

Lateral Thinking Puzzle Solution

1. The man is (of course) a dwarf.
2. Both the engineer and lawyer were female, the priest was male, so the policeman was fairly sure that he was the one referred to as 'John'.
3. He climbed on a block of ice which has since melted.
4. The man had jumped from a plane but his parachute had failed to open. It is the unopened package.
5. Anthony and Cleopatra were goldfish whose bowl was knocked over by a clumsy dog.
6. They were used by children who made a snowman. The snow has now melted.
7. They were two of a set of triplets (or quadruplets etc.)
8. He recognized Adam and Eve as the only people without navels. Because they were not born of women, they had never had umbilical cords and therefore they never had navels.
9. The man's horse was called Friday.
10. A square manhole cover can be turned and dropped down the diagonal of the manhole. A round manhole cannot be dropped down the manhole. So for safety and practicality, all manhole covers should be round.
11. The poison in the punch came from the ice cubes. When the man drank the punch the ice was fully frozen. Gradually it melted, poisoning the punch.
12. The man had visited his wife in hospital. She was on a life-support machine. As he was walking down the stairs all the lights went out. There had been a power cut and the emergency back-up systems had failed. He knew that she had died.
13. She was a circus tight-rope walker who walked blindfolded over a high wire. The band played as she crossed and when the music stopped it was the signal that she had reached the end of the walk and could safely alight. One day the conductor was taken ill and the stand-in conductor ended the piece of music too early. She stepped off to her death.

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