CHAPTER THREE

Nine Problems

1. THE RETURNING EXPLORER

An old riddle runs as follows. An explorer walks one mile due south, turns and walks one mile due east, turns again and walks one mile due north. He finds himself back where he started. He shoots a bear. What color is the bear? The time-honored answer is: “White,” because the explorer must have started at the North Pole. But not long ago someone made the discovery that the North Pole is not the only starting point that satisfies the given conditions! Can you think of any other spot on the globe from which one could walk a mile south, a mile east, a mile north and find himself back at his original location?

2. DRAW POKER

Two men play a game of draw poker in the following curious manner. They spread a deck of 52 cards face up on the