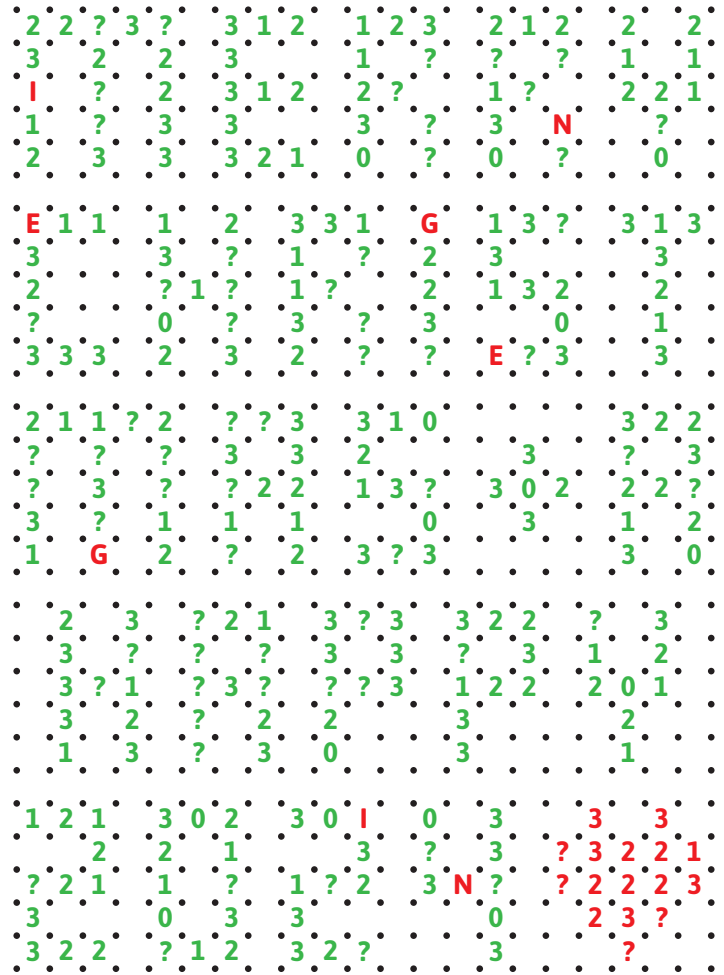
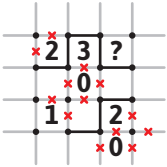




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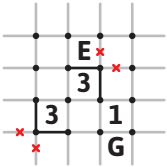
This is number five. Solutions will appear on <https://www.stack.nl/~angelo/> in February of the new year. Fonts used - Asap. Puzzles and 'art' designed by me, Angelo Wentzler. Layouts and graphics done in Adobe Illustrator and InDesign. Yes, E, G, I and N must all be digits between 0 and 3, so you could use that to brute force things, but where's the fun in that?! Why are you still reading this, get to solving! No Christmas traditions were harmed during the production of this card.





On the front is a slitherlink puzzle. Connect the dots horizontally and vertically to create a single closed loop. Each number indicates how many edges surround it.

Question marks are only there for aesthetic reasons, the puzzle can be solved without them.



However, you can't solve the puzzle without knowing what numbers the letters represent.

Solving the puzzle below will give you their values (it's never simple, is it...)

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{SANTA} \\
 \text{HIS} \\
 \text{SLEIGH} \\
 \hline
 \text{HOHOHO}
 \end{array}
 +$$

This is an alphametic puzzle. Every letter stands for a different digit. Restore the sum by replacing each letter with the correct digit.

Then use the **red** letters to complete the clues on the front.

Dear friend and/or colleague,

I miss white Christmases. You know, not the thin-dusting-of-powdered-sugar white Christmas we get nowadays, the fortress-and-snowball-fight white Christmas we used to get. So I figured, a white Christmas card must do the trick for now.

But holy crap, this year literally flew by! Was it as successful and satisfying for you as it was for me? I certainly wish you all the best for the next one!

This year the puzzle is a classic, and a personal favourite of mine - slitherlink. No hidden messages or anything, just the (hopefully enjoyable) experience of solving it.

Best wishes and love, and I hope to see you again in the new year.