

the show, the mentalist selects a lady from the audience to go on a dream vacation on a cruise ship. (Note this is part of a routine I perform on the cruise line I work for, so it applies directly to the company). The spectator is asked the name of a ship she would like to go on. She has a choice of over 16 different ships. She is then asked which destination she would like to visit on her trip. She is then asked how much spending money she would like. Finally, she is asked who she would like to take on this amazing trip.

A poster tube is then pointed to, which has been there the entire show hanging out of reach. A chair is brought out and mentalist uses it to stand on and retrieve the poster tube. The tube is sealed. It is shaken it up and down so the audience can hear something inside. It is then opened up, and another plastic tube is seen inside. The cap is taken off this second tube, and inside is a rolled up piece of paper. It is unrolled and read out aloud. Sure enough, the prediction holiday matches the spectators.

How is this accomplished..

Our Friend, Paul Romhany, has put together a PDF of this effect, complete with illustrations, that is available at this link. Paul performed this effect regularly on cruise ships and killed the audience with each performance.

You do not need to download the PDF or sign up for anything... simply open it, read it, and enjoy it !

<http://www.extrememagicmakeover.com/dreamholiday.pdf>

Please note that The Dream Holiday routine is not to be manufactured for commercial release without my permission. As a private magician I would be more than happy for you to make it up, but not for re-sale.

Paul Romhany

<http://www.paulromhany.com>

<http://romhanyreport.blogspot.com/>

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Chosen Card from Pocket - Classic Effect

Do you like to palm cards? No.. ?? Then practice with this little effect and you may find that palming is not a difficult as you would have imagined.

The magician begins with a card in his/her pants pocket, unbeknown to the audience. It doesn't matter what card.

The magi ask Joe to think of a number. He then gives Joe the deck and ask him to thumb down to that number, look at the card, and remember it and the number at which the card was located. The magi has

his back turned while Joe thumbs to his card.

Once complete, the magi turns around.. but not empty handed. He has secretly reached into his pocket and removed the card he placed in there beforehand. With the card palmed, he takes the deck from Joe with his empty hand and secretly places the palmed card on top of the deck.

The magi ask Joe what number he chose. Let's assume Joe said '17'. The magi turns sixteen cards face up on the table, stops, ask Joe the value and suit of his selected card, and then politely hands Joe the seventeenth card. It's not Joe's...

When the magi added the pocketed card to the top of the deck he made Joe's card the eighteenth card down. While Joe is studying the seventeenth card and wondering what happened, the magi secretly palms the top card of the deck, Joe's card, and puts it in his far pants pocket.

After due patter and discussion... the magi, in his best David Blaine imitation, says "...waaatch".

He fairly shows his hand empty and slowly reaches into his pants pocket to retrieve Joe's card. The effect is over and Joe is amazed...

This is a little classic effect that cannot be credited to any one magician. It is a great effect to perfect your palming, and with the proper patter and a little suspense, will impress Joe far more than you would think... Actually, you can perform this one for other magicians and they will over-think the effect and want you to reveal the secret. They are sure it must be some 'underground' effect not yet available to the general public... Ha !

Rick Carruth

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Math Miracle - A First Rate Effect

As a follow-up to the math effects in the last issue, here's one more, and you can do it anywhere, anytime, with any deck. All you need is to be sober and able to do a little simple subtraction.

With your back turned... ask Jim to write down any four digit number. Now, ask Jim to add together the four digits and subtract them from the original four digit number.

For Example: Jim writes down 3941. He adds $3+9+4+1 = 17$. Jim subtracts 17 from 3941 and arrives at 3924. Have Jim flip through the deck and find four cards who's numerical value equals his total. Also, ask him to make sure the suit of each card is different from the other three. So, Jim finds a Three of Clubs, a Nine of Spades, a Two of Hearts, and a Four of Diamonds.

Ask Jim to secretly remove one of the four cards and put it in his pocket. He can lay the other three face up on the table as you have no way of knowing the fourth card... right?

Looking at the three cards on the table, you will immediately know the suit. Assuming Jim put the Nine of Spades in his pocket, it's obvious the Spade card is missing from the table.

To perform this effect all that's important is remembering three key numbers... 18, 27, and 36.

Mentally add together the total of the cards on the table. In this case it's a 3, a 2, and a 4. So, $3+2+4 = 9$. Subtract your answer from the closest of the -higher- three key numbers. In our example, 9 from 18 equals 9.

Nine is the number in Jim's pocket. A Nine of Spades - to be exact.

If the three cards had totaled say.. 22, then you would have subtracted 22 from 27, and the card in the pocket would have been a Five.

Don't ask me how it works... it just does. OK...

Rick Carruth

From: <http://www.Magic.LifeTips.com>

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Any Card at Any Number (ACAAN)

Here is an interesting video featuring a version of the ACAAN. Most versions of the ACAAN are not true any card at any number routines, and this one isn't either. But, it's worthy of a watch...

<http://streetmagic2.blogspot.com/2010/09/acaan.html>

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THE AMATEUR CONJUROR

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(This is the FIRST of a regular monthly feature from Ed Glassman)

1. Everyday Objects: A Magnetic Banana Split

Using everyday objects (coins, rubber bands, fruit, paper clips, dollar bills, handkerchiefs) makes a big difference since you may perform magic wherever you go. Still, you need to be creative to figure out to make a bunch of everyday bananas star in a magic trick. I suppose the magician could skillfully slice up a banana with a sword and restore it in a magical way. Or the magician could juggle 3 bananas, make one disappear in mid air, and then make it reappear mysteriously in a puff of smoke.

The banana usually takes its place in show biz as a joke, a prop to slip on, an opportunity for a pratfall. Not to worry. The magic trick described here will boost the banana as a top tool for magical trickery.

THE ILLUSION: Consider this. I hold up a bunch of brown-spotted bananas. A spectator-volunteer helps me select one randomly, and I remove it from the bunch.

I state that I cannot eat such a large banana, and that I will cut it into four quarters. I remove a rod magnet from my pocket and announce that this magnetized rod will do the job.

I say that I intend to cut the banana with the magnetic field that surrounds every magnetized object. This weak field doesn't have the strength to cut through the banana skin, but I can bypass the skin and cut only the soft insides.

I make a fake cutting motion with the magnet about half way down the banana, and two more motions on either side of the first 'cut' intended to sever the banana into quarters.

I ask the volunteer to peel the banana so we can see the cut sections. The audience sprouts looks of incredulity. Yet when the volunteer peels the banana, the insides fall into four pieces. Amazing wonderment results.

THE SECRET: Before the trick started, I straightened a large paper clip and pushed one end through a natural dark spot on a banana, about half way between the top and the bottom. I moved the straightened paper clip so it cut the insides of the banana in half. I carefully avoided piercing the skin of the banana.

I made two more similar intrusions through brown spots between the first cut and both ends of the banana, cutting its insides into 4 quarters. The punctures of the banana skin remained undetectable unless you know exactly where to look. I left the banana attached to the bunch to reduce suspicion that I had tampered with it.

I made sure we picked the correct banana from the bunch when I started the trick, and all's well that ends well. So simple. So perfect for Family Magic.

I consider this trick a first rate jaw dropper. Why? Because so many mouths open up in disbelief at its end.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ed Glassman has been an amateur magician since high school. When he turned 80 years old last year, he wrote the Family Magic book series so his family could have some magic in their lives.

This magic trick is adapted from his book "FAMILY MAGIC I & II," actually 2 books combined into one volume, now available from amazon.com at a 28% discount (\$10.65 instead of \$14.80).

Click here to order...

http://www.amazon.com/Family-Magic-II-Edward-Glassman/dp/1450599990/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1272863106&sr=1-1

Contact me through my website:

<http://www.offbeatbooks.net/magic-tricks-books.html>

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The Mandala, a new magic magazine would like you to try their first issue absolutely free. There is nothing to sign up for, just download it as a PDF and enjoy...

The first issue features an indepth interview with Charlotte Pendragon, in which she gives her side of the events that occurred between her and her former partner and husband. It was a very interesting read and definitely worth my time.

<http://themandalamag.com/trial/>

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For Magician's And Balloon Twisters - Children's Entertainers Resources

If you are not conducting 'back of room' sales, then you're missing one of the primary income resources for magicians and balloonists. Paul Cummings of Paul's Magic writes:

Imagine if you had valuable resources you could access without having to find floor space to store them. And what if you had a source to make money and promote your business whenever you needed them, with your contact information clearly displayed.

Don't ever be stuck again when asked to provide give-aways or sale items for your shows. Don't be frustrated by a lack of quality 'back of room' sale items. Make money while promoting your business so you can make even more money in the long term! This is a strategy that never ever loses its relevance.

To be successful (as long as you are good at what you do) you need relevant and easy ways to keep your contact information in front of potential clients. This is why I am so excited.

Seconds from now you can quickly and easily create profit pulling resources and promotional items for your business? No problem. Just moments from now you could be accessing your own affordable money making promotional weapons to accelerate your business, even if it's 2.00am in the morning.

Imagine items you can use to sell after shows, or as gifts to the birthday child, or so you can charge more for your birthday shows, or as great prizes.....and all working to promote your business and give your name to clients and potential future customers! You could do workshops and give out or sell CD's to all who come along. Maybe even create your own online shop.

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Sign up now for a FREE membership, or, sign up for various packages that include private label rights to ebooks and videos, for those of you who are unable to find the time or don't feel proficient enough to create your own.

<http://www.yourmagicmembership.com/?A/3/>

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The Card Trick Teacher

Everyone teaches with videos, at least it seems that way. 'The Card Trick Teacher' has a wealth of videos featuring card tricks, card sleight tutorials, and mathematical card tricks. Below is a list of the mathematical tricks, many of which I've tried. I'm impressed with the effects and find them to be the type of effects that appear to be more so card magic than mathematical magic. In a number of cases, the spectator will not know you are applying mathematics to make the effects work. I particularly like 'Chaotic Prediction' and will add it to my personal repertoire...

- Behind The Back Mentalism Card Trick Revealed
- Alternating Prediction Card Trick Revealed
- A.C.A.A.N - Card Trick Revealed
- The Logical Trick
- MAKE A DECK BET - Mathematical Gilbreath Principle
- OUT OF ORDER - Card Trick Revealed
- Cut!
- Chaotic Prediction
- PREDICTION 13 - Card Trick Tutorial
- MATH MENTAL - Card Trick & Tutorial
- Survival Tactics b
- Numerology
- "The Kicker" - Magic Card Trick Revealed
- Keep The Twins Apart
- Magic Square Tutorial
- The Power Of Three Tutorial
- Best Math Card Trick
- Jack The Bounty Hunter
- Amazing Nine Card Math Trick
- The Final 3
- The Final 3 - Explained
- SOLUTION: Find The Nine Digit Number

<http://www.TheCardTrickTeacher.com>

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Magic.Lifetips.com - New Effects

I've added several new effects to Magic.Lifetips.com since our last issue of the Roadshow. You can easily access these effects from the Magic category. There's nothing to sign up for and no obligation on your part, other than simply enjoying what's there and passing it on to others.

Thanks for your support of my site at Magic.Lifetips...

<http://magic.lifetips.com>

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Good Vs Great Mentalism - The Mind Reader's Story Adam Davies

I recently re-read a modern day classic on mind reading and mentalism. The book is by Paul Brook and is called The Alchemical tools. The book is essentially a must have for any mind reader or mentalist - novice and professional. Google 'Paul Brook Mind Reading' for more information.

Anyway, after reading the book again I re-read the true story about how one day he had a disagreement with one of his pupils. Being a great mind reader Paul occasionally took on people to teach his secrets to. Paul gives the impression this particular pupil was a bit of an idiot and an argument ensued.

In the argument the pupil basically claimed he was now better than Paul and knew everything he needed to know and left Paul to go out on his own. He soon returned with his tail between his legs claiming he could only get a handful of bookings and needed Paul's help. Paul took pity on the poor fellow and said he would watch him at his next gig to see if there were any problems in his performance and why people didn't seem to recommend him.

Paul's gig was table hopping at a private function and it was split into 3 sections – before seating entertainment, after desert entertainment and a final section after the other acts had performed. Anyway, Paul said that he would perform in the first section and the pupil in the second. Then, they would ask the guests to vote on who they wanted to see on the final section. The pupil looked smug and agreed to the challenge.

They each performed their bits and a vote was taken. Every single guest voted for Paul. The pupil was stunned..

The pupil asked the individual guests why they didn't choose him. They all replied along the lines of,

"It's because Paul really got into our minds and gave us all goosebumps."

How did he do it? Well, the pupil was busy throwing 100 tricks at the guests in quick succession barely giving them time to appreciate it. Paul only performed ONE trick on each table. That trick got everyone involved and lasted 15 minutes, building up the suspense each time.

The moral of the story – I'll say it again, take your time and don't worry about learning 100 tricks, just learn 5 or 6 REALLY well and make it special. That's the difference between good mind reading and great mind reading.

To learn how to do GREAT mind reading tricks vising mentalism now..

<http://www.ultimatemindreading.com>

<http://www.ultimatemindreading.com/blog>

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The Three Secret Elements of Mentalism

I'm not sure if I agree completely with the authors contentions, but we are in the same boat.. more or less. I know that sounds ambiguous, but I can't help it...

Watch a video of Derren Brown explaining how he 'reads' a lady. Does he actually use the techniques he claims to use? You decide.

<http://thepokerfaceeffect.com/3secretelements.html>

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Warren Buffett and the Secrets to Life - Article

Regardless of how you feel about great wealth, you have to admit that Warren Buffett stands out among the super wealthy. Living in the same little three bedroom home and driving the same car for dozens of years makes Mr Buffett the poster man for frugality among the rich.

I ran across this article featuring Mr Buffett's " 7 Secrets for Living a Happy and Simple Life " and though I'd share it with you.

<http://www.bspcn.com/2008/07/16/warren-buffett%E2%80%99s-7-secrets-for-living-a-happy-and-simple-life/>

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Think and Grow Rich - PDF download Napoleon Hill

From the Magic Roadshow archives.. I republish this link about once a year for those of you who have not read Napoleon Hill's timeless classic. I not only enjoy the subject, making money, but I love the quotes and philosophy, like this...

"Life is a checkerboard, and the player opposite you is TIME. If you hesitate before moving, or neglect to move promptly, your men will be wiped off the board by TIME. You are playing against a partner who will not tolerate INDECISION.."

Yes.. this has little to do with magic. But it depends on what type of magic you're talking about.. Napoleon Hill's classic is as read today as it was years ago when first published. Something about it struck a chord with it's readers, and they kept going back to it's pages, year after year, as if magically drawn to it's wisdom.

I bought my first copy probably close to 30 years ago. Through the years I've been forced to clean off my book shelves to make room for more books, and I've picked up my little paperback copy a dozen times and started to pack it away with the other outgoing books. Each time though, as I looked at it front and back, I would set it on my desk, determined to flip through it one more time before passing it along to someone else. And each time, I've picked up an idea or thought that stayed with me for days.

Now, I no longer consider putting my copy on the curb. It's one of those dozen or so books that has found it's own personal spot in my mind and my heart.. And although I'm not willing to let you have my little dogeared copy, I willing to let you have THIS electronic copy.

I can assure you, if this book changes your attitude, like it has for many, it WILL change your magic as well ...

<http://www.streetmagicsecrets.info/1think.pdf>

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Here is a link that will take you to 100 free mp3 downloads at Amazon. Most of the albums are samples of various types of music from particular recording studios. One of the first you'll see is the Americana Sampler, featuring one of my very favorite artist, Darrell Scott, as well as The Avett Brothers, John Hiatt, Steve Earle, Delbert McClinton, and Jim Lauderdale... among others.

All downloads are compatible with MP3 Players (including with iPod®), iTunes, and Windows Media Player. Most albums feature a sampler that allows you to sample songs from the album before deciding if you want to download.

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EMPALED CARD - An Invisible Deck Alternative

A special 'Thanks' to my new friend, Vincent, for providing Roadshow readers with a very interesting alternative to the Invisible Deck..

"One of the problems I have with Invisible Decks is that you have to actually ask for the 'selected' card before you can show it is the only one that is reversed in the deck.

This problem is solved in the following effect:

Give your spectator one of your business cards and a needle. Ask the volunteer to put the needle in the

card, where ever he wants.

Now, turn over the business card and show him that all 52 cards of a deck are printed on the back in random order. Take your Invisible Deck (that was in sight all the time) and show that the card that was impaled is the only one that is reversed in the deck.

Give the spectator your business card."

Vincent - "Life is Magick"

<http://www.toveracademie.be/magisterv.html>

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(You can visit some of the online business card sellers, such as Vistaprint, and download this image onto the front or back of a business card, and they will print the quantity you need.)

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5-Pointed Star in One Snip - Instructions

Want to create a five point star with one snip of the scissors? To quote from the ushistory.org website:

"George Washington's original pencil sketch for the flag indicated 6-pointed stars, a form he apparently preferred.

Betsy Ross, however, recommended a 5-pointed star. When the committee protested that it was too difficult to make, she took a piece of paper, folded it deftly, and with a single snip of her scissors, produced a symmetrical five-pointed star. This seeming feat of magic so impressed her audience that they readily agreed to her suggestion.

To you we pass along the secret..."

<http://www.ushistory.org/betsy/flagstar.html>

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10 Magic Video Downloads

These are the videos we are NOT giving away. They will cost you the princely sum of \$6.95... But, once you see the previews, you'll quickly realize that the 'Torn and Restored Newspaper' video alone is worth the cost of the entire package...

<http://StreetMagic.info/10vids.html>

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(This is the last issue that Expert at the Card Table, Easy Mentalism, and Royal Road to Card Magic will be available as a Free download)

All downloads are now available from one location - see link below.

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- *JP Jacquard's "Easy Mentalism"
- *Hugard's "Royal Road to Card Magic"
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