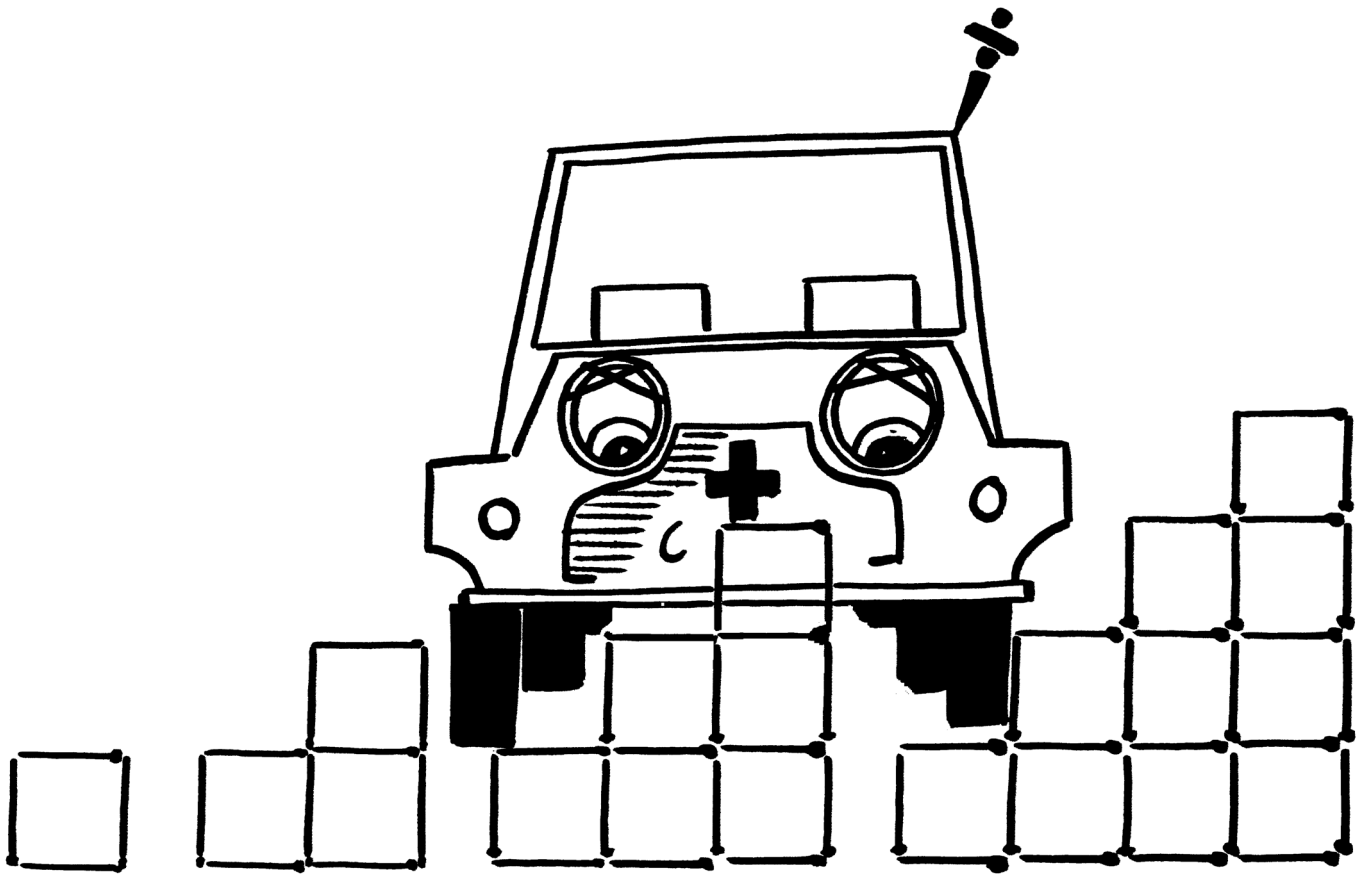
Sue can dig my garden;
It takes her half an hour.
Young Jan takes twenty minutes,
But then she needs a shower.
If they work together
Just how long will it be
Before these two hard workers
Have done this job for me?



I used two diff'rent egg timers
When last I had to cook.
One ran for just four minutes,
The other seven took.
But I had to time ten minutes,
Which wasn't easy friend,
So can you rediscover
How I did it in the end?



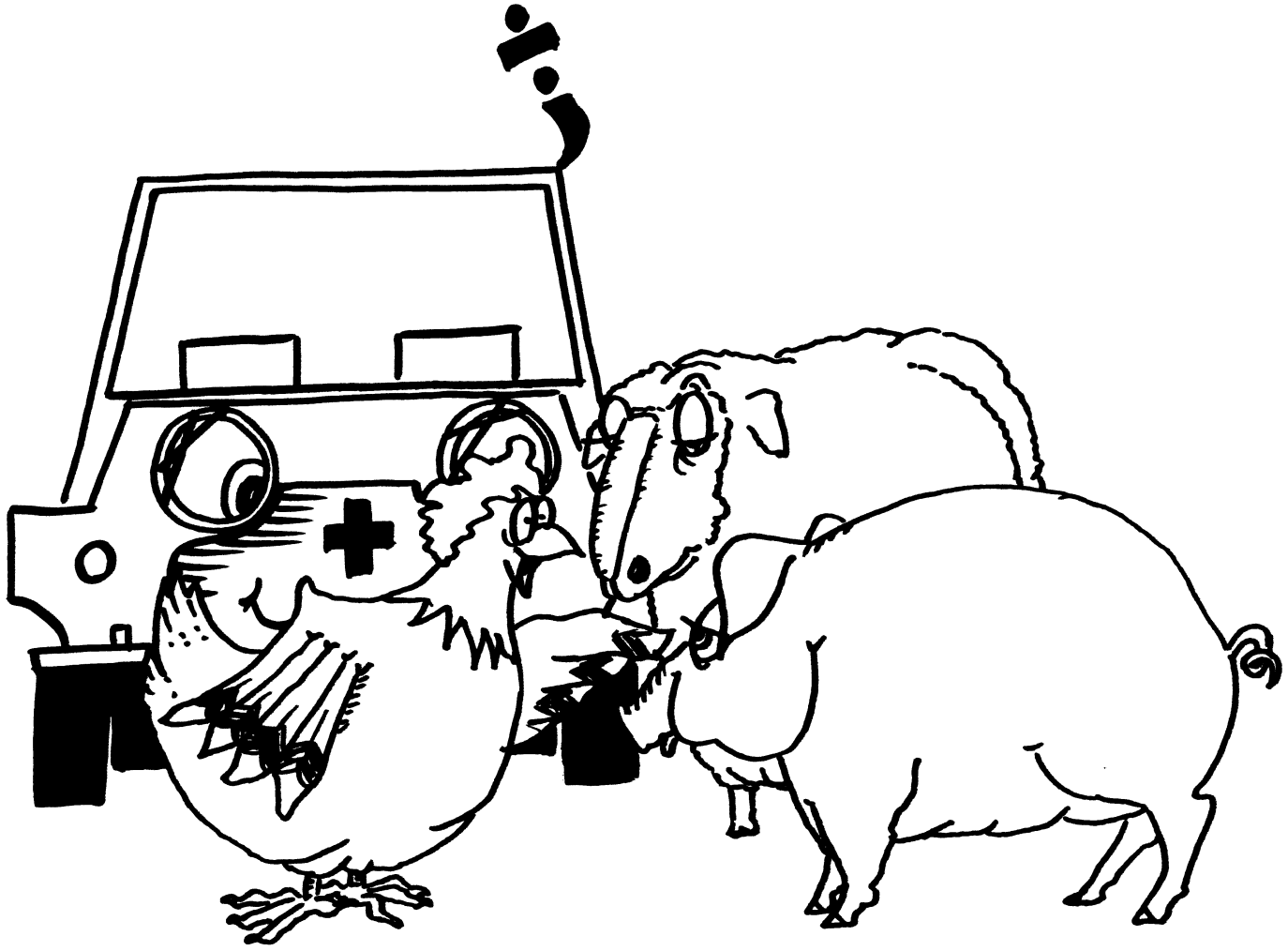
How many steps in the largest stair
I can make, if there's one hundred
matches to share?



...and...

If 'n' is the steps find a formula
For the number of matches by algebra.

A hundred dollars a farmer paid
For a hundred animals 'through the trade'.
Sheep were ten dollars, pigs were two,
Hens were fifty cents. What did she do?



If the sheets from all newspapers
printed today,
Were laid end to end
to make a pathway,
Which started from here,
Crossed land and crossed sea,
Where would the end of it turn out to be?