

MATCH THE COUPLES  
NEW PATIENCE GAME

This game is composed of eight cards, a man and woman from Auvergne, a soldier and a nurse, a musician and a singer, a servant and a chambermaid.

It is about arranging the eight cards in a single line, and in such an order, that each man may rejoin his wife or fellow-countrywoman by jumping over one man and one woman.

To succeed, there are two successive combinations to find. You must find 1. in what order the eight cards must be arranged.

2. in what order to jump the cards.

Solution

1. Having placed the eight cards in the following order:

1    7    3    8    2    4    6    5

2. Arthur rejoins Octavie by passing over the singer and the man from Auvergne, Nicholas rejoins Irma by passing over the singer and the soldier, Maxime joins Pamela by jumping the servant and the chambermaid already reunited, and finally Rigobert finds his dear Sophie by jumping over the two from Auvergne already reunited.

3. If you now add the numbers of the two cards that compose each couple, you will get the number nine, which will be proof of your success.

And now, dear reader, you look forward to the secret? Tell me that after looking into my key you will tear the bottom of this page so that no one after you can look at it in turn? I will indicate for you an infallible way to succeed the first time in the placement of

the cards without the help of the solution. It only remains to find the order in which you must jump them afterwards, and that will be easy.

Here is my key, furnished by the first letter of each name:

M O N P A R I S