# St. Ives

The following is a traditional English nursery rhyme, which first appeared about 300 years ago. However, a version of the puzzle (with the same mathematical content) appears on a document called the Rhind Mathematical Papyrus (1630BC) written in Egypt 3600 years ago (1630 BC).

As I was going to St Ives

I met a man with seven wives

Each wife had seven sacks

Each sack had seven cats

Each cat had seven kits

Kits, cats, sacks, wives

How many were going to St Ives?

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