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### THE MAGICIAN'S THUMB.

It Is His Worst Enemy In Sleight of Hand Tricks.

In every sort of magic the magician's thumb is his worst enemy, says Nina Carter Marbourg in Leslie's Weekly. If he could strike off that thumb and still have its assistance when necessary he would be a happy man. In closing the hand the thumb usually bends toward the palm in advance of the fingers. In this way it many times is much in the way, and practice is necessary to get a magician's thumb in perfect training. But when he has practiced in the school of magic for some time the thumb becomes so flexible that it will bend nearly to the back of the hand.

Cards are invariably the beginning of a magician's education. In handling cards the thumb is especially in the way, and this is the reason why this trickery with the pasteboards is selected for the beginner. To change one card for another in front of one's very eyes and still to have made no perceptible movement of the hand is a trick that beginners learn to perform before they have been in the school for any great length of time. This, as may be imagined, is a difficult piece of work to become proficient in, and here is just the place where determination plays a great part in success.

### BISMARCK CONSENTED.

He Was the Final Arbitrator of an English Love Match.

When the third son of the Duke of Argyll bestowed his affections upon an untitled woman, he felt bound to ask the old gentleman's consent. The duke answered that personally he had no objections to the match, but in view of the fact that his eldest son had espoused a daughter of the queen he thought it right to inquire her majesty's pleasure on the subject before expressing his formal approval.

Her majesty, thus appealed to, observed that since the death of the prince consort she had been in the habit of consulting the Duke of Saxe-Coburg on all family affairs.

The matter was therefore referred to Duke Ernest, who replied that since the unification of Germany he had made it a rule to ask the emperor's opinion on all important questions. The case now came before the kaiser, who decided that, as a constitutional sovereign, he was bound to ascertain the views of his prime minister.

Happily for the now anxious pair of lovers the "Iron Chancellor," who was then in office, had no wish to consult anybody and decided that the marriage might take place, and it did.

### Knife Blades.

Pocketknife blades are very unevenly tempered. Even in so-called standard cutlery some blades are hard and some are soft. For the latter there is no remedy, but the temper of hard blades can easily be drawn slightly. Take a kitchen poker and heat it red hot, have the blade that is to be drawn bright and hold it on the poker for a moment. When the color runs down to violet blue, stick the blade into a piece of tallow or beef suet until cold.

### A Change.

Two neighbors were conversing the other day when one said to the other: "By the way, how is Mrs. Hogg, the invalid, going on?"

"Oh," replied the other, "they do not call her Mrs. Hogg now."

"Why, what do they call her?"

"Oh, they call her Mrs. Bacon now. She's cured."

### How to Express It.

"I'm so sorry supper isn't ready," said Mrs. Dinmore to her husband when he came in. "I attended the meeting of the sewing circle this afternoon, and I couldn't get away."

"Hemmed in, were you?" asked her husband.

### What Irritates Him.

Mother—Willie, you must stop asking your father questions. Don't you see, they annoy him? Willie—No'm; it ain't my questions that annoy him, it's the answers he can't give that make him mad.

Vain-glorious men are the scorn of the wise, the admiration of fools, the idol of parasites and the slaves of their own vanity.—Bacon.



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### Green Hair.

There are men living today with green hair. This weird color is not a curious fact, but the result of working in a copper mine, where in order to become a marketable commodity the crude ore is roasted in furnaces. It is stated that, although no offensive odor emanates from this process, there is nevertheless some strange substance therein that produces a chemical change of the hair and beard, so that they become as green as grass. Strange to say, the texture of the hair suffers no injury, but remains as soft and glossy as ever.

### Brief Criticisms.

Of Gray's "Elegy" a contemporary reviewer wrote: "The excellence of this little piece amply compensates for its lack of quantity." That and nothing more. Of "In Memoriam" a contemporary estimate was that its "simple but touching verses" were evidently inspired by "the full heart of the widow of a military man."

### Good Amendment.

Husband—This cake is very good, my dear, but it seems to me there ought to be a little more. Wife (in clear, incisive tones)—That cake came by mail and was made by your mother. Husband—Yes, as I was saying, there ought to be a little more of it.

### The Situation.

First Passenger—Are they a happy family? Second Passenger—I'm afraid not. The old man is searish; but his wife and the girls have mal de mer.

### A Suggestion.

Doctor (to pressing creditor)—If you must bring your bill every day, at least you might come with your head tied up, so that people would think you were a patient.

Knowledge dwells in heads replete with thoughts of other men, wisdom in minds attentive to their own.—Cowper.

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### DESPERATE FIGHTING.

"The Men Throw Themselves on the Bayonets of the Enemy."

It is a phrase merely to those of us who do not know war at first hand. "Then the men threw themselves on the bayonets of the enemy." It sounds desperate and dramatic, but this account in Blackwood's Magazine by a naval subaltern at Port Arthur shows what it really means:

For thirty long minutes a hand to hand struggle had continued. Men threw grenades in each other's faces. Half demented samurai flung themselves upon the bayonets of the dozen Muscovites that held the traverse in the trench. Who shall say that the day of the bayonet is past? Although there was not a breach that had not its cartridges in the chamber, yet men roused to the limit of their animal fury ever look the mechanical appliances that make war easy. They thirsted to come to grips, and to grips they came. But it had to end. The old colonel had fought his way through his own men to the very point of the struggle. He stood on the parapet, and his rich voice for a second curbed the fury of the wild creatures struggling beside him.

"Throw yourselves on their bayonets, honorable comrades!" he shouted. "Those who come behind will do the rest!"

His men heard him; his officers heard him. Eight stalwarts dropped their rifles, held their hands above their heads and flung themselves against the traverse. Before the Russian defenders could extricate the bayonets from their bodies the whole pack of the war dogs had surged over them. The trench was won.

### aiding the memory.

Mnemonic Systems Have Been In Use From Time Immemorial.

The art of rendering artificial aid to the memory by associating in the mind things difficult to remember with those which are easy of recollection is said to have originated with the Egyptians. The first person to reduce it to a system was, according to Cicero, the poet Simonides, who lived 500 B. C. His plan is known as the topical or locality plan and was in substance as follows: Choose a large house with a number of differently furnished apartments in it. Impress upon the mind carefully all that is noticeable in the house so that the mind can readily go over the parts. Then place a series of ideas in the house—the first in the hall, the next in the sitting room, and so on with the rest. Now, when one wishes to recall these ideas in their proper succession, commence going through the house, and the ideas placed in each department will be found to readily recur to the mind in connection with it.

It is related that this mnemonic plan was first suggested to the poet by a tragic occurrence. Having been called from a banquet just before the roof of the house fell and crushed all the rest of the company, he found on returning that the bodies were so mutilated that no individual could be recognized, but by remembering the places which they had severally occupied at the table he was able to identify them. He was thus led to notice that the order of places may by association suggest the order of things.

### Italy and Her Criminals.

In Italy whenever a famous criminal trial is on the newspapers take sides violently, search for evidence and assume all the prerogatives of the court. That they are even more sensational than the American press in this regard is indicated by the fact that Italian reading accounts of great cases in the American papers are always struck with the moderation of tone shown and wonder how it is that Americans take so little interest in what concerns the whole world. "The Americans are a great people," say the Italians, "but cold; they don't even warm to their own criminals!"

### Sir Walter Scott's Funeral.

That is a touching story told of the funeral of Sir Walter Scott. The road by which the procession took its way wound over a hill, whence can be seen one of the most beautiful of landscapes. It was his habit to pause there to gaze upon the scene, and when taking a friend out to drive he never failed to stop there and call the attention of his companion to the most beautiful points of the view. Few could refrain from tears when, carrying their master on his last journey, the horses stopped at the old familiar spot, as it were, for him to give a last look at the scene he had loved so well.

### A Class Room Fun.

When Lord Kelvin was Sir William Thomson his lectures were not always in simple enough language for the students to understand, and they were usually glad when his demonstrator, named Day, took his place. On one occasion when Sir William Thomson left for town one of them wrote in large letters in the class room:

"Work while it is Day, for when the night cometh no man can work."

### A Quick Choice.

The late bishop of London was once ordered by his physician to spend the winter in Algiers. The bishop said it was impossible; he had so many engagements. "Well, my lord bishop," said the specialist, "it either means Algiers or heaven." "Oh, in that case," said the bishop, "I'll go to Algiers."

### One Sense Keen.

Nell—She claims that she makes it a point to be blind to the faults of others. Belle—Well, she may be blind, but she's not deaf. She likes to listen to tales of them.—Exchange.

The happiness of the wicked passes away like a torrent.—Bacon.

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### A HINDU WIZARD.

His Trick That Puzzled an Occidental Master of Magic.

Some of the tricks of the Hindu wizards are past understanding, according to an occidental master of magic who was speaking of his oriental rivals. This is what he says he saw a Hindu wizard do in a club in Lucknow:

"He took a board and placed it on four glass goblets, thus elevating it from the floor. A youngster sitting on the board was requested to place his hands together, palms up. Then the juggler took a glass of water and poured it into the outstretched hands of the boy. In the meantime the boy had been mesmerized, and his attention was fixed on a point indicated by the magician. Gradually the water turned green in color and then developed into a jelly which increased in density until it became as solid as a stone. Out of the center of this appeared the head of a snake, which gradually developed until in the place of the water there appeared a hissing reptile. I was amazed. I can assure you, but the trick was not yet completed. Hitting the reptile upon the head with his wand, the juggler took it up carefully and placed it back in the glass. As we looked it became transformed into a greenish colored fluid. Clearer and clearer became the fluid until it was of its original color, and then the juggler placed it to his lips and drank the entire contents. This was the most wonderful trick I ever saw performed, and it is as mysterious to me today as it was then."

### WHISTLER'S MONOGRAM.

Other Artists Have Adopted Queer Devices For Signatures.

The mystic emblem or device of a sort of Whistlerian butterfly was adopted in the sixties by the eccentric genius, James Abbott Whistler, who, without any known reason, changed his name later to James MacNeill Whistler.

Close study will reveal that this peculiar scroll is really a monogram of J. W. The earliest of the sketches to bear the butterfly is "Chelsea Wharf" (1863), but many paintings and etchings after that date are signed "Whistler."

Artists have sometimes signed their pictures in some distinct form instead of their names. It generally was done when the name might suggest some emblem or symbol.

Thus Hieronymus Cock demarked two fighting cocks on his panels; Mariotto Albertinelli signed a cross with two interlaced rings, referring to the sacerdotal duties to which at one time of his life he devoted himself; Martin Rota, a wheel; Pieter de Ryng, a ring with a diamond; Giovanni Dossi, a bone; Del Mazo Martinez, a hammer; Lionello Spada, a sword.

Sometimes caprice dictated the selection, as when Jacopo de Barbari used the caduceus, or Mercury's rod; Hendrik de Bles, an owl; Lucas Cranach, a crowned serpent; Cornelius Engelbrechtsen, a peculiar device resembling a weather vane, and Hans Holbein, a skull.—Collector and Art Critic.

### Mathematical Predilections.

It is related that Jedediah Buxton, the English mathematical prodigy, was the son of a schoolmaster, but remained throughout life a farm laborer, because of incapacity to acquire an education, his mind being occupied by an absorbing passion for mental calculations. Being asked "How many cubical eighths of an inch there are in a body whose three sides are 23,145,786 yards, 1,642,732 yards and 54,905 yards?" he replied correctly without setting down a figure. Zerah Colburn was an American prodigy. When asked the square root of 106,929 and the cube root of 208,536,125, he answered correctly before the audience set the figures down.

### The President's Salute.

The president's salute consists of twenty-one guns, and why this particular number was hit upon has been the cause of much speculation. One solution, more clever than probable, is that when the Revolution took place the nation was considered able to shift for itself; hence twenty-one. Another is that the figures of the year of the Declaration of Independence, 1776, when added together make a total of twenty-one. The royal salute in England is also twenty-one guns, having been originally seven, which number fired three times for the three political divisions makes the total.

### Crushed.

"Really—er—" stammered the gossip, who had been caught red handed. "I'm afraid you overheard what I said about you. Perhaps—er—I was a bit too severe."

"Oh, no," replied the other woman. "You weren't nearly so severe as you would have been if you knew what I think of you."

### Where He Put It.

McBluff—See here, sir, I believe you're the man who on the crowded car last night deliberately stuck your umbrella in my eye! De Stuff—Do you know, I was wondering what had become of that umbrella. You've brought it back, have you?

A clever woman is one who can make a man believe that he knows it all.

### DENTAL DECAY.

Bad Teeth, It Is Claimed, May Lead to Appendicitis.

Appendicitis is often due to bad teeth, said Dr. E. S. Thompson, lecturing at Gresham college, London. The same organisms, he said, were present both in defective teeth and in the diseased appendix, which proved that dental decay was capable of causing appendicitis.

"I see no evidence to show that our teeth are deteriorating to an alarming extent with the growth of civilization," he declared, and he pointed out that an even larger proportion of diseased teeth had been found among Egyptian and Roman remains than existed at present.

"Tobacco has an injurious effect on the digestion," he went on, "but I do not think that nicotine has any more effect on the teeth than alcohol. But tobacco certainly blackens the teeth and so causes many persons who are careful of their personal appearance to brush their teeth more often than they would otherwise do."

He had found cod liver oil amazingly successful in promoting the growth of teeth in children, and he recommended the toothbrush drill as part of the curriculum of schools. Dr. Thompson also urged the practice of washing the teeth after meals and rubbing them twice a day, and particularly the last thing at night.—London Mail.

### A LOVER OF SNUFF.

The Queer Will and Funeral of a Queer Englishwoman.

The will of Mrs. Margaret Thompson, which is preserved as a curiosity at Somerset House, England, is a tribute to the delights and consolations of snuff. The testatrix directed that in her coffin should be buried with her all her handkerchiefs and sufficient of the best Scotch snuff to cover her body. This she preferred to flowers, as "nothing could be more fragrant and so refreshing to me as that precious powder." Further, the six greatest snuff takers in the parish of St. James, Westminster, were to be her bearers. Six old maids, each bearing in her hand a box filled with the best Scotch snuff to take for their refreshment as they walked, were to bear the pall. Before the corpse the minister was to walk, carrying and partaking of a pound of snuff. At every twenty yards a handful of snuff was to be delivered to the bystanders, and at the door of the testatrix's house were to be placed two bushels of the same quality of snuff for gratuitous distribution. In order to insure the carrying out of her wishes the testatrix made the legacies given by the will dependent upon an exact and literal fulfillment of the conditions above named. In closing she bade all concerned to regard snuff as the grand cordial of nature.

### THE PARSON BIRD.

The Tal of New Zealand Can Talk, Crawl and Whistle.

Among the feathered inhabitants of New Zealand there is a bird called the parson bird, or "tut." It is about the size and shape of a blackbird, but has a pair of delicate white tufts at its throat and is a glossy dark green otherwise, which looks black in the sunshine. It can be taught to crawl, to speak, to whistle tunes, and, besides these tricks, it has a repertoire which is not often equaled by any other feathered songster. At intervals it has a note like the toll of a bell or the clear, high note of an organ. It can mimic every bird in the bush to perfection. It will break off in the middle of an exquisite melody and indulge in a strange melody of sounds which are impossible to describe, but if you can imagine "the combination of a cough, a laugh, a sneeze, with the smashing of a pane of glass," it will be some approach to the idea.

The "tut" nests twice or thrice a year and has large families. Like the other birds of New Zealand, it seems to be unconscious of danger from man. It is a pity that the birds of this island are becoming so scarce, for they speak to us of a time when nature was harmless, when the snakes, tigers and falcons did not exist.

### The Medicine She Wanted.

Village Dame (describing various aches and pains)—My throat 'e did go tickle, tickle, tickle, till I see, "I must be a-goin' to be ill." So I 'olds on tight w' my 'and, but that didn't do no good; I puts my old stockin' round on, but that didn't do no good. So in the mornin' I talked it over w' Mrs. Giles next door, and we thought as we'd send over to the White 'Ora for three pennorth o' gin, 'cos I see: "Fraps it may do I good and praps it mayn't. But even if it don't," I see, "you can't take it when you be dead!"

### A Comparison.

"Did you ever hear anything so idiotic as that talk of Mrs. Softer's when she is addressing her baby?" queried one woman of another on the street car.

"Yes, I think I have," was the reply. "For heaven's sake, what was it?"

"I once heard a fat man talking to his canary bird."

The trouble with the people who repeat everything they hear is that they don't hear everything they repeat.