Finds puzzles perfect pleasure

Slocum set on solutions

Hughes engineer Jerry Slocum has puzzles-a-plenty.
His collection of puzzles is one of the largest in the world—more than 8000—and
his 2000-volume library of books about puzzles may also be
the world's largest.

His collection contains a remarkably wide array of mind
teasers made of wire, wood, and ivory in addition to me-
chanical and three-dimen-
sional puzzles. Some are rare antiques and others are state-
of-the-art mind boggles.

A 19th century Chinese box contains 16 small but exquisite puzzles of carved ivory. And
there are drawers full of
Rubik's cubes and its many
variations.

Jerry's collection continues to grow through trading puzzles with other collectors
around the world and by purchasing puzzles from ant-
tique dealers and puzzle manu-
facturers. "A couple of times a week I get a package from a fellow puzzler in the states, or
from some foreign country," he said.

"Most new puzzles and puzzle ideas today come from Japan," said Jerry, "but finding
antique puzzles is a real chal-
lenge."

The annual puzzle mini-conven-
tion at Jerry's house this spring brought together approximately 40 puzzle collec-
tors from America, Japan, Great Britain, Canada, Finland, and Holland.

Jerry is more than just a col-
lector. He is also an authority on the history and principle of his puzzles and was the key ex-
pert witness in a Rubik's Cube puzzle patent trial held earlier

this year in Wilmington, Del.
At Radar Systems Group, Jerry is assistant division man-
ger and manager of the Avi-
onics Engineering Laboratories in the Engineering Division.

Jerry demonstrates an "eleg-
ant puzzle" when he chal-
lenges visitors to form the letter "T" from four simple wooden geometric shapes.

"Even the simplest of puzzles can seem impossible for someone locked into a rigid
view of the world," he said.

"Puzzles often take advan-
tage of people's habits and experiences. Ten-year-olds are great at puzzles because they
are not locked in by conven-
tion."

Part of his collection will be
the main source for a puzzle exhibit at the Craft and Folk
Art Museum next year. Jerry is also writing a book about
puzzles that is scheduled to be published in German, Dutch, and English.

Leisure life
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service and wishes them continued

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Schurr career began
with unsure start

"I cried all night," she said. 
"I wanted to quit. I

did, just like the other workers, work all hours, doing all sorts of jobs."

ENGINEER JERRY SLOCUM is surrounded in his home by collection

of thousands of diverse puzzles and volumes of books about puzzles.

Jerry is one of the foremost experts in the field of puzzles in the U.S. and internation-
ally. (Photograph by Bill Haney)