

# Discovery Trail

*Anton Bruehl*  
**IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

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Find twelve photographs by Anton Bruehl.

Counting is a very useful tool.

Read the rhymes out loud if you can.

Before you know it you'll be back where you began.



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**One** tree that doesn't tickle

Bruehl snapped this plant in Mexico  
Where people wear the sombrero

Do you know what this plant is called?

*On the road to Toluca 1932 (detail)*  
gelatin silver photograph



**Two** pairs of antlers caught in the spotlight

*Cameras and lights were  
important tools*

*Used in the studio of  
Anton Bruehl*

This may have been a photo for a Christmas card.  
Make a card for someone you love.

*Miniature reindeers and spotlight c 1945 (detail)*  
gelatin silver photograph





**Three** card characters falling from the deck

This ballet is inspired by a  
game of poker

The man in red tights is called  
the joker

Design your own joker for a pack of playing cards.

*Dancers from Igor Stravinsky's symphony Card game  
(Jeu de cartes), New York 1937 (detail)  
Vogue, 1 May 1937*



**Four** pears, fresh and sweet

*A bright light makes these pears glow*

*Can you find a nice big shadow?*

How do you poach a pear?

This dessert is made to share.

*Pears 1926*

gelatin silver photograph printed later





**Five** flowers doing ballet

This ad is for broccoli, healthy  
and green

Find a shoot that's not tender  
and lean

How do you blanch a broccoli branch?

*Talk a walk, stalk, you're too tough for Birds Eye* 1960 (detail)  
Birds Eye Foods advertisement



**Six** legs diving deep

*Could these paper dolls get  
any thinner?*

*Maybe they'll catch a fish for  
their dinner*

Make your own dolls using paper and scissors.

The Fabric Group  
gelatin silver photograph  
for Weber and Heilbroner advertisement, 1928 (detail)





**Seven** lively dancers

A tap dance troupe led  
by Bojangles

They are all posed at  
interesting angles

Tap your feet. Imagine you are a famous dancer  
moving to a tap dance beat.

*Billy 'Bojangles' Robinson and ensemble dancers,  
Whitey's Lindy Hoppers, from Michael Todd's Hot Mikado,  
World's Fair, New York 1939*



**Eight** wheels not in turn

*Machine parts hover in space  
like a satellite*

*Bruehl captured them all in  
a bright spotlight*

What could these parts belong to?

*Gear parts c 1935 (detail)*  
dye-transfer colour photograph





**Nine** ladies on a roll

*This skating group was led by  
Gloria Nord*

*She has certainly put her best  
foot forward*

Draw and decorate your own roller skate.

*Gloria Nord in Skating vanities 1944 (detail)  
from Esquire October 1944*



**Ten** fingers that hold up the earth

A photo for the magazine  
*Pictorial Review*

What season was this cover made?  
(the flowers are a clue)

What do hyacinth plants grow from?

*Hyacinths girl* 1937

cover of *Pictorial Review*, April 1937 (detail)





**Eleven** golden and rosy reds,  
and some green ones too

These tasty looking apples are  
not real, you know

They were made especially  
in the studio

What is the name for a group of trees that  
produce fruit?

*Young woman picking apples* c 1938 (detail)  
direct positive colour photograph,  
printed later



**Twelve** (or thereabouts) scented blooms  
for someone special

See Anton Bruehl's expert use  
of bright colour

Are these flowers for the  
boy's mother?

Close your eyes and imagine the sweet perfume.

*Boy offering bunch of red roses c.1937 (detail)*  
tri-colour carbonyl photograph

