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Dear CFF Reader,

I am writing to you in relation to the upcoming "*Directory of Puzzle Collectors and Puzzle Sellers*", or short "*Directory*". There are a number of issues I would like you to take notice of:

- The *Directory* is the continuation of "*Jerry Slocum's Directory of Puzzle Collectors and Puzzle sellers*". See backside of this letter.
- Getting listed as puzzle collector (or as puzzle seller, or both) is free of charge.
- It is possible to get a copy of the *Directory* for personal use is. The price (including mailing costs) depends on your location. For Europe (including The Netherlands) it costs 17 Euro. For elsewhere in the world the costs are 21 Euro. To guarantee, your copy of the *Directory*, make sure that we receive your payment by September 30, 2006. Getting a copy afterwards will be difficult and more costly. To get a copy you need to be listed in the *Directory*.
- If you were listed in the previous *Directory* and would like to be listed again, please wait until you are contacted. We will send you your old listing for correction, in order to minimise the work. We will initially contact you by e-mail, so please make sure we have your correct e-mail address.
- If you are not listed in the previous *Directory*, but would like to be, please fill in the accompanying form and send it back with a portrait picture of yourself (the picture is not mandatory, but the whole idea of the *Directory* is to get to know each other). Mail your completed form to the address below or download an electronic copy from the CFF website and send the completed form by e-mail (including a digital photo).
- The *Directory* has a section on Puzzle Sellers, Puzzle Stores and Puzzle Websites. In case of Sellers and Stores we try to be as complete as possible (with your help). In case of the Puzzle Websites, we try to be more selective and list (hopefully) the top-selection (again with your help). In all three categories we would like to post a top ten favourite Sellers/Stores/Websites. Please use the included form (or download it from the website) and provide us with your favourite Sellers/Stores/Websites.

Kind regards,
Rik van Grol

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Directory of Puzzle Collectors & Puzzle Sellers

by Rik van Grol

In 2006 the sixth edition of the Directory of Puzzle Collectors & Puzzle Sellers will be published. The production of the Directory has been taken over from Jerry Slocum by NKC [1]. The Directory is meant to facilitate communication between puzzle collectors & sellers, by making them known to each other. The Directory provides more information, which will be detailed below. However, this article has two other purposes:

- (1) To offer you the possibility to **get listed** in the directory, and,
- (2) To allow you to **obtain your copy** of the directory.

Get Listed — If you are already listed in the directory, please wait until you are contacted. If you are not yet listed, but would like to be, either go to the CFF website cff.helm.lu and download the forms or wait until you receive an e-mail about the Directory (all members of NKC will be contacted by e-mail; provided we have your valid e-mail address). If you do not have access to the Internet, either phone me or send me a note. There are no costs charged to get listed!

Obtain your copy — The Directory is offered to puzzle collectors listed in the Directory at production cost. The following prices, including mailing cost, will be applied:

- 17.00 Euro for Europe
- 21.00 Euro for the rest of the World

The 2003 Directory had four sections: (1) profiles of *Puzzle Collectors*, (2) *Puzzle Periodicals* and *Internet Sites*, (3) *Puzzle Sellers*, and (4) *Retail Puzzle Stores*. Additionally there is a listing of all Puzzle Collectors, Sellers and Retail Puzzle Stores by location (by country and then by city). The 2006 Directory will be similar.

Profiles of Puzzle Collectors — the Puzzle Collector profile provides the contact details, details about the collected puzzles (categories and collection size), biographical information, puzzle interests and any other information the collector wishes to share with the reader. For a collector this is an opportunity to get information from fellow puzzlers or announce that you have puzzles for sale. Each collector is asked for a recent photo. The 2003 Directory contained almost 500 puzzle collectors.

Puzzle Periodicals & Internet Sites — A listing of periodicals that deal with puzzles and an overview of Internet Puzzle Sites (noncommercial and commercial) and some mailing lists & newsgroups.

A listing of Puzzle Sellers — The 2003 Directory contained a listing of about 150 Puzzle Sellers from all over the world with contact details (mailing address, telephone, fax, e-mail, and web address) and a description of puzzles for sale.

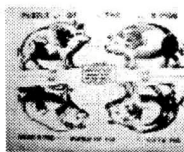
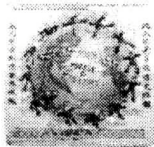
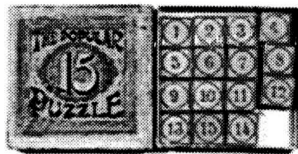
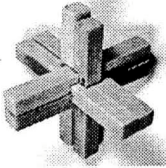
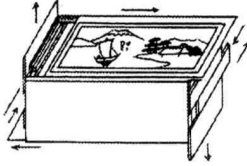
A listing of Retail Puzzle Stores — The 2003 Directory contained a listing of over 250 Retail Puzzle Stores from all over the world with contact details (location (sometimes GPS-coordinates), telephone, e-mail, and web address), as well as their opening times and a description of puzzles for sale. Help us to update/extend the list!

Reference

- [1] Rik van Grol, *Directory of Puzzle Collectors ...*, CFF 59 (2002), pg 30.

Mechanical Puzzle Classification

Examples



Mechanical Puzzle Types (Example name is bold)

1. Put -Together Puzzles-Putting the object together is the puzzle.
 - 1.1 2 Dimensional assembly puzzles (**Tangrams**, Anchor, T, jigsaw,etc.)
 - 1.2 3 Dimensional assembly puzzles -Non-Interlocking (Soma,etc.)
 - 1.3 Miscellaneous put-together-(Instant Insanity, puzzle rings, etc.)
 - 1.4 Matchstick puzzles
2. Take -Apart Puzzles-Taking the object apart or open is the puzzle.
 - 2.1 Trick or secret opening puzzles -(**Puzzle boxes**, etc.)
 - 2.2 Secret compartment puzzles (Slopes, coins, etc.)
 - 2.3 Trick locks & keys
 - 2.4 Trick matchboxes (matchsafes)
 - 2.5 Trick knives
3. Interlocking Solid Puzzles-Disassembly & assembly to solve puzzle.
 - 3.1 Figural (Animals, objects, etc.)
 - 3.2 Geometric objects (Cube, etc.)
 - 3.3 3-D jigsaw puzzles
 - 3.4 **Burr puzzles**
 - 3.5 Keychain puzzles
 - 3.6 Miscellaneous interlocking solid puzzles
4. Disentanglement Puzzles-Disentanglement & entanglement to solve puzzle.
 - 4.1 Cast Iron & sheet metal puzzles
 - 4.2 Wire puzzles (**Chinese Rings**, etc.)
 - 4.3 String puzzles (Non-rigid disentanglement)
 - 4.4 Miscellaneous disentanglement puzzles
5. Sequential Movement Puzzles-Moving parts of object to a goal is the puzzle.
 - 5.1 Solitaire puzzles (Remove pegs, counters, etc. by jumping)
 - 5.2 Counter puzzles (Rearrange counters, pegs, etc. by jumping)
 - 5.3 **Sliding piece puzzles** (2D & 3D)
 - 5.4 Rotating cube puzzles (3D-Rubik's cube ,etc.)
 - 5.5 Maze & route puzzles
 - 5.6 Miscellaneous sequential movement puzzles (Tower of Hanoi, etc.)
 - 5.7 Mazes and Labyrinths for People
6. Dexterity Puzzles-Manual dexterity is primary to solve puzzle .
 - 6.1 Throw & catch (Cup & ball, etc.)
 - 6.2 **Rolling ball puzzles**
 - 6.3 Maze dexterity puzzles
 - 6.4 Miscellaneous dexterity puzzles
7. Puzzle Vessels - Drinking without spilling, or filling a vessel is the puzzle. (**Puzzle Jugs**, Bottom fil wine & tea pots, Pitchers, etc.)
8. Vanish Puzzles - The puzzle is to explain a vanished or changed image. (**Loyd's Get Off the Earth**, etc.)
9. Folding Puzzles - The puzzle is to fold a paper or hinged object, to form a specified pattern. (2D & 3D) (**Fifth Pig Puzzle**, etc.)
10. Impossible Puzzles - The puzzle is to explain how an object was made or why it behaves in a seemingly impossible way. (**Arrow thru bottle**, celt, etc.)