

'Would you know how to calculate the diameter of the globe?'

'No, I'm afraid I wouldn't,' answered Svejek, 'but I'd like to ask you a riddle myself, gentlemen. Take a three-storied house, with eight windows on each floor. On the roof there are two dormer windows and two chimneys. On every floor there are two tenants. And now, tell me, gentlemen, in which year the house-porter's grandmother died?'

-- The Good Soldier Svejek, Jaroslav Hasek