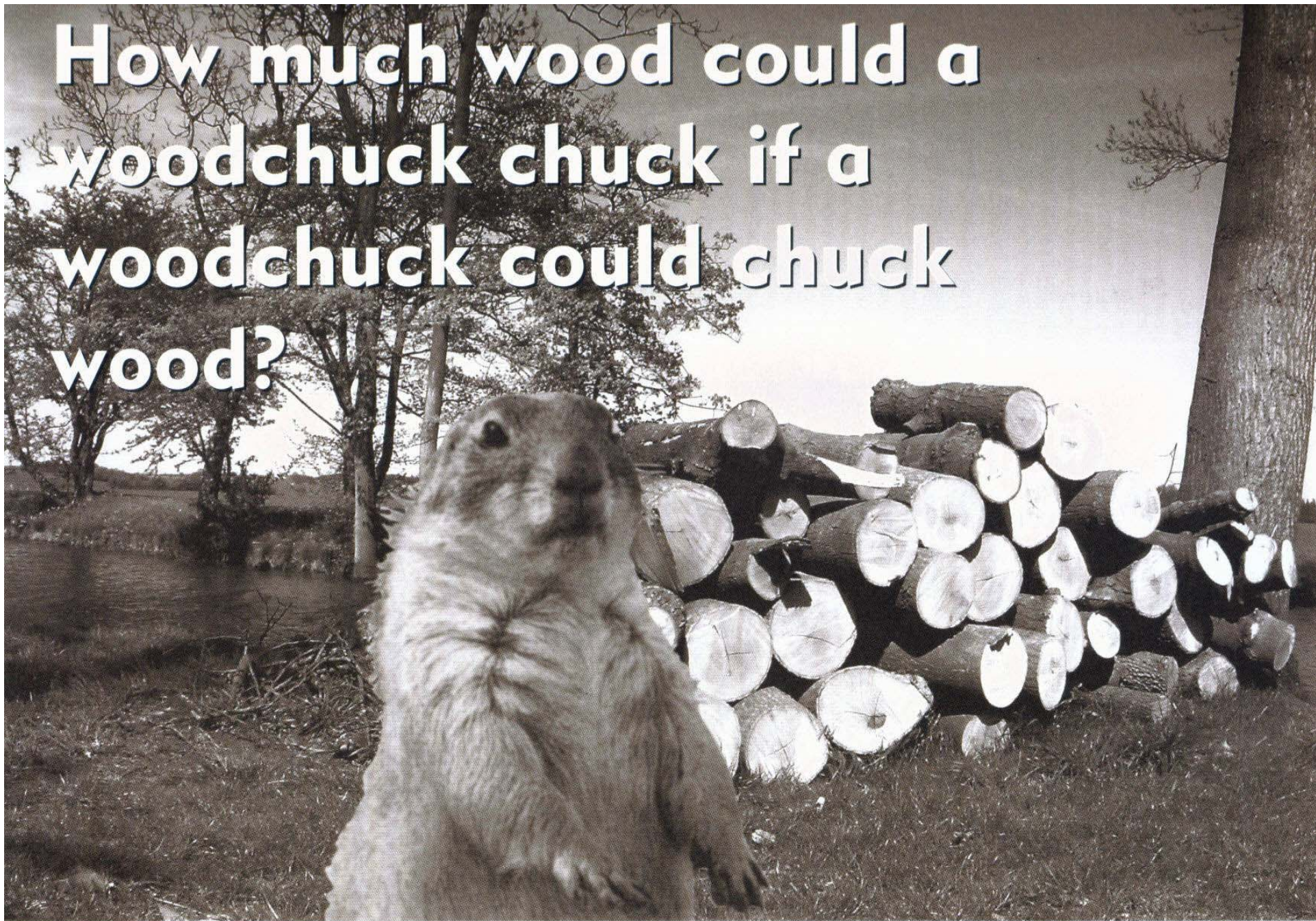


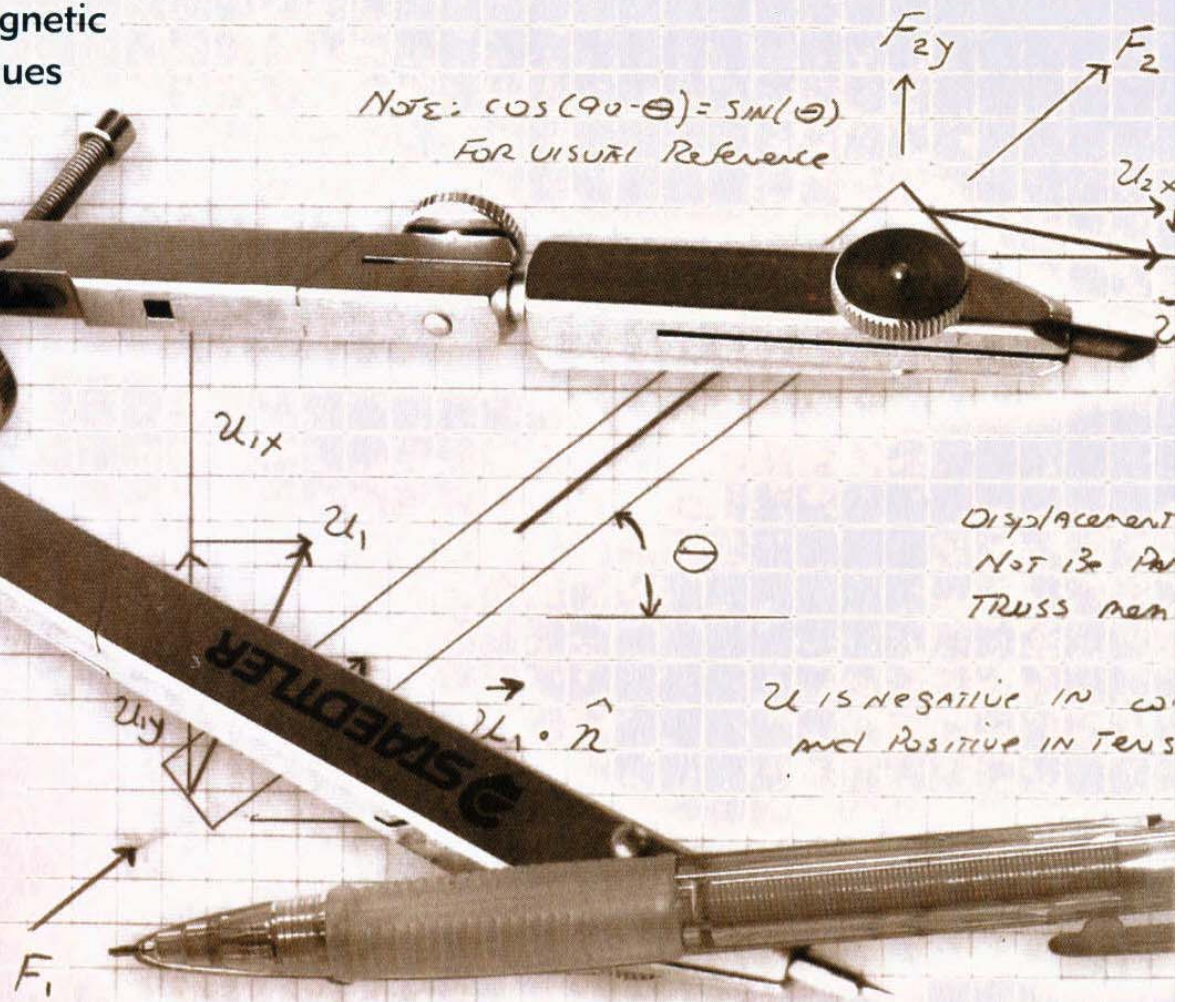
**How much wood could a
woodchuck chuck if a
woodchuck could chuck
wood?**



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And now, in the spirit of advancing technical knowledge for the good of mankind, WordKraft has taken on an issue that has perplexed and puzzled people for decades:



One must first resolve the issue of motivation. Why would a woodchuck want to toss wood? The fact is, he probably wouldn't. But setting logic aside and assuming that he has the urge to launch some lumber, let's consider the physics.

Clearly, the woodchuck is built for burrowing, not chucking. Short arms on a rotund torso and paws with stubby digits make the woodchuck a third-rate thrower, on par with a Cleveland Browns' quarterback.

The woodchuck has little time for chucking because he spends so much time excavating his burrow. From his girth, it's obvious a good part of the remaining time is spent eating. And let's not forget that he hibernates for about five months. There simply isn't much chucking time available.

The bottom line is that if you want wood chucked, you'd be better served by some other creature. As a rule of thumb, go with animals that have one. Primates will beat out rodents every time when you need to toss some two-by-fours.

If you want some topnotch wood chucking, hook up with a Scotsman and watch him toss a caber. But that's a subject for someone else's greeting card.



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