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1. Robert is riding a bicycle on a road that can be divided into 4 parts of equal length. The first part he pedalled at 10 mph, the second part up the slope at 5 mph and the third down the slope at 30 mph and the last at 15 mph. What was his average speed?
2. Arrive at 20 in nine different ways using any arithmetic symbols and using only 1's on the first line, 2's on the second and so on, using only 9's on the 9th line. On any one line you can use the given digit upto six times only.

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3. A total of 15 students met at an international conference, from Africa, Asia, Europe, and America. There is at least one student from each continent; America and Asia, together sent in 6 students, Asia and Europe sent in a total of 7. Which continent has sent 4 students? (Each continent sent in a different number of students.)
4. It takes 5 seconds for the wall clock to strike six. How long does it take to strike twelve?

5. 4 4 4 = 3
4 4 4 = 6
4 4 4 = 7
4 4 4 = 8
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4 4 4 = 32
4 4 4 = 48
Add Arithmetic symbols between the 4's to make every equation true.

6. There are seven coins. Five have the same weight; two are slightly higher but equal in weight. Using a balance of two pans, how many weightings are necessary to tell which are the two heavy coins?

7. Tom rented a car to drive to a city 100 miles away. He stopped halfway and picked a friend who rode with him the last 50 miles. Tom on his way back, dropped his friend where he had picked him up and returned to where he had started. Car rental was \$24. How much should Tom be paid by his friend, if they were to share the expenses equitably?

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1. Name the top three debtor countries.
2. Which states are the highest and lowest users of gasoline in the USA?
3. "The Fruitbowl of the USA" is located in what state?
4. The world's largest continuous aerial tramway is located in what state?
5. Wichita, Kansas, is the world's leading producer of what?
6. What state in the USA is known as the land of 10,000 lakes?
7. Which is the world's biggest sized newspaper?
8. How many varieties of Dahlia (flower plant) are available?
9. Which is the only color of Dahlia not available in the world's yet?
10. What is "Reverse Brain Drain"?
11. Apart from McDonalds and Burger King, which is the leading national fast food chain store in USA?
12. What is the last name of the royal family in Britain?
13. Who is the first baseball player who got \$100,000 a year contract?
14. Who wrote the famous book, "The Other Side of The Moon" and about whom?
15. The world's first subway train system started where and when?
16. What is the official address of Grand Central Station, Manhattan and how many clocks are there in that station?
17. Which is the greatest single aircraft disaster in terms of deaths?
18. AAA stands for Automobile Association of America, what does AAAA stand for?
19. Where is the largest nuclear power plant in USA?
20. Which is the largest underwater tunnel in USA for vehicular traffic?

..... (Answers on Page No.29)

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There are three very important steps in the Hindu marriage, viz., the Kanyādāna (the giving away the bride in charity to the bridegroom), the Mangalyam (the tying of the three knots round the bride's neck) and the Saptapadi (the bridegroom's walking the bride holding her big toe of her right foot).....In the case of KANYADANA, the two important verses rendered are

1. Dasanam purvesham, Dasanam Paresham - Atmascha, Eka vim sati kula Uddharanadvāra,
Nitya niratīśaya Sasvata Vishnu loka Avapartham - Maha Vishnu Pritiyartham Kanyadanam
Kāryāḥ.

2. Kānyam, Kanaka Sampannam, Sarvabhāraṇa bhūshitam,
Dasyamī Vishnavetubhyam Brahmālōka chikīrshaya.

By giving away the bride in charity, the parents of the bride are expecting ten generations of their forefathers, their own generation and ten of their generations to follow (a total of twenty generations) to attain salvation and permanent residence in the world of Mahāvishnu. This act of charity is performed to please the Supreme Lord, Mahāvishnu. This charity should be done in good spirit. The bride should possess some qualities. She is called Kanya, meaning a girl in her teens and a virgin. Therefore, pre-marital sex is ruled out in Hinduism and the associated marriage celebrations. When such a virtuous bride is given in marriage only, they can expect the results and that marriage should be performed, only to please Mahāvishnu.

The second verse says that the bride, who is a virgin, along with gold and beautifully decorated with all the jewelry is given away to the bridegroom, who is considered to be Vishnu at that very moment of receiving that bride in charity, and the parents in doing so are expecting to reach the highest world of Brahman. (Brahman is the impersonal energy of Narayana and should not be mistaken to the creator, the four-faced Brahma). It is the custom and ritualistic prescription that the bride is given away with gold and jewelry and from that started the present day evil practice of demanding dowry by the parents of the bridegroom. It is nowhere mentioned that the parents of the bridegroom can demand the gold and jewelry or dowry. It is the parents of the bride that give whatever they could, not as a condition, but out of love. The bridegroom is considered at that moment as "Lakshminarayana Swarupayavaraya" because whatever charity is undertaken, should be done only to please Lord Narayana, as mentioned in Bhagavad Gita, Chapter 9.

The next important aspect of marriage is MANGALYA DHARANA (tying the three knots with a string having a small piece of gold around the neck of the bride.). The bridegroom is supposed to say the following verse: "Mangalyam Tāntunāna mama jeevanahetuna,
Kānthe badhnāmi Subhage Tvam jeeva Saradassatam."
The bridegroom is tying the knots around the neck of the bride to have a life for himself (for there is no life without a wife). He also addresses the bride as Subhage (a divinely person having all auspicious qualities) and he blesses her to live for a hundred years, enjoying all happiness (signified by the word Sarat, the enjoyable time).

The last important part of the marriage is SAPTAPADI, which means seven steps. In a big plate spread with rice, seven nuts are placed and the bridegroom should hold the big toe of the right foot of his wife (by now they are already married) and make her walk seven steps on the nuts. The verse here is "Ekam īshem vishnu stvam anvetu, - Chatvari māyobhāvaya vishnu stvam yetu, - Panchapa Subyah vishnusvam yetu, - Shat Rutubhyah vishnu stvam yetu, Sapta Saptabhyam Hotrabhyam vishnu stvam yetu." With these seven steps, he and she should transcend all the seven worlds above and reach, with each step they are taking, the eternal abode of Lord Vishnu. They are supposed to enjoy their happiness during the fertile period in her life to get children and they should also perform some fire sacrifices to reach the supreme Lord Vishnu in the Sātya Loka, which is the seventh world. (They are - Bhū Loka, Bhuvan Loka, Svār Loka, Mahar Loka, Jana Loka, Tapo Loka and Sātya Loka.) Whatever they do in their future married life should be an offering to Lord Vishnu. They should search, in each step they are taking in their future lives, for the Lord Vishnu.

So say our scriptures about the glory of our Hindu marriage and one should never mistake the deep religious aspect our tradition as another "social acceptance and license for prostitution" as Swami Vivekananda once said. The man and woman should help each other.

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Estate Tax was covered in the previous issue. Gift and Income Tax aspects are covered below:

Gift tax: There is little point in setting up a super trust to save estate taxes if gift taxes have to be paid, since they are taxed under the same rate schedule. And contributions to the trust for the payment of insurance premiums are taxable gifts to the trust beneficiaries. Fortunately, the annual gift tax exclusion allows a taxpayer to exclude from gift tax up to \$10,000 per recipient each year. And that should be enough to shelter the cash gifts to pay the premiums.

However, there is a problem when the gifts are made to a trust. In general, the gift tax exclusion is available only when the recipient has a right to enjoy the gift right away (a so-called "present interest"). And, with a trust, the beneficiaries usually benefit at some future time. Result: No exclusion.

HOW TO HANDLE IT- A taxpayer should give the beneficiaries the right to demand the money the trust intends to use to pay premiums (with the understanding that this right will not be exercised). As long as this present right exists-even for a limited time-gifts to the trust will be considered gifts eligible for the annual gift tax exclusion. This break was specifically okayed by a Federal Court in a landmark case.

Income Tax: One low-cost type of life insurance is minimum deposit insurance: a large share of the premiums are paid with money borrowed from the insurance company. The interest paid on the loan is generally income tax deductible by the borrower.

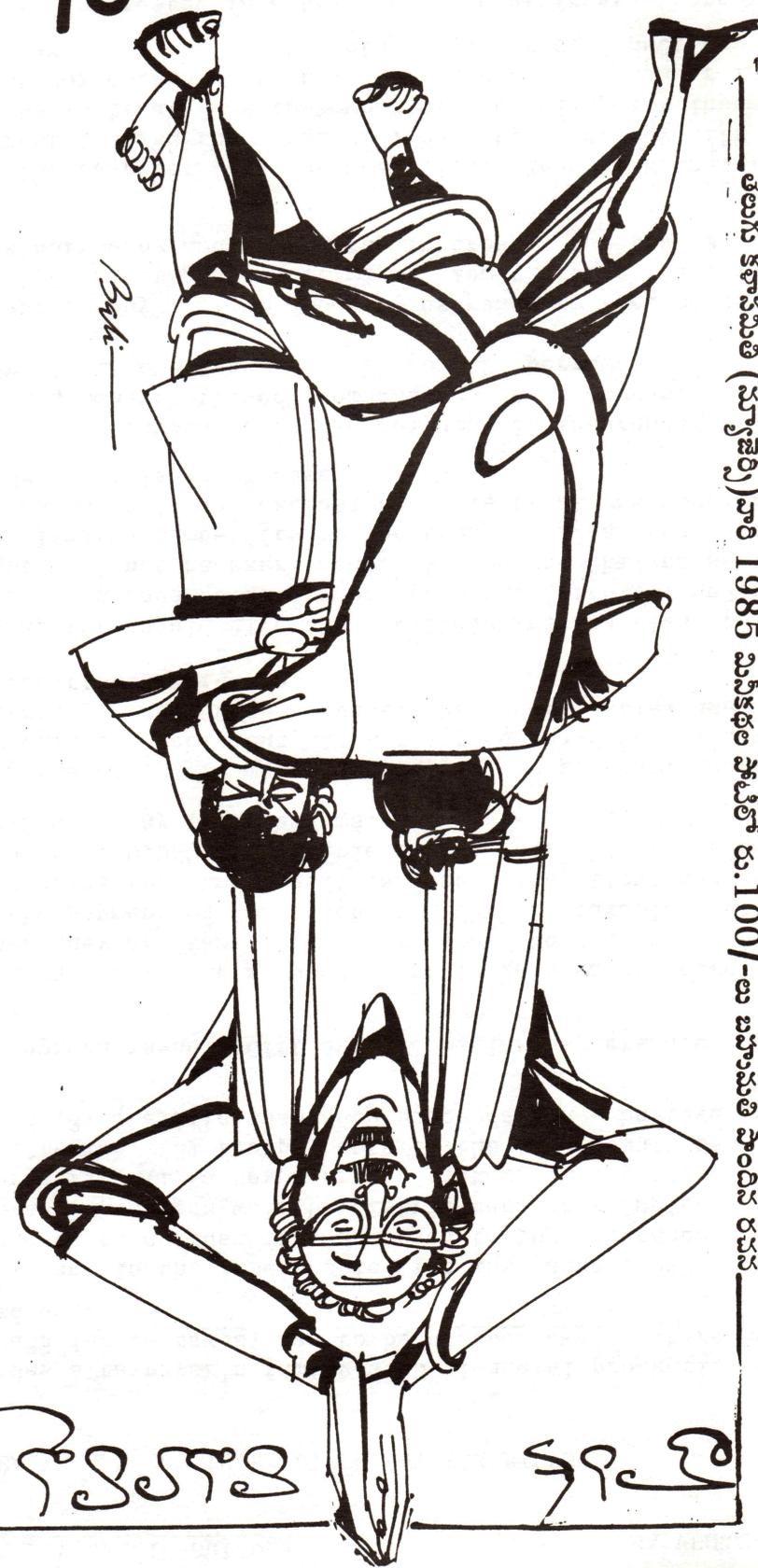
Suppose a taxpayer wants the trust to buy minimum deposit insurance to keep costs down. Who gets the interest deduction? At first glance, it might seem that the trust would get the deduction-it's doing the borrowing and paying the interest. But that's not the case.

PLEASANT TAX SURPRISE-The taxpayer gets the deduction. Reason: When the person who sets up a trust (called the "grantor") has the trust buy life insurance on his life, he is treated as the owner of the policy for income tax purposes (though not for estate purposes). So, since the taxpayer is the "grantor" of the super trust, he or she gets the interest deduction.

The sooner, the better: If you are interested in setting up a Super Trust, there is no time like the present. Reason: A policy taken out within three years of death will be included in a taxpayer's taxable estate if he provides the funds to buy the policy. So the sooner the trust is set up and the policy is purchased, the sooner the three-year period expires. And once three years have passed, the policy proceeds are free of estate taxes.

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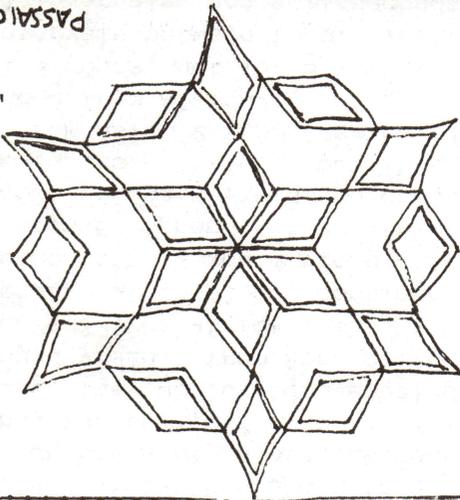
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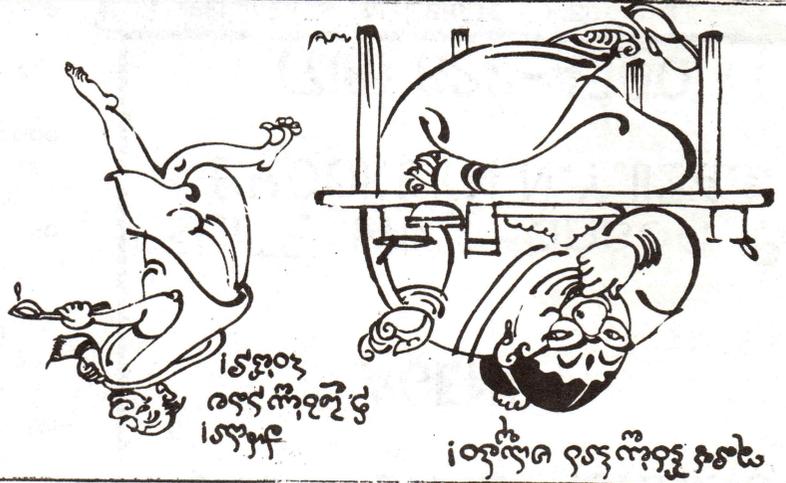
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1. Average Speed 10 mph. You need to calculate the total time Robert would have sent on trip 'x' miles long and then calculate avg. speed by dividing that distance by the total time. It is not 15 mph which is the numerical average of 4 speeds.
2. $11 + 11 - 1 - 1 = 20$; $22 - 2 = 20$
 $3 - (3+3 + 3/3) = 20$; $(4 \times 4) + 4 = 20$
 $5 + 5 + 5 + 5 = 20$;
 $6 + 6 + 6 + ((6 + 6)/6)) = 20$;
 $7 + 7 + 7 - (7/7) = 20$;
 $8 + 8 + ((8 \times 8) / (8 + 8)) = 20$;
 $9 + 9 + ((9 + 9)/9) = 20$.
3. ASIA. Since they add upto 6 with America which has sent in at least one delegate, they can be 1,2,3,4, or 5. 3 is no good because they would yield equal delegates. 1 would yield 5 from America, 6 from Europe hence 3 from Africa. This is impossible because at least one continent sent in 4 delegates. 2 would yield 4 from America, 5 from Europe and 4 from Africa which is no good. 5 again yields no continent with 4 delegates. The only possible way then is 4 from Asia, 2 from America, 3 from Europe and 6 from Africa.
4. 11 Seconds, not 10. Six strikes have five intervals between them. Twelve strikes 11 intervals, hence 11 seconds.
5. $((4 \times 4) - 4) + 4 = 3$; $((4 + 4) + 4) + 4 = 6$;
 $(4 + 4) - (4 + 4) = 7$; $(4 \times 4) - 4 - 4 = 8$;
 $(4 \times 4) + 4 + 4 = 24$; $((4 + 4) \times 4) - 4 = 28$;
 $(4 \times 4) + (4 \times 4) = 32$; $(4 + 4 + 4) \times 4 = 48$.
6. Three weighings. Weigh any three (say A, B, C) against another three (say D, E, F) having coin G out. If they are equal and balance, then weigh A against B, if they are equal C is the heavier coin. If not whichever is heavier is the heavy coin. Similarly DEF could be dealt with. If in the first weighing, ABC group is heavy; it should have one or two heavy coins. Weigh A against B. If A is heavier, it is the first heavy coin. The second will be found weighing C against G. If the pans balance, the heavy coins are either A and B or C and G. These two pairs are weighted against each other. Again only three weighings are needed.
7. Tom rode 200 miles and his friend 100 miles in total on the car. Total passenger-miles thus are 300; in the ratio of 2 : 1, thus \$24 are to be divided into \$16 and \$8; \$8 are to be paid by Tom's friend.

QUESTION OF MONTH (Last month's Telugu Jyothi Apr 86 page 7)
 Q : The following places : Delaware, Hawaii, Indiana, Oklahoma, and North Dakota, have something in common in their names. What is it ?
 A : The five states each have two different pairs of vowels in their names and NO OTHER VOWEL !

FOR TEENAGERS: ALGEBRAIC COMEDY - 2

There is a saying : HE LAUGHS BEST, WHO LAUGHS LAST." But, whether you laugh first, or last, laughing itself is fun especially when you are able to laugh at yourself, I mean at your error or fault. So let us have some fun.

We start with an undoubtedly flawless equality $16 - 36 = 25 - 45$.

Equal numbers are added to each side:
 $16 - 36 + 20\frac{1}{2} = 25 - 45 + 20\frac{1}{2}$
 and the following are only the logical consequences of the above equation:
 $4^2 - 2 \times 4 \times 9/2 + (9/2)^2 = 5^2 - 2 \times 5 \times 9/2 + (9/2)^2$
 $4 - 9/2 = 5 - 9/2$
 Taking the square root of both members of the equation, we get
 $4 - 9/2 = 5 - 9/2$
 And finally, we get : $4 = 5$, which is never true. These amusing instances should be a warning to those who are inexperienced in operating with equations involving the radical sign.

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1. Brazil, Mexico and United States in that order. Believe it or not, India was never in the top

ten. Currently India stands in 68th place, thanks to restriction of imports as well as the

ex-patriots sending dollars and dinars.

2. According to the available latest (1983) statistics, Wyoming uses 603 gallons gasoline per

capita, while District of Columbia uses the least - 268 gallons per capita. Hawaii with 293

gallons and New York with 297 gallons are second and third from the bottom.

3. "The Fruitbowl of USA" is Yakim valley of Washington state. Almost all the famous 30

varieties of apples as well as almost all other fruits of USA are grown there in abundance.

4. The world's longest aerial tramway is Suntram near Albuquerque, New Mexico.

5. Wichita, Kansas, is the leading manufacturer of military aircraft and small "corporate jets"

as well as 4 or 5 seater planes.

6. Minnesota. There is 1 sq. mile of water for every 20 sq. miles of land. There are about

14,000 lakes altogether in the state.

7. The most jumbo sized newspaper ever, "The Constellation" was from New York. It measured

51" x 35" in size and had 13 columns per page (instead of the usual 6 to 8 columns). It was

published by one George Roberts in 1858.

8. There are about 150 varieties of Dahlias. These are easy-care summer flowers, come in all

types of bright colors (except one color), grow 3 to 6 feet tall.

9. In spite of best efforts by plant hybridizers, blue flower Dahlias have not been developed. In

fact, since 1864, 50,000 French francs are offered to any one who can develop blue Dahlias!

10. You know "Brain Drain" ! South Africa is now facing "Reverse Brain Drain" as most

intellectuals who have migrated to South Africa from Britain and other Cacaustians are afraid

of their lives in the racial riots that are going back to their countries!

11. Pizza Hut! (not Kentucky fried chicken). Pizza Hut, owned by Pepsi co. has altogether about

5000 restaurants worldwide!

12. Windsor is the family name of the royal family of Britain. It was changed so by King George

V in 1917 during WW I.

13. Joe Dimaggio, star fielder of the New York Yankees became the first baseball player to earn

\$100,000.00 a year in the late 1940's.

14. "The other side of the moon" was written by Sheridan Morley about the life of David Niven,

the famous British-born cine actor.

15. London. It was operational in 1863! New York started its first operational underground

trains in 1904 only! The token system started in 1953.

16. There are, believe it or not, 350 clocks at 89, East 42nd Street, which is the official address

of the Grand Central Station.

17. A specially modified Boeing 747 jet belonging to Japan Airlines, carrying 520 passengers and

crew crashed into a mountain on the northwest of Tokyo in August 1985. Only 3 survived in

that crash.

18. AAAA stands for Actors and Artists of America, Associated, head office at 165 W. 46th st.,

Manhattan, NY. Founded in 1910. No individual memberships. Nine National performing

Arts Unions (total membership 97,325) are affiliates.

19. There are two 1220.6 megawatt Nuclear Powerplants, both at Sequoyah, owned and

operated by Tennessee Valley Authority, Tennessee.

20. The largest underwater tunnel in USA used for vehicular traffic is 3.6 miles long and is in

San Francisco, CA. Battery Tunnel bridging Brooklyn and Manhattan, is the second longest

with 9117 feet!

Question of the Month :

The number 9876543210 is the largest possible number that uses all the digits from 0 to 9 once. You notice that the first number 9 is divided by 1, the first two numbers, i.e. 98 is divided by 2, and so on until you come to 9876543 which is not divisible by 7! Like Mission Impossible, should you accept the challenge (using all the digits ONLY ONCE) which is divisible in the following pattern : the first digit by 1, the first two digits by 2; the first three digits by three and so on, including the last division, i.e., the whole number should be divisible by ten. Okay? Have fun and find out the number! (answer in next month issue)

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కొరియాలో కొత్తగా ఏర్పడిన ఒక పాదం... (Text continues with details about a new shoe trend in Korea, mentioning 'Pachipadalu' and 'Korim' brands, and how they are popular among young people in Seoul.)

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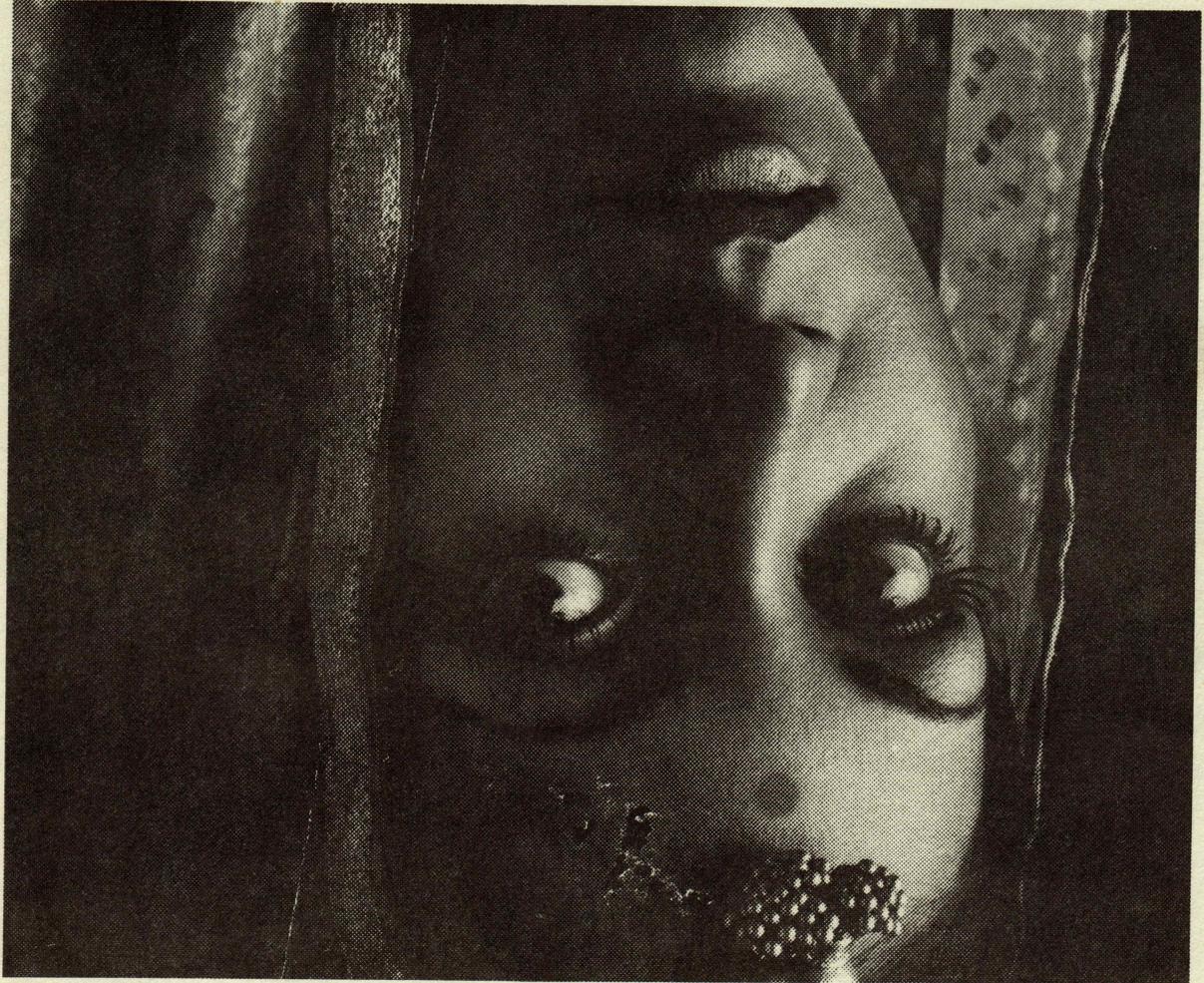
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