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SECRET INSTRUCTIONS

THE TRICK

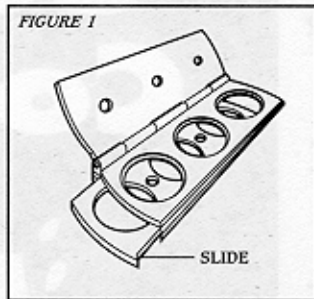
Three borrowed coins are placed into a plastic case. A small sheet of paper is placed over the coins and the lid is closed. Three pencils are thrust through the case and penetrate the solid coins! When the paper is pulled out, the coins can still be seen, right where the pencils were pushed through the case. When you complete your performance, your spectators are free to examine everything!

THE SECRET

The case has an inner slide (see Figure 1) which slightly repositions the coins to permit penetration by the pencils. In fact, the pencils go *between* the coins. After the trick has been performed, however, the slide

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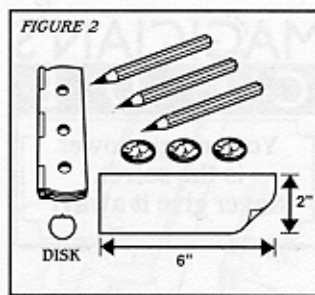
can be locked in place to permit the case to be examined without revealing the secret.



THE PROPS

You are supplied with the following props: the plastic case and special disk which is used to unlock the slide.

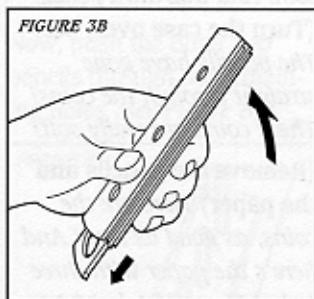
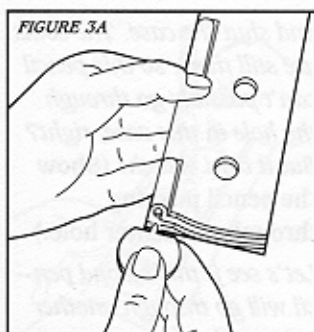
Not Supplied but Needed: You will also need three short pencils, a sheet of paper slightly larger than the case and 3 coins (use all quarters or nickels). See Figure 2.



THE SECRET PREPARATION

Unlock the slide. To do so, push the hinge pin upwards with the pointed part of the disk as shown in Figure 3A. You can also use the tip of a pencil. At this stage, if you were to tip the case, the slide would slide out roughly $\frac{3}{4}$ " (see Figure 3B). Make sure the unlocked slide is back inside the case. Now you're ready to begin your performance.

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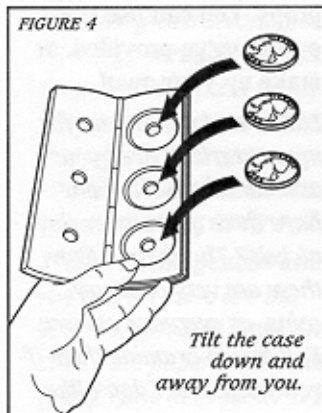


THE PERFORMANCE

Borrow three coins from a spectator, or else have your own coins examined by your audience. You can use quarters or nickels.

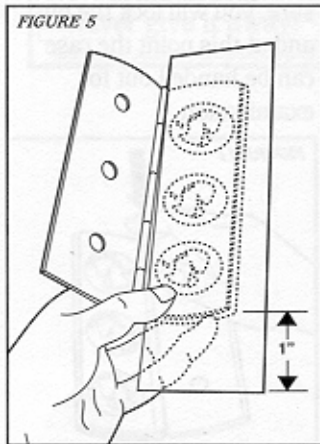
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Place the coins into the case (see Figure 4). Note that the case is held in the left hand. Tilt the case down and away from you while you hold the slide in with your little finger.



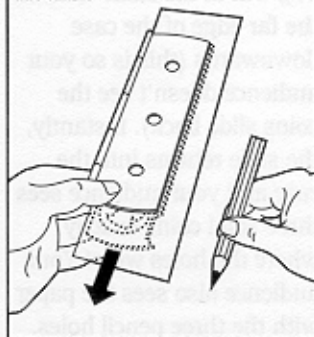
Place the sheet of paper onto the coins, lining up the left side of the paper with the hinge (see Figure 5).

Important: Make certain that one inch of the paper protrudes from the edge nearest you. This will later hide the slide.



Explain to your audience that you'll use the paper to prove that the pencils really went through the coins. Close the lid of the case. Next, tilt the far edge of the case upwards (see Figure 6).

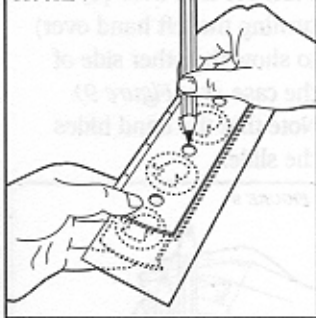
FIGURE 6



This allows the slide to slip down. However, the slide is hidden from view by the paper on one side and the hand on the other. As this is being done, your right hand should be picking up the first pencil and displaying it. Thrust the pencil through the center hole (see Figure 7).

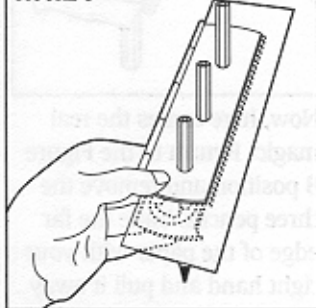
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FIGURE 7



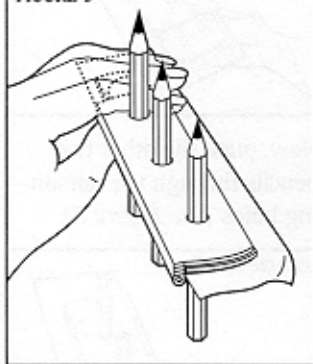
Now, push the other two pencils through the remaining holes (see Figure 8).

FIGURE 8



Turn the case over (by turning the left hand over) to show the other side of the case (see Figure 9). Note that the hand hides the slide.

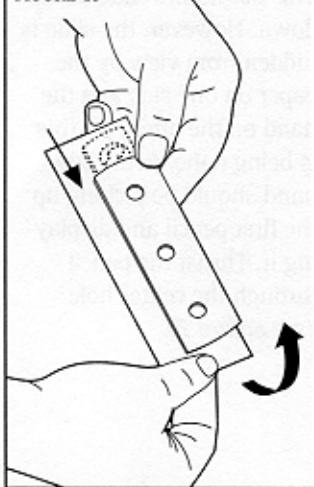
FIGURE 9



Now, here comes the real magic! Return to the Figure 8 position and remove the three pencils. Take the far edge of the paper with your right hand and pull it away from you until it's completely out of the case (see Figure

10), but at the same time tilt the far edge of the case downwards (this is so your audience doesn't see the coins slide back). Instantly, the slide returns into the case and your audience sees three solid coins exactly where the holes were! Your audience also sees the paper with the three pencil holes.

FIGURE 10



WHAT'S THE PATTERN?

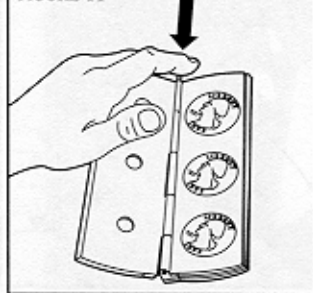
Patter is what magicians say to create a mood for a trick and to draw the audience's attention to details like innocent-looking props. You can use the patter we've provided, or make up your own!

Ladies and Gentlemen, for my next trick I need your assistance. Does anyone have three quarters or three nickels? Thank you. Now, these are very ordinary coins, as everyone can see. Feel free to examine them if you want. But I don't like these coins; they're too hard. So I'll just soften them up a little. Watch this!

I have here a case into which these three coins fit very nicely. I'll just put this slip of paper over the coins

Open the lid of the case and casually bring the left forefinger to the far edge of the hinge pin (see Figure 11). By exerting a slight pressure, you will lock the pin, and at this point the case can be handed out for examination.

FIGURE 11



This is a very strong trick that will fool any spectator. While it's very easy to perform, you must practice it on your own until you can perform it without hesitating.

and shut the case. The coins are still there, so this pencil can't possibly go through the hole in this case, right? But it can! Watch! (Show the pencil pushing through the center hole.)

Let's see if this second pencil will go through another coin. And this third pencil. (Turn the case over) See? The pencils have gone straight through the coins! These coins are really soft! (Remove the pencils and the paper) Here are the coins, as good as new! And here's the paper with three holes! How did I do it? It's magic! Well, as you can see, the coins are perfectly normal. Would you like to examine the pencils? Here, I'll even let you examine the case!

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