CASE NAME: NICKEL BACKTRACK

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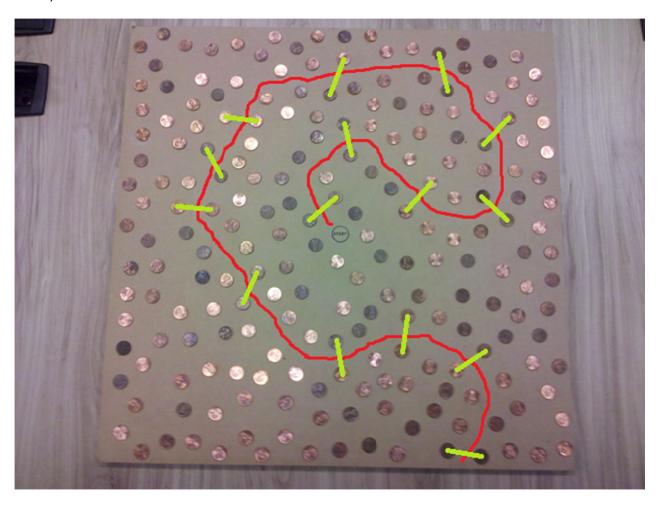


Answer: HEADS or OBVERSE

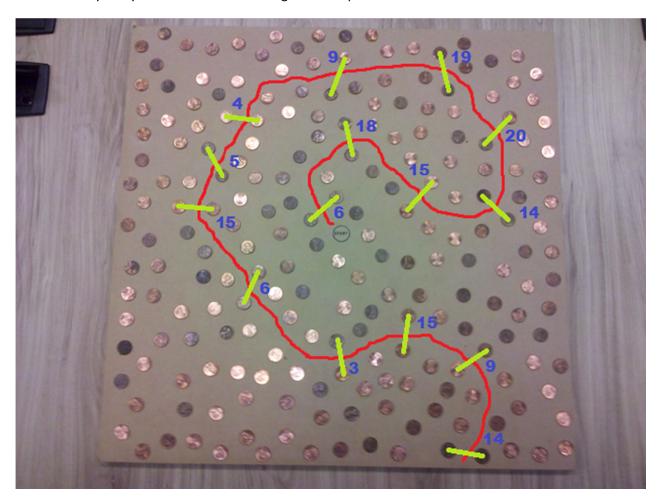
This puzzle is a physical asset which looks like this:



Many pennies all heads up, stuck to a board. The puzzle sheet gives instructions to bring a nickel. Placing the nickel on the nickel-sized start circle in the center of the board, there is one way to remove the nickel from the penny labyrinth by sliding it. The puzzle sheet also gives the clue: "Mr. L likes to make eye contact with himself sometimes. This creeps out Mr. J when he has to walk past." Several pairs of pennies (Mr. L, Lincoln) face each other across the path to the exit (Mr. J, Jefferson, on the nickel):



As all of the pennies are heads-up the years of their production are visible. Taking the difference between the years yields numbers in the range of the alphabet:



The actual years vary slightly from one instance of the puzzle to the next, but the differences remain the same. Reading from the start to the end, the message is: "front side of coin".