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**Author:** Peirce, Charles Sanders

**Title:** The Fourth Curiosity

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**Abstract / Robin Catalogue:**

**Description:** A. MS., G-1908-1e, pp. 1-186, plus 161 pp. (running brokenly to p. 186).

Omitted from publication in the Collected Papers: further discussion of the relationships of the Aristotelian pattern; definition of “pure mathematics”; numbers as *entia rationis*; first valid argument for pragmatism involves the denial of the Absolute. Kind, class, and collection. Signs and predication.

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CP, Cross-reference index:

“The Monist 1908 1909 series on mazes, plus unpublished mss.

(a) “Some Amazing Mazes,” 18(April 1908)227-241. Cf. Francis C. Russell, “Hints for the Elucidation of Mr. Peirce’s Logical Work,” The Monist 18(July 1908)406-415. In a letter to Russell, dated 6 July 1908 (Widener VB2a), Peirce says of this, “I must thank you for your very ingenious defense of me.” [CP] 4.585-593.

(b) “Some Amazing Mazes, [Conclusion], Explanation of Curiosity the First,” 18(July 1908)416-464. [CP] 4.594-642. “Supplement. 1908 May 24,” Widener IA 3. [CP] 7.535n6 is from it.

(c) “Some Amazing Mazes, A Second Curiosity,” 19(Jan 1909)36-45. [CP] 4.643-646.

(d) Reference to “The Third Curiosity” at [CP] 4.647n\*.

(e) “Some Amazing Mazes, Fourth Curiosity,” (c.1909). The following are from it: [CP] 6.318-348, on various topics in metaphysics; 4.647-681, on classes and numbers, with 4.647 following shortly after 6.348.”

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