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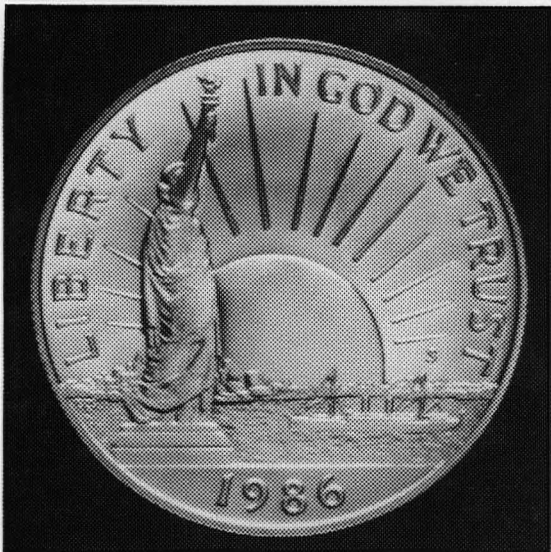
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# Coin Collecting for Kids

## A Special New Coin



Commemorative coins help us remember important occasions.

The Statue of Liberty has never been on a coin, until now. It is now on shiny commemorative coins. These coins cost more than the price marked on them.

You don't spend these coins. You save them to help you remember important occasions, such as Lady Liberty's 100th birthday coming up this year.

The half-dollar commemorative coin costs \$7.50. You can buy one at banks and department stores. There are also gold and silver Statue of Liberty coins costing much more.

Part of the money will be used to help pay for repairing the statue.



Learning about coins makes money very interesting.

The hobby of collecting coins is called numismatics (nu-mis-mat-iks). It is the oldest hobby in the world.

## Coin Terms



Mint: The factory where coins are made.

Mintmarks: Small letters showing where the coins were made. For example:

- D Denver
- S San Francisco
- W West Point
- P Philadelphia

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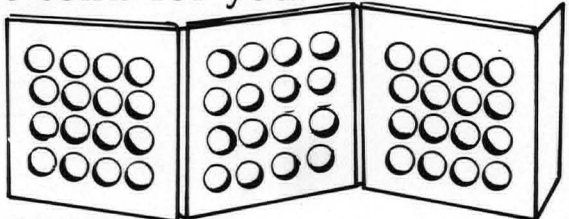
## How to Collect Old Coins

1. Visit a coin dealer or hobby shop. Ask the clerks if they know of a coin-collecting club you might join.



2. Decide what to collect. You might want to start with pennies. Don't get discouraged. There aren't many old coins still in use. But the newer coins you save today will someday be of value.

3. Ask friends and relatives to save coins for you.



Coin folders have slots with the year and the number of coins that were made.

4. Keep your coins in albums or folders. Get a good guide book. Remember, never clean your coins.



5. Buy rolls of coins from banks or try to find the coins you want.

6. Go to the library and read books and magazines about coins.



# Meet the Treasurer of the United States



Mrs. Ortega was the first woman to become president of a bank in California.

When Katherine Ortega was a little girl growing up in New Mexico, her father told her: "You can be anything you want to be. Believe in yourself."

Today, Mrs. Ortega has a very important job. She is the treasurer of the United States.

She oversees the factories that print our money and make our coins. She is also in charge of the sale of U.S. Savings Bonds.

President Reagan appointed Mrs. Ortega in 1983. Every bill since that time has had her signature on it.

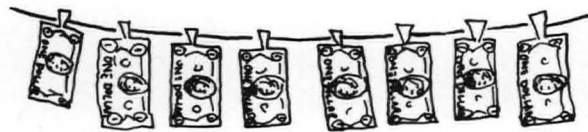
The Mini Page met with Katherine Ortega in Washington, D.C. Her offices

*Katherine A. Ortega*  
TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

are in the Treasury Building right next to the White House. If you would like to see what her building looks like, you can see a picture of it on the back of a \$10 bill.

She told us some interesting facts about money:

- The life of a \$1 bill is about 18 months. A \$50 or \$100 bill will last about 20 years.
- For over 100 years, the Crane paper company has made the paper used in making our U.S. bills.



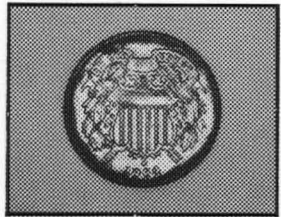
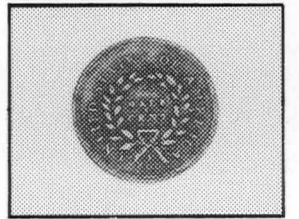
- Years ago, when money got dirty and wrinkled, it was sent back to Washington to be washed and ironed. Then it was put back into circulation!

Today it is cheaper to make new money than to wash the old, so this is no longer done.

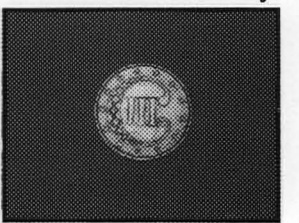
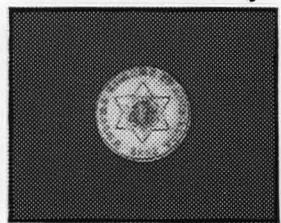
# Interesting Coins



The first U.S. coin was a 1/2-cent coin dated 1793.



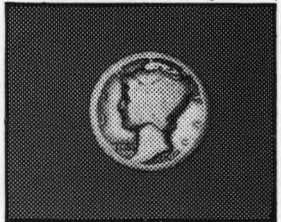
The copper 2-cent piece was the first U.S. coin to use the motto "In God We Trust." It was dated 1864. Do any coins use this motto today?



This 3-cent coin was made of silver and was used from 1851 to 1883.



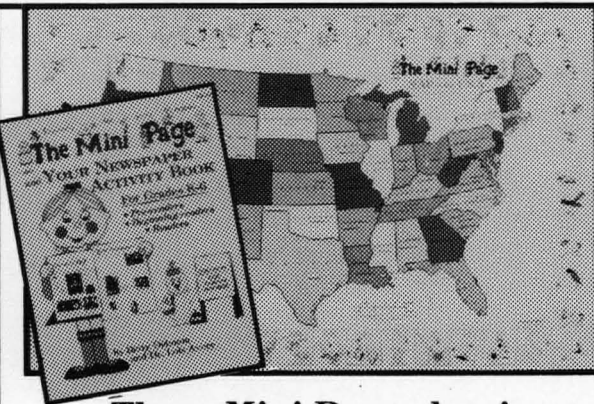
Twenty-cent pieces were never popular and were made only for two years.



A coin like this dime can still be found in circulation. It is dated 1916 and is worth \$300.

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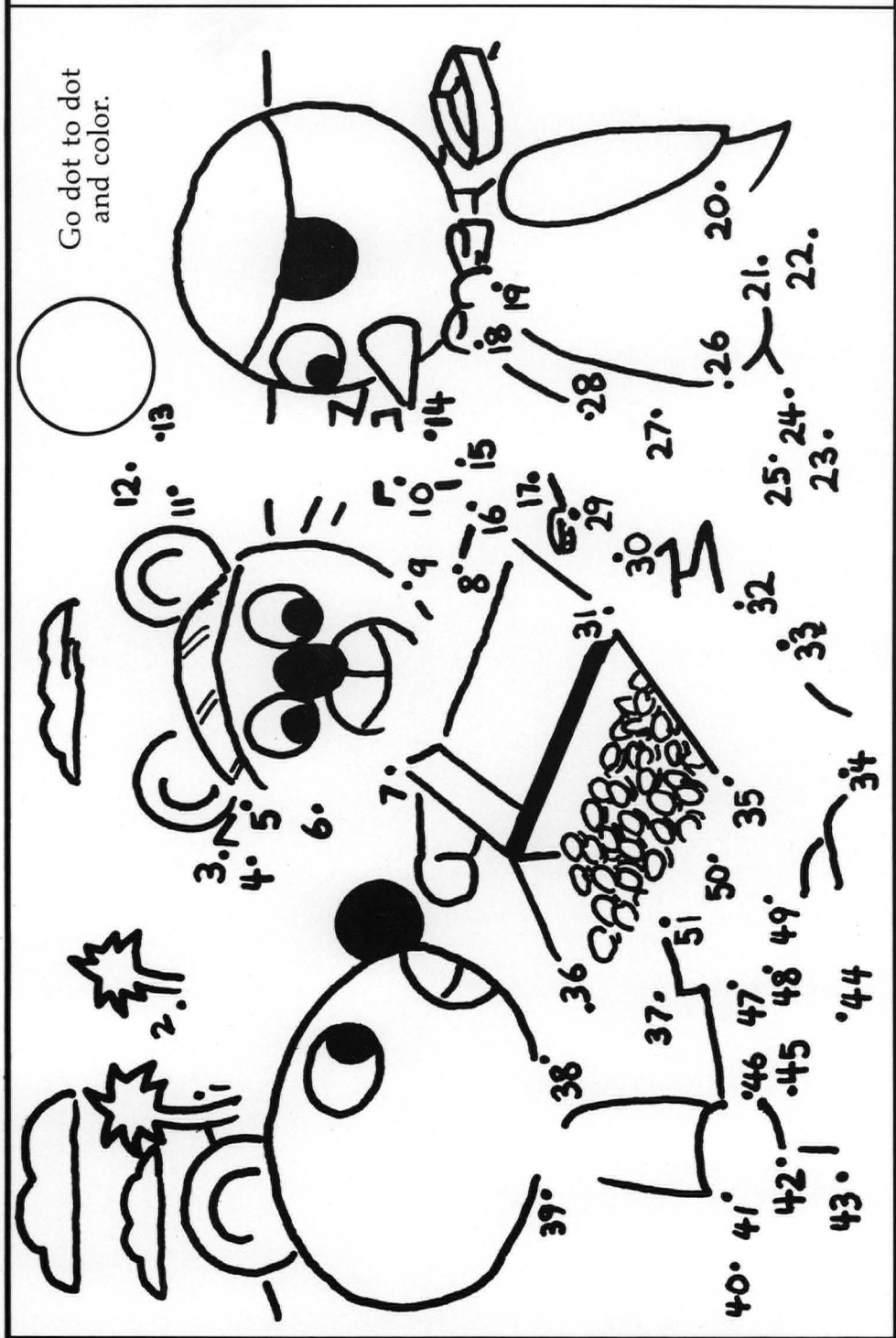
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# Hello! Bush Baby



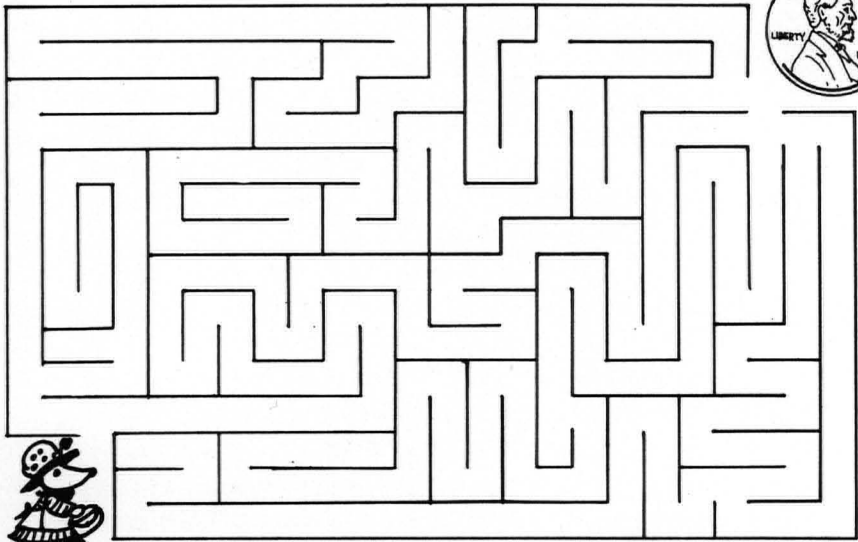
Bush babies are small animals. They can be from 5 to 15 inches long. Bush babies live in central and southern Africa.

My, what big eyes bush babies have! All the better to see with at night when they are most active. They hunt for insects to eat, especially grasshoppers. Bush babies can leap as far as 15 feet from tree to tree. Thick pads of skin on their fingertips help them cling to trees. On the ground, bush babies hop like tiny kangaroos. And what unusual ears! When frightened, bush babies roll their ears up and down. When falling asleep, they curl their ears shut. And what a funny name! They are called "babies" because their voice sounds like human babies crying. Another name for the bush baby is galago (guh-LAY-go).

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## MAZE

Help the little mouse find her penny.



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# Ask The Mini Page

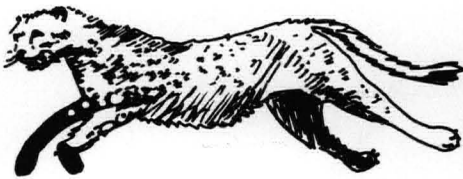
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**Q:** About how many hairs do you have on your head?  
(Britt Walker, Alexandria, Va.)

**A:** Your head is covered by about 100,000 hairs. It takes about 4 months for a hair to grow an inch.

**Q:** What is the fastest member of the cat family? (Joel Triemstra, Kalamazoo, Mich.)



**A:** At a top speed of 70 miles per hour, the cheetah is the fastest cat. At such a fast speed, it can knock down its prey. There are a few cheetahs left in the Middle East and some in Africa.

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# How Coins Are Made

## 1. Designing.



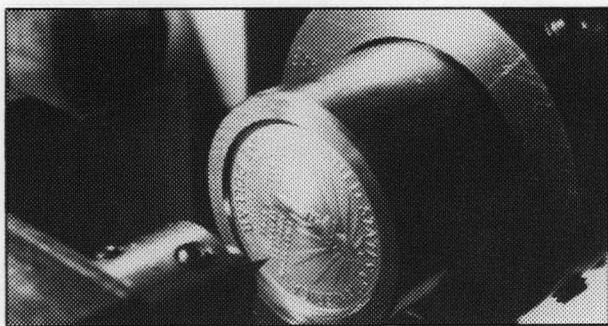
A specially trained artist makes a design for the coin.

## 2. Plaster model.



The artist cuts out the design in soft wax. The wax model is used to make a harder model in plaster.

## 3. Getting it to coin size.



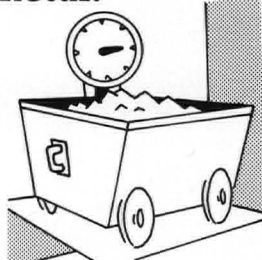
A special machine is used to trace the big plaster model onto a coin-size piece of steel. The steel piece is called a hub.

## 4. Making the dies.

The hub is used to make the dies. A die is a thick metal piece used to stamp designs on coins (see step 10.)

## 5. Weighing the metal.

Metal for the coins is weighed in a big box. A crane picks up the box and takes it to the furnaces.



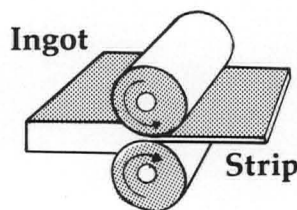
## 6. Melting the metal.

The metal is melted in big furnaces. The melted metal is poured into a giant mold that looks like a big candy bar. The bar is called an ingot.

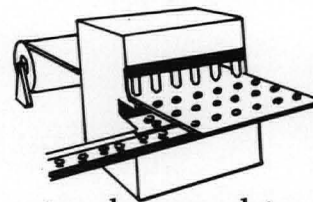


## 7. Making the strip.

Each thick bar is cut and heated and put between huge rollers and squeezed into thinner sheets as thick as coins.

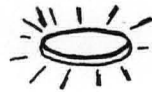


## 8. Cutting coin blanks.



The thin strips are stamped into round, blank

coins by machines that work just like a cookie cutter. The coins are washed, cleaned and polished.

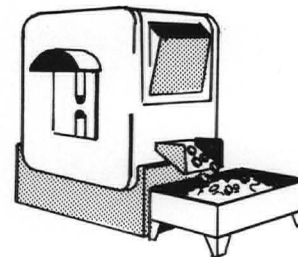


## 9. Adding the rims.

A machine rolls the still-soft coins around to give them rims.

## 10. Stamping the coin.

The dies are fitted into the coin press. A heavy blow stamps a design on each blank.



## 11. Inspecting.



The finished coins are carefully inspected.



## 12. Counting.

The coins are put into counting machines that drop them into bags.

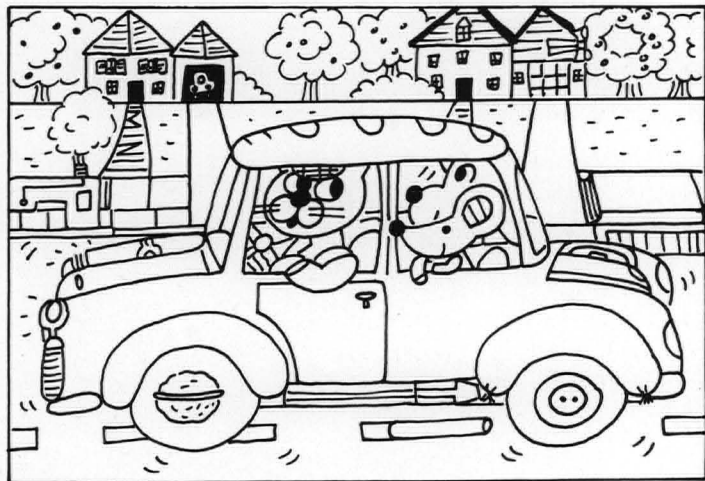
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## Mini Spy . . .



Mini Spy and some of the Mini Page Gang are going out for a drive. They are on their way to a coin shop! See if you can find:

- word MINI
- can opener
- Christmas wreath
- cigar
- book
- sewing machine
- bread loaf
- button
- iron
- chalk
- walnut
- pyramids
- screwdriver
- sausage



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## Rookie Cookie's Recipe

### Peanut Ice Cream Balls

You'll need:

- 4 scoops vanilla ice cream
- 1 cup chopped peanuts
- chocolate ice cream topping

What to do:

1. Roll each scoop of ice cream in peanuts. Place in freezer for ½ hour.
  2. Serve in dessert dishes and cover with chocolate topping.
- Serves 4.



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Teacher's Guide

For use by teachers and parents at home and at school.

For use with issue: Coin Collecting for Kids

**Main idea:** This issue is about the hobby of coin collecting. Also discussed is how coins are made. The following is a list of activities to be used with this issue. They are listed in order of difficulty, with the easier pre-reader assignments listed first. Ask the children to do the following:

1. Get a penny, nickel, dime, quarter and half-dollar. Compare the different coins. How are they alike and different? Who or what is pictured on each one? Can you read the year each was made? Which coin is the largest? The smallest?
2. Discuss the different values of coins. Which coin has the lowest value? Which has the highest? How many pennies would it take to make a nickel? How many dimes make a dollar? If you were to make change for a quarter, what different ways could it be done?
3. Look in the ads in your paper for different prices. What is the highest price you find? The lowest? You might want to check the car prices and see how high prices are printed.
4. On a sheet of paper, design a coin.
5. Coin collecting is a popular hobby. Do you have a favorite hobby? If so, act it out for the class and have them guess what you are doing. If you collect coins, tell the others about your collection. If possible, bring your album or folder to class.
6. Discuss the different steps in making coins. Cut the steps apart, mix them up, then place them in correct order.
7. Coins are made of different metals. Do some research to find out what metals go into pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters. Which coin has the most valuable metals?

(Note to Editor: Above is the Teacher's Guide for Issue 16.)

## PETER PENGUIN'S PUZZLE LE-DO

Many years ago, there were no coins or paper money. Man bartered or traded things of value. Some of the things that man used as money are scrambled below. Can you unscramble them? To help you, we have underlined the first letter.

1. ufrs

2. hlsels

3. alst

4. wocs



5. orn<sub>c</sub>

6. cotobca

7. colth

8. eadbs

Answer block: 1. furs, 2. shells, 3. salt, 4. cows, 5. corn, 6. tobacco, 7. cloth, 8. beads.

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