

# LEWIS CARROLL'S GAMES & PUZZLES

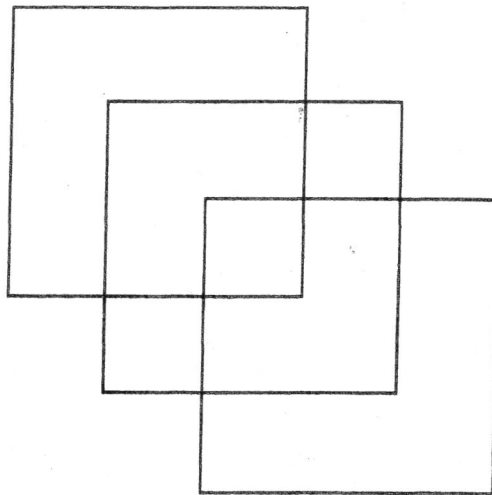
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## *The Three Squares*

During a visit to Reading in August 1869, Lewis Carroll met Isabel Standen. He had been buying books from a shop which he had left to be collected later, and on his return to Guildford he realized that he had quite forgotten to pick up the books he had bought. He had been trying out a new puzzle with Isabel, and their meeting might have distracted his attention away from his purchases. However, in a letter to her the following day, he asks whether she would kindly go to the shop and ask for the books to be sent on. In the same letter he inquires whether or not Isabel had succeeded in drawing out the three-squares problem.

The three-squares problem is as follows:



Draw these three interlaced squares without lifting your pencil from the paper, and without going over a line twice, *and* without intersecting any other line.