

## SOLUTION (Continued Radicals)

By squaring both sides, we get

$$C^2 = m + \sqrt{m + \sqrt{m + \sqrt{m + \dots}}} = m + C,$$

or  $C^2 - C - m = 0$ , with positive solution

$$C = \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 + 4m}}{2}.$$

In order to have  $C$  a positive integer, we must have  $1 + 4m = k^2$ , where  $k$  is an odd integer. This implies that

$$m = \frac{k^2 - 1}{4} = \left(\frac{k-1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{k+1}{2}\right).$$

This means that  $m$  must be the product of two consecutive positive integers.

## SOLUTION (Non-square Factors)

Since  $36,000,000 = 2^8 3^2 5^6$ , every positive factor must be of the form  $2^p 3^q 5^r$ , where  $p \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 8\}$ ,  $q \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ , and  $r \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 6\}$ . Therefore, there are  $9 \times 3 \times 7 = 189$  factors. The factors which are perfect squares have the form  $(2^2)^j (3^2)^k (5^2)^l$ , where  $j \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $k \in \{0, 1\}$ , and  $l \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ , so there are  $5 \times 2 \times 4 = 40$  of these. Thus, the number of factors that are *not* perfect squares is  $189 - 40 = 149$ .