

ALGEBRAIC SOLUTIONS OF PROBLEMS.

[In the following pages, the letters N. S., put after a formula, stand for *Numerical Solution*; and the letters G. S. stand for *Graphical Solution*.]

PROBLEM I.

To find the side x of a square x^2 , whose area shall be equivalent to twice that of a given square a^2 .

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \sqrt{2 a^2} & \text{N. S.} \\ &= \sqrt{2 a \times a} & \text{G. S.} \end{aligned}$$

PROBLEM II.

To find the side x of a square x^2 , whose area shall be equivalent to five times that of a given square a^2 .

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \sqrt{5 a^2} & \text{N. S.} \\ &= \sqrt{5 a \times a} & \text{G. S.} \end{aligned}$$

PROBLEM III.

To find the side x of a square x^2 , whose area shall be equivalent to one-fifth of that of a given square a^2 .

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{5}} & \text{N. S.} \\ &= \sqrt{a \times \frac{a}{5}} & \text{G. S.} \end{aligned}$$

PROBLEM IV.

To find the side x of a square x^2 , whose area exceeds that of a given square a^2 , by the three-eighths of it.

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \sqrt{\frac{11 a^2}{8}} & \text{N. S.} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{11 a}{8} \times a} & \text{G. S.} \end{aligned}$$