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T97—RIDDLE SERIES

2½ by 2½ inches • 60mm by 67mm
Series of 200 cards • Card value: \$3

This series consists of 40 designs, each with five different riddles. The figures on the cards have a predominantly mythological flavor, with fairies, pipers, demons, jesters, and satyrs depicted in a large number of the designs. Other cards show men or women, usually with some connection to the mythological theme, such as in the picture of the woman opening Pandora's box. A riddle is listed on the front, and the answer appears on the back.

Printed on thin paper stock and easily bent or damaged, these cards were issued from three different factories. There is also an additional back variation that has the Factory 42 line overprinted on the Factory 25 cards. One error card exists (#99A), on which a stray line from another card apparently was printed as the first line for that riddle. It was subsequently corrected as card #99. According to company records, the series was issued in the spring of 1910.

Fronts: Each front shows a color picture of a mythological or related scene with a strong use of pastel and soft colors. A thin gold frameline and a ¼-inch white border surround the picture, and the riddle is printed in black ink inside the picture area.

Backs: The word "Answer" and the answer to the riddle appear at the top in a fancy frame design, both followed by the brand name and series title below, and the factory line at the bottom (also in a fancy frame).

UNNUMBERED • COMPANY: AMERICAN TOBACCO CO. • BRAND: PERFECTION CIGARETTES
FACTORY NO. 30, 2ND DIST. N.Y.; FACTORY NO. 25, 2ND DIST. VA.; FACTORY NO. 42, 4TH DIST. N.C. (Also overprinted on Factory 25 cards) • WTI REF#: A54-66

- (1) Butterfly girl on right on top of globe reaching to left with right hand:
- 1 What is a button?
 - 2 What is the difference...
 - ✓ 3 What professional men ...
 - X 4 When does a man ...
 - X 5 Why may we ...
- (2) Butterfly girl on right with two owls, one holding lantern at left:
- U X 6 When is the moon ...
 - X 7 Why does the Russian ...
 - X 8 When is a good ...
 - 9 Why is a loaf ...
 - 10 Why is an acquitted ...
- (3) Butterfly girl on left on red poppy with full moon in background:
- X 11 In what does ...
 - 12 What did Adam ...
 - 13 What is that ...
 - 14 Why are the pages ...
 - 15 Why is a bad ...
- (4) Butterfly girl to left, facing right, on mushroom:
- 16 What is that ...
 - 17 Why does a miller ...
 - 18 Why is a convivial ...
 - 19 Why is an opera-singer...
 - X 20 Why is it ...
- (5) Butterfly girl to left, facing right, seated in grass by daisies:
- X 21 What writer would ...
 - X 22 What does a man ...
 - 23 Why is a cautious, ...
 - X 24 Why is an omnibus ...
 - U X 25 Why is it ...
- (6) Butterfly girl on right, facing left, sitting on yellow bank:
- 26 What is it ...
 - 27 What is that ...
 - U X 28 Why are lobsters ...
 - 29 Why is a wedding ...
 - 30 Why is an egg ...
- (7) Butterfly girl, facing front, standing on water lily with wand in hand:
- X 31 What fish is ...
 - X 32 What is majesty ...
 - X 33 What wig cannot ...
 - X 34 Why is a violin like ...
 - 35 Why is a violin unlike ...
- (8) Angel looking over shoulder of man reading a book (both standing):
- X 36 What island is ...
 - X 37 What place should ...
 - X 38 When is the river ...
 - U X 39 Who was the first ...
 - 40 Why is life ...
- (9) Woman in white with man in red walking by stream:
- 41 In what color ...
 - ✓ 42 What did the spider ...
 - X 43 Which is the easiest ...
 - 44 Why is Canada ...
 - X 45 Why is a wit ...
- (10) Two women, one leaning over wall, one seated in tree along with ...
- X 46 Why are gloves ...
 - X 47 Why is a bed ...
 - X 48 Why is a blush ...
 - 49 Why is a Greek ...
 - U X 50 Why is a retired ...
- (11) Girl by sea, seated at right, beside large vase, holding small ...
- U X 51 When is a silver ...
 - X 52 When is an altered ...
 - X 53 When is the soup ...
 - X 54 Why are weary ...
 - X 55 Why is a pawnbroker ...
- (12) Woman in red, at right, leaning over blue vase, leaning over smoking ...
- X 56 What is that ...
 - X 57 When does a man ...
 - X 58 When is a soldier ...
 - 59 Why is your ...
 - 60 Why should a man ...
- (13) Woman sitting at right, leaning toward urn billowing orange smoke:
- 61 What is that ...
 - 62 What is the best ...
 - X 63 Which dress lasts ...
 - 64 Why are there ...
 - 65 Why is London ...
- (14) Girl with pink dress in sky sitting on arch, holding flaming torch:
- 66 What pudding makes ...
 - 67 When do you ...
 - 68 Why is a hive ...
 - U X 69 Why is a lollipop ...
 - 70 Why is the July ...
- (15) Woman at right on bench leaning holding flaming curved torch:
- U X 71 What flower most ...
 - U X 72 What instrument of ...
 - X 73 What is the difference between a bell ...
 - X 74 What is the difference between a butcher ...
 - X 75 Why are some ...
- (16) Woman between two flaming urns:
- X 76 What is the hardest ...
 - 77 What kind of ...
 - X 78 Why are some ...
 - 79 Why is a banker's ...
 - X 80 Why is swearing ...
- (17) Woman at left with breastplate helmet, hand on hip, red flame at right:
- X 81 Use me well ...
 - 82 What is the difference ...
 - 83 What key in ...
 - X 84 When is a bar ...
 - 85 Why is a bald ...

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- (18) Witch seated, left hand pointing:
- X 86 On what toe ...
- 87 Why is a watch ...
- 88 Why is education ...
- 89 Why is the world ...
- X 90 Why ought a fisherman ...
- (19) Girl standing up in flowers on left, hands up holding yellow ribbon:
- X 91 If 32 is freezing ...
- U 92 What is the hardest ...
- 93 What islands are ...
- U 94 What three letters ...
- X 95 Where was Adam ...
- (20) Girl in pink standing on right, leaning to left, holding green ball:
- X 96 What vegetable products...
- X 97 Why is a kiss ...
- 98 Why is a lady ...
- X 99 Why is a man ...
- 99A Merit? Why is a man ...
- 100 Why should you ...
- (21) Girl in white on right, kneeling, opening golden chest billowing smoke:
- 101 Which of the feathered ...
- 102 Why are the legs ...
- X 103 Why is a dirty ...
- X 104 Why is avarice ...
- X 105 Why is the last ...
- (22) Girl in yellow on right, lean on white pillared wall with columns:
- 106 What is the difference between a mother ...
- 107 What is the difference between 100 ...
- U 108 Why is a young ...
- 109 Why is the sun ...
- X 110 Why should young ...
- (23) Young girl in red with red hat holding wand, riding a dragonfly:
- X 111 What are the most ...
- X 112 Which is the easier ...
- X 113 Why are you ...
- 114 Why is a blacksmith ...
- 115 Why is a pretty ...
- (24) Flames between two women statues:
- U 116 How can you ...
- X 117 What was the first ...
- X 118 Why is a cherry ...
- 119 Why is a nobleman ...
- 120 Why is a plum ...
- (25) Piper playing music at left while elves dance in circle at right:
- X 121 How do we ...
- X 122 What should you ...
- X 123 What was Louis ...
- 124 Why is a coach ...
- U 125 Why is a popular ...
- (26) Harlequin in colorful outfit and mask standing at right facing left holding wand:
- X 126 In what sort ...
- 127 What chief virtue ...
- 128 What grows bigger ...
- 129 What magazine would ...
- 130 Why is an alligator ...
- (27) Thinker seated in clouds:
- 131 How would you ...
- 132 If your uncle's ...
- U X 133 What is the best ...
- 134 Why are clouds ...
- 135 Why is a room ...
- (28) Snake charmer seated at lower right, opening box, frame around picture:
- X 136 What does an artist ...
- 137 When is coffee ...
- 138 Why are real ...
- X 139 Why is a bridegroom ...
- 140 Why is a horse ...
- (29) Devil on right, holding trident:
- U X 141 What is that ...
- U X 142 When do we ...
- U X 143 Who was the fastest ...
- U X 144 Why are fixed ...
- U X 145 Why do railway ...
- (30) Devil in red with red hat with long plume on right, large moon on left:
- U X 146 What is the difference between a land ...
- U X 147 What is the difference between a man ...
- 148 When is a chair ...
- X 149 Why is an elephant ...
- 150 Would you rather ...
- (31) Demon, wings outspread, squatting on ground in center:
- 151 What bridge creates ...
- U X 152 What is the difference ...
- 153 What word is ...
- U X 154 When is a dog's ...
- X 155 Why are fowls ...
- (32) Demon, wings outspread, in red cloak, leaning over wall:
- 156 When are eyes ...
- X 157 When is a window ...
- 158 Where can happiness ...
- 159 Why is life ...
- X 160 Why is the figure ...
- (33) Devil seated on green ground, wings outspread, hands on cheeks:
- X 161 What is a kiss?
- X 162 When are two ...
- X 163 When is a ple ...
- X 164 Who was Jonah's ...
- X 165 Whom do the mermaids ...
- (34) Jester, at left, holding book in right hand, half frame around picture:
- X 166 If the forth ...
- 167 What is that ...
- 168 What is the difference...
- 169 Why are young ...
- X 170 Why is the horse ...
- (35) Jester reclining by tree, at left facing right, holding staff:
- X 171 What is always ...
- 172 When is a theatrical ...
- 173 Which is the oldest ...
- 174 Why does a chicken ...
- X 175 Why should a man ...
- (36) Jester, at left, holding tree with right arm, left arm outstretched:
- 176 What is the best ...
- X 177 Which side of ...
- X 178 Why are old ...
- 179 Why are policemen ...
- 180 Why is the letter ...
- (37) Jester seated at right, holding white hoop with riddle inside hoop:
- 181 On what day ... U
- X 182 Which is the strongest ...
- 183 Why can Negroes ...
- 184 Why cannot a thief ...
- X 185 Why is a kiss ...
- (38) Satyr, sitting at left, playing pipes for a reclining girl at right:
- 186 How do we ...
- 187 What is the difference...
- 188 What man had ...
- 189 Who killed the greatest ...
- X 190 Why should a man...
- (39) Satyr, at right, holding cymbals and dancing in flames:
- U X 191 When is a horse ...
- X 192 Which is one ...
- X 193 Why are doctors ...
- 194 Why are horses ...
- 195 Why is a street-door ...
- (40) Old man at right, holding staff, looking left at orange smoking bowl:
- X 196 What chins are ...
- X 197 What do we ...
- X 198 What is that ...
- X 199 Why are there ...
- 200 Why is letter ...