



MAGIC TRICKS THAT ANYONE CAN DO.

FIND THE COIN IN A BALL OF WOOL.

The performer shows a ball of wound-up wool and a marked coin, places the ball of wool on a table and takes his position about three yards from it, holding the coin in his outstretched hand.

Presto! The coin has disappeared, and the performer claims that if anybody will take the trouble to unwind the ball of wool the coin will be found in its center.

Solution: Take a folded piece of cardboard (c) and a slice of wood (b).

The cardboard represents half of the ball's diameter (c-a) two inches. Start to wind the wool, beginning at corner (d), until the whole of the cardboard is wound in with the exception of side (d-e), which allow to stick out a little.

Insert the coin secretly between the folds of the cardboard (d-e), shove it down with the slice of wood, whereafter remove both cardboard and

slice of wood and the coin will be in the center of the coil of wool.

While this is done quickly and secretly the performer pretends to hide the coin between his fingers to throw it into the coil of wool from a distance.

HOW TO FIND THE DISAPPEARING COIN.

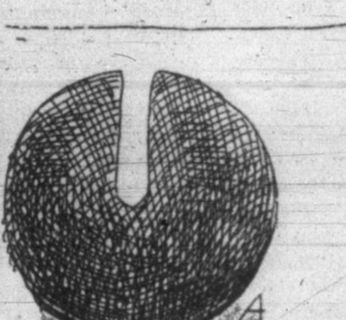
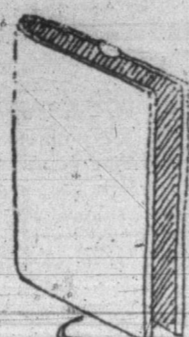
The performer takes a large coin, marks it before the eyes of the audience, covers it with a handkerchief, and asks somebody to hold the coin and handkerchief over a glass filled with water (Fig. 1.)

Stepping back a few paces, he asks the person holding glass and coin to let the coin drop into the glass.

Then he removes the handkerchief and the coin cannot be found in the glass.

The performer claims that the coin must be in somebody's pocket, etc., and stepping up to some one pulls it out of its hiding place and shows it to the audience.

To perform this trick provide your-



self with a round piece of glass (Fig. 2 and 3a), and a piece of thin rubber band, on one end of which a hook made of a pin is fastened, while on the other one a small piece of wax is stuck.

The rubber band is fastened by the hook to the lining of the sleeve.

After the coin has been returned to the performer—having been marked and given to the audience for inspection—the wax is pressed to the coin so that it will disappear under the cuff as soon as the rubber band is let go.

Instead of the coin the piece of glass the size of the coin is covered with the handkerchief and given to one of the audience, together with the glass filled with water.

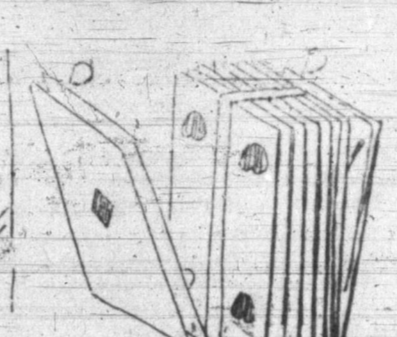
When the order to drop the coin in the water is given the piece of glass (being transparent) will not be seen in the water, and the coin will have disappeared.

To find the coin in somebody's pocket is very easy.

The performer takes it out of the cuff while everybody is looking at the glass of water, pulls it from the wax with the index finger, and is now ready to make it appear wherever he wishes.

THE MYSTERIOUS TRICK OF THE JUMPING CARDS.

Take three cards from a pack, let



somebody look at them, and then mix them well together with the rest of the cards.

Hold the pack at arm's length and the three cards will jump high out of the pack.

Let the audience examine the cards as well as the entire pack to see if they have been prepared.

The preparation consists of a narrow rubber band of great elasticity which the performer slips over a part of the pack, as shown in Fig. 1.

To hide the rubber band a few cards are placed in front and back of them.

When the three cards are placed on the rubber band (see II.) the band is spanned as soon as the cards are pressed in the pack.

The performer will therefore have to press the pack together to prevent the cards from jumping out prematurely.

As soon as the pressure is relieved the cards will jump out.

While the audience examines the three cards the performer slips the rubber band from the cards and is able to hand the pack to the audience for examination.

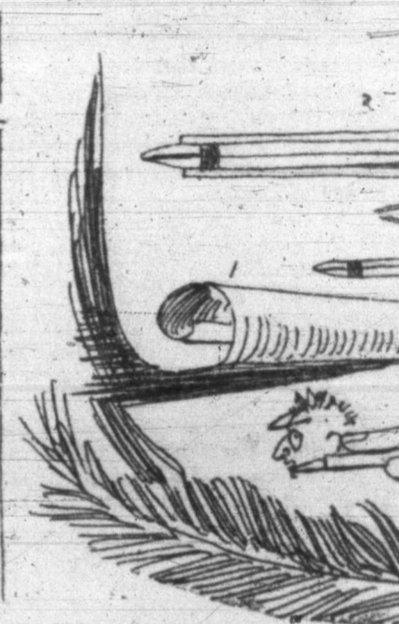
AN ORIGINAL FOUNTAIN PEN.

Select two needles of the pine trees grown together, as shown in No. 1 of our illustrations, and tie the points together near the ends with a piece of thread (No. 2).

The pen is ready. A piece of straw will do as the pen holder.

We insert the pen in one end in such a way that the point sticks out as shown in No. 3.

We dip the pen in ink for a while, until the small cavity between the two needles is filled with it, and we are able to write 20 to 25 lines with our pen before we have to refill it.



Now in Office.

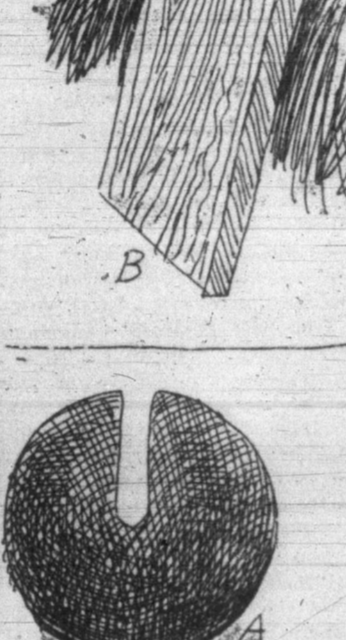
London, Aug. 30.—Some months ago it was predicted that young Austen Chamberlain would be next postmaster-general—and here he is, in the place. He took his first look around in the vast, rambling headquarters in St. Martin's lane two weeks ago, and is now running the place.

His appointment has some direct interest for the United States, for there has been a lot of complaint about the delays in getting American mails through to London from Queenstown, and it is expected that the new man will look into the trouble. Furthermore, the question of a parcels post with the United States is up for discussion here, and Austen Chamberlain is known to be considerably interested in that subject.

It speaks well for the younger Chamberlain that his father's bitterest enemies—and he has a wonderful collection of enemies—have had little criticism to offer over the son's appointment to succeed the Marquis of Londonderry. The rich and ornate marquis got the place because he had a political pull, was rather sore at the government and had to be placated. Even the Conservatives admit that he was about the most inefficient postmaster general St. Martin's lane had ever seen. Young Chamberlain, on the contrary, is a quiet, level-headed business man who can be depended upon to make the dusty permanent officials in the post office stir up. Their motto apparently is: "It must be done thus, for thus it always has been done."

Hunting Lion.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Denver, Col., Sept. 11.—President Roosevelt after visiting through the south is now coming westward for a mountain lion hunt in Colorado.



A NOME VIEW.

Dawson is down with the "goody, goody" fever, supposed to be of the contagious type—brought, no doubt, from Toronto. Its form is virulent, so much so that the under world has taken to the hills for safety. With dance halls, variety theatres and questionable houses closed, the saloons under a set of dark blue Christian Endeavor laws, and a general police surveillance over their acts, the Dawson folk may be expected, soon, to sprout wings. It is suggested that Dawson's population figures have suffered greatly.—Nome News.

Rioting in Puerto Rico.

San Juan, Sept. 1.—At Caye yesterday evening there was a conflict between persons attending meetings of Federals and Republicans, during which six men, including a police captain, were wounded. The fighting was caused by a strictly political dispute. Acting Gov. Hartzell has instructed Andreas, a lawyer and member of the executive council, to make a thorough investigation of the recent rioting at Humacao, where three persons were killed and three were injured.

Dr. Swan Drowned.

Topeka, Kan., Sept. 1.—A special to the Capital from Ludington, Mich. says that Dr. W. B. Swan, secretary of the Kansas state board of health, was drowned by the capsizing of a boat. In the boat with Dr. Swan were Dr. L. M. Powell and Frank Cope of this city. Dr. Swan was one of the most prominent Republicans of the state, and had been secretary of the state board of health for six years.

Politician Dies.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Seattle, Sept. 12.—Judge E. D. McLaughlin, a prominent Populist politician, is dead.

Duke Received.

Special to the Daily Nugget. London, Sept. 12.—The Duke of Orleans has again been received at the English court.

Black Tights at \$2.50—Mrs. Anderson's, Second avenue.

STEADILY IMPROVING

Eminent Specialist and His Opinion

Says Commissioner Ross Will be as Strong Mentally as Ever.

The welcome news has just been received from Victoria, that Commissioner Ross has been given a most thorough and rigid examination by one of the most noted specialists in North America, who is now treating him, and who says without hesitation that the commissioner's recovery will be absolute and complete, there will be no recurrence of the attack and that the governor will be just as strong mentally and physically as he ever was in all his life. The news was brought by Major Snyder of Whitehorse who is in town for a few days and who received a letter from Mrs. Snyder a short time before his departure for Dawson, she with her children having been with the commissioner's party on his trip from Whitehorse to Victoria.

The specialist who has given out such encouraging news is Dr. Jones than whom there is no better known physician on the Pacific coast. Upon inquiring of the commissioner's most intimate friends as to when his return to the territory could be anticipated it was learned that everything depended upon his physicians. They are prescribing absolute rest and will not allow their patient to do any work whatsoever, insisting upon his complete recovery before he again takes up his public life. How soon that will be even they do not know, but say it will not be over a few weeks more at the most. Whether the commissioner will return prior to the election is also a matter of speculation.

Deed of a Maniac.

Park City, Utah, Sept. 1.—A horrible tragedy was enacted three miles below here, on the Snyderville road, this morning, when William Trotman, after trying to beat the brains out of his wife and children, shot himself through the heart with a Winchester rifle.

Trotman entered the room where his two daughters, aged 14 and 16 years, were asleep, and after kissing them affectionately, raised a monkey wrench, which he carried, and struck the oldest daughter on the head, crushing her skull.

The other daughter was awakened, and the inhuman father repeatedly struck her over the head with the heavy instrument.

The mother, who was awakened by the noise, then entered the room and was next attacked and cruelly beaten about the head and body. While her injuries are serious, they are not necessarily fatal.

Trotman then secured a Winchester rifle, and, rushing from the house, placed the muzzle of the weapon to his breast and pulled the trigger, the ball going entirely through his body.

Trotman, early last April, was sent to the insane asylum at Provo, because he feared he would kill his family. He returned Saturday and the tragedy followed.

Fad in Smart Circles.

Pampered dogs, that occupy a prominent position in society, are wearing "sun bonnets" since the last hot spell threatened them with heat prostration.

Both pugs and terriers have been trotting contentedly beside their owners displaying headgear that is a cross between a hood, a hat and a bonnet.

A keen observer of dog fashions suggests the "Mother Hubbard" shape as the most appropriate in sun bonnets for small beasts; a pith helmet for a St. Bernard; a jockey cap for a terrier, and a yachting cap for a dachshund.

In Paris women provide their poodles with rubber shoes for wet days. The shoes are very expensive, costing about \$5 for a set of four.

For once Paris is far behind New Jersey in the matter of fashions.

Mrs. Birdsell, of South Jersey, better known as the "dog lady," had rubber overshoes more than a year ago for all of her fifteen four-footed pets.

London has set the fashion this summer of giving dog parties. But one variety of the dog is invited to each function. Of course the master or mistress accompanies the guest of honor.

Perhaps the most interesting of these parties was that for Pekinese spaniels, given by Mrs. Albert Grey. It was attended by the Chinese ambassador, the ambassador and their suite. A number of charming little dogs were, among the guests, and were duly admired by their Excellencies.

Notwithstanding that the dog is now admitted into the best society in London, he may not pass within the doors of the libraries of the metropolis. As yet, old-fashioned prejudice bars him from enjoying life among the book shelves.

Manoeuvres Over.

Rockport, Mass., Aug. 24.—The naval search "problem on the New England coast was terminated at 3:40 o'clock this morning by the signal, "Surrender, demand unconditional," from Rear-Admiral Higginson's flagship, and the reply, "Accept surrender," from the foretruck of the Prairie, Commander Pillsbury's flagship. The battle between the blue, or defending squadron, and the white, or attacking squadron, was thus quickly ended eight miles south of Thatcher's island. The enemy had most signally failed to make a harbor, having for its objective point Salem. A preponderance of fighting strength, relatively 64 points, represented by the battleships Kearsarge, Alabama and Massachusetts, Scorpion and a torpedo boat, overwhelmed the 45 points represented by the auxiliary cruisers Prairie, Panther, and Supply. To speak from a theoretic standpoint, the white squadron was entirely destroyed by the guns of the defending battleships. Thus, on the fourth night, the game of naval strategy was brought to an end, it having covered a period of unceasing toil, sleepless nights and of anxious and wearying vigil, and of grave uncertainty to its participants.

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