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“The Hardest Set of Arithmetical Problems in Existence”

Workman’s Tutorial Arithmetic was a high school textbook written around 1900 in Britain that contained what the author referred to as “...I believe, the hardest set of arithmetical problems in existence.” This talk will examine some aspects of this textbook, with special consideration of some of the infamous problems, and of what constituted “arithmetic” at that time.