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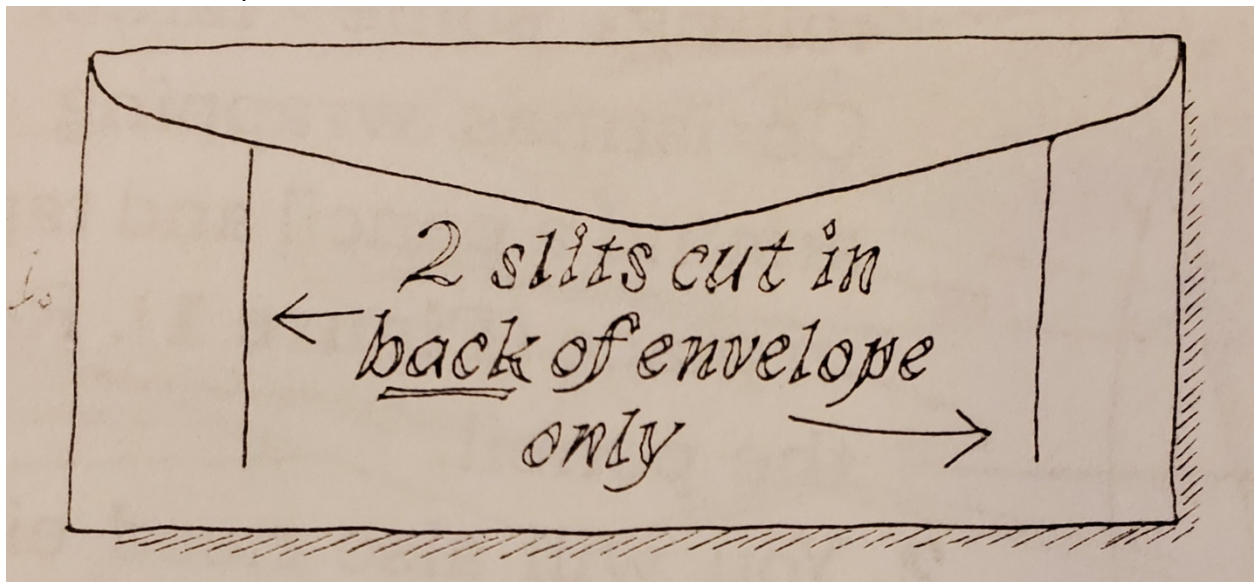
Half a Skeleton

How it Looks:

Show a letter – size envelope to the audience and then seal it. With a pair of scissors, snip off the two ends. After showing a Skeleton to the audience, push it into one end of the envelope until the top of the skeleton emerges from the other end. You then ‘apparently’ cut the envelope and the tree inside in half, but when the skeleton is pulled out, it is obviously uncut.

How to make it:

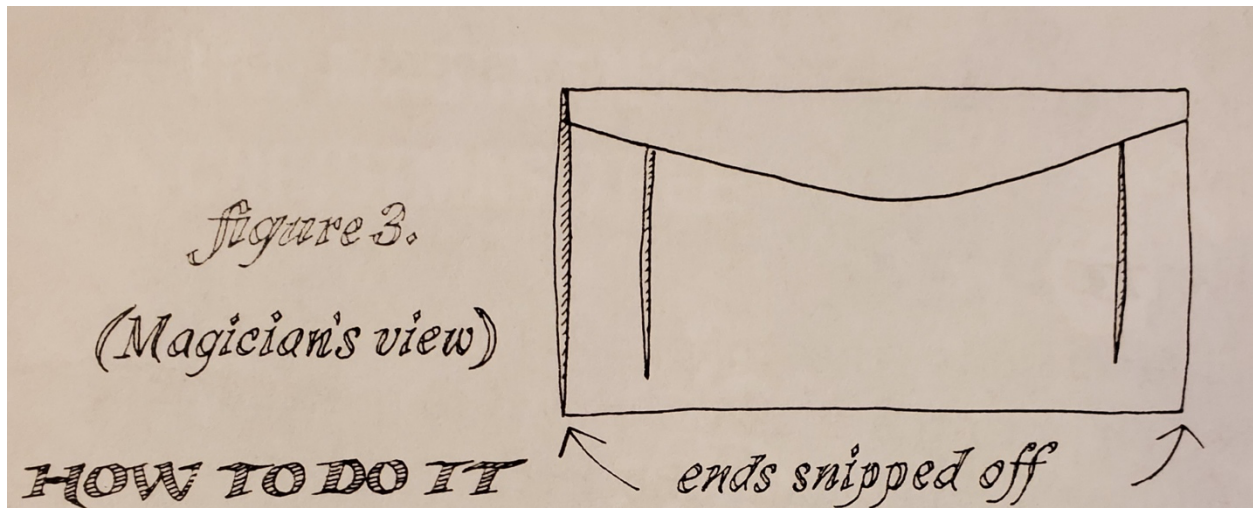
1. Before you present this trick, and unknown to the audience, cut two slits in the back of the envelope



2. You will also need to make a long, thin skeleton. It would be a good idea to glue two pieces together so the tree is stiff. Make sure that it is not too wide to go through the two slits in the envelope.

How to do it:

1. Show the envelope, seal it, and snip off the two ends.



2. Insert the skeleton in the envelope. Make sure it comes out of one slit and goes back in the other, instead of going straight through.
3. When you cut the envelope in half, bend the envelope and insert the scissors between the skeleton and the envelope, so that the skeleton remains undamaged.

Practice this in front of a mirror until you are certain the audience cannot see the skeleton as you cut the envelope.

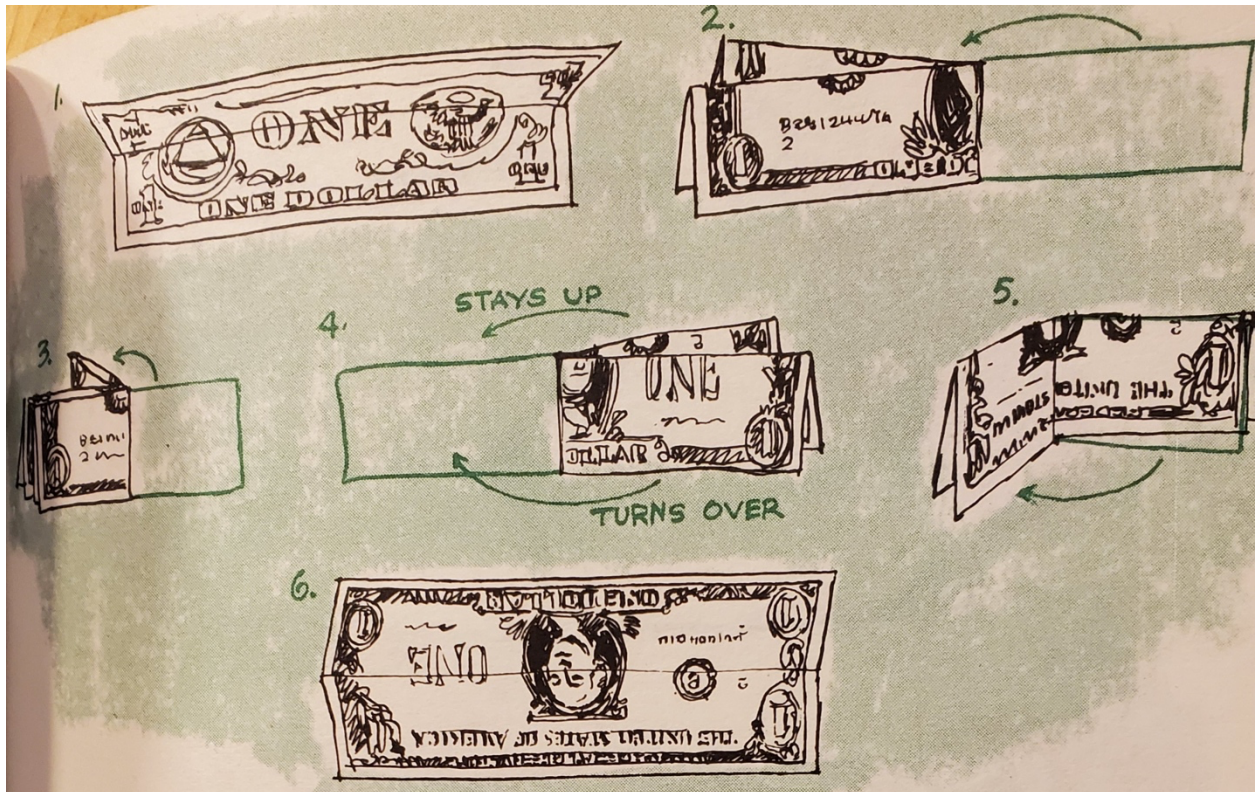
By the power of the envelope, I will predict your answer.

- Write the number 9 on a piece of paper, slip it inside the balloon, and blow the balloon up.
- Ask someone to pick up a three digit number.
- Jumble up the three numbers in any way to make another number.
- Take the smaller number away from the larger one.
- Add the digits in the answer together.
- If they equal more than one digit, i.e. a number of nine, keep adding them together until you have one number.

The answer will be 9.

Alternatively

Try a very big number like 4,672,953 and jumble it up the same way, taking the smaller one away from the larger one. The answer will still be 9. I promise.



MAGIC DOLLAR: Say this as you fold and unfold a dollar bill: "If you had nothing to do, day in and day out, but look out of a dollar bill; you would probably think up something to do to relieve the monotony. George Washington likes to stand on his head, see . . ."

Then with the bill facing the audience, fold it in half lengthwise.

1. Fold the top half forward to the left.
2. Fold the right half forward to the left.
3. Fold the right half forward—to the left again.
4. Unfold the back half of the bill (the two corners) to the right.
5. Swing the front half of the bill to the left. Bring the front portion of the bill upward, and you're right back where you started.
6. Fold exactly as you did before, but in step 5 swing the back half of the bill to the left, lift the front part of the bill, and old George is standing on his head.

How about that!

Disappearing Pear

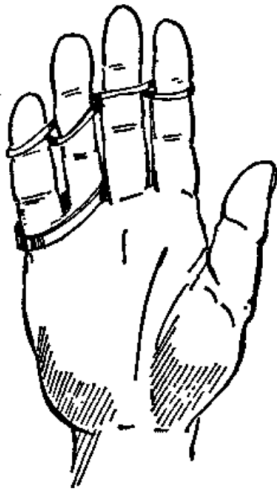
Materials: Paper & Marker

Tell your friends you can honestly make a pear disappear.

1. Write the word PEAR on a sheet of paper and show it to the audience.
2. Then write DISAP in front of the word PEAR.
3. Hold up your sheet of paper once more. You did just what you promised!

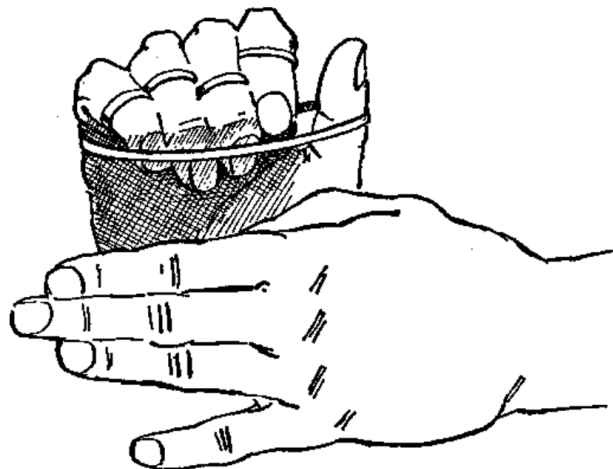
Rubber Band

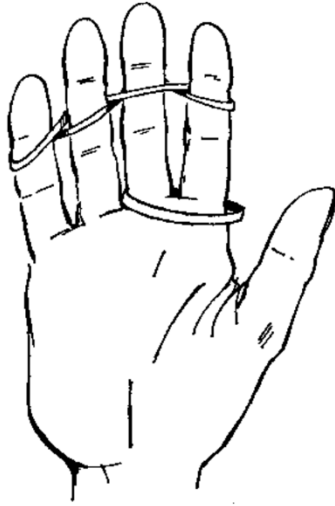
You will need: *two rubber bands—one thin and one small*



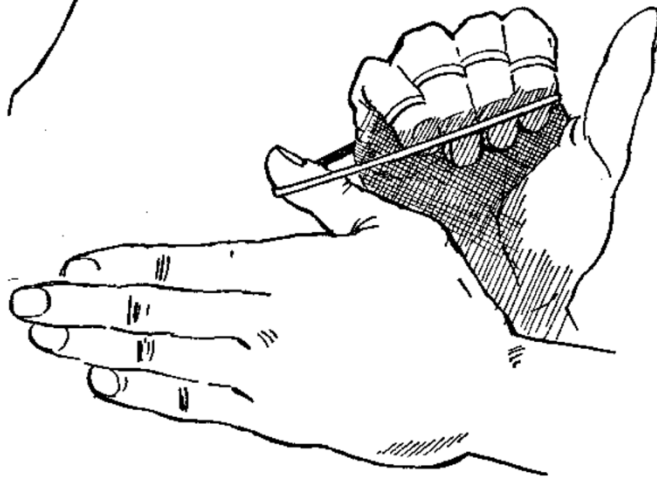
1. Place the smaller band across the third and fourth fingers of one hand. Wind the thin band around your fingertips. (This is not essential but it makes the trick look more difficult.)

2. Bring your thumb across, hook the smaller band on to your thumb tip and stretch it back. Bend all four fingers forward into the band. Do this in one secret movement as you pass your other hand in front. Extend the fingers once more...





3. ... and the band has jumped on to the first and second fingers.



4. You can take the band back to the position illustrated in step 1 by pushing the band with the thumb of your other hand as you pass it across the palm.