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What has been going on in category theory for the last 15 years? Originally category theory appeared to be an outgrowth of homological algebra which itself developed as an aspect of algebraic topology. The historical accident of its birth has little to do, however, with the current perception of category theory as an alternative to set theory in the foundations and formulations of mathematics. What originally distinguished category theory from homological algebra was its retreat from groups to sets; i.e., its elimination of the requirement that maps between the same two objects could always be added. This ruled out exact sequences and hence derived functors so that for a while category theory not only bore little relation to homological algebra, but also had little to talk about. Fortunately adjoint functors were discovered (remembered? recognized?) and they became the main topic of study in the 1960's, which mostly centered around the notions of triples (monads), algebras for a triple, algebraic categories and equational categories. The names of Barr, Beck, Lawvere, and Linton are associated with this development, which had its culmination in the books by Gabriel-Ulmer [6] and Manes [21]. (See these for references to the original papers.) However, during the 60's there were other developments that could be characterized as "moving away from the safe shores of set theory". (Thanks to F. E. J. Linton for this image.) This movement took place in three interrelated ways.

1. Closed categories. Being able to add maps between the same two objects is clearly an important property of a category. This can be expressed in a more abstract form by requiring that for any two objects A and B in the category \mathbf{C} , the set $\mathbf{C}(A, B)$ of maps from A to B in \mathbf{C} should carry the structure of an