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Now there be a nine 里 canal, and three 寸
fish, head to head, next to each other.
We ask: how many fish result?

Answer saith: fifty-four thousand.

9里 · 300步 · 6尺 · 10寸
_____ = 54000 fish.
      3寸/fish

今有九里渠，三寸魚，
頭頭相次，間魚得幾，魚，
答曰。五萬四千。
何?

Method saith: put down the nine 里.
Multiplying it by three hundred 步,
resulteth in two thousand seven
hundred 步. Also multiplying it
by six 尺, resulteth in sixteen thousand
two hundred 尺. On top, decupling it,
resulteth in one hundred and sixty-two
thousand 尺. Dividing it by the fishes'
three 寸, we are done.

術曰。置九里，以三百步
乘之，得二千七百步。又以
六尺乘之，得一萬六千二
百尺。上十之，得一十六萬
二千尺。以魚三寸除之，即
得。