

VANISH MAGIC

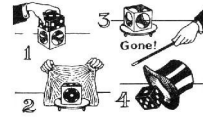
The following pages contain Idea Sheets about Vanish Magic. Use the space below to write down your ideas and resources for accomplishing these miracles with your students.

Ideas for teaching Vanish Magic:

Locally available Books, Videos, DVD's, about Vanish Magic:

Local Magicians and Other Experts to help in teaching Vanish Magic:

Resources:



VANISH

List the magic effects of the "Vanish" kind that will fit best into each of these venues:

Close-Up: _____

Family Table Magic: _____

Visitors to the House: _____

Classroom Magic: _____

Summer Camp: _____

School Talent Show: _____

SAM Public Show: _____

Picnics: _____

Civic Clubs: _____

Birthday Parties: _____

Day Care: _____

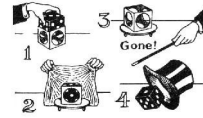
**Adult
Banquets:** _____

Senior Citizen Events: _____

Television: _____

Where Else: _____

Special Notations: Regarding Audiences, Angles and specific awareness that will help you choose Effects.



THE VANISHING KNOT

EFFECT:

The magician shows a piece of rope and ties a knot in the middle of the rope. Holding the rope vertically, the magician takes the knot in his fist. The magician then pulls the knot off the end of the rope and tosses it away!

WHAT YOU NEED:

A piece rope about 20" long.

PERFORMANCE:

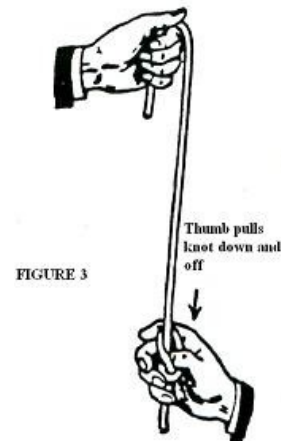
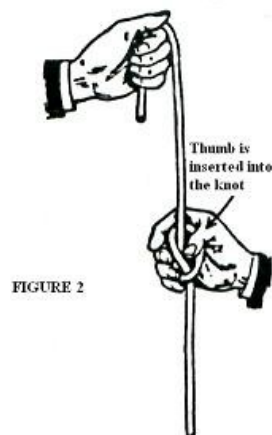
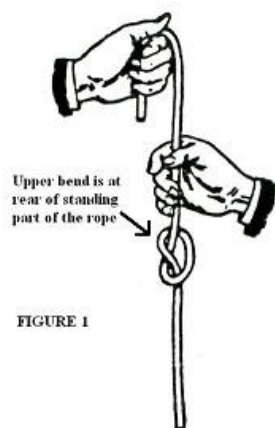
Tie a simple Overhand Knot in the Rope. Do not pull it tight. The Knot should be a couple of inches across.

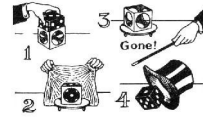
Hold the end of the rope vertically in your left hand. Make sure the upper bend of the knot is at the rear of the standing part of the rope. Your right hand grasps the rope a few inches above the knot. (Figure 1)

As your right hand slides down the rope, your right thumb enters the knot. (Figure 2)

Leaving your thumb in the knot, loosely close your hand around the knot. Continue to pull and the knot will slide along the rope and untie as it reaches the end. (Figure 3)

Keep your right hand closed as you remove the invisible knot. Slowly open your hand and toss the knot away!





THE JEWEL THIEF

EFFECT:

The magician shows a diamond at the tips of the fingers. With one turn of his hand, it vanishes. Then at the magicians command, it reappears.

WHAT YOU NEED:

You need some very sticky double-faced tape. Toupee tape, the tape men use to hold their hairpieces in place, works extremely well. You can get this from a barber shop or a beauty salon. You also will need a fake diamond or other small gem (without holes). You can find these at a fabric or craft store.

PREPARATION:

Cut out a small piece of tape, about a quarter of an inch square, and stick it on the back of your right thumb, just below the thumbnail (if you use toupee tape, peel off the wax backing). With any finger, press down on the tape a few times to give the surface a dull finish. This will enable you to show both sides of your hand before and after the presentation without worrying about telltale reflections.

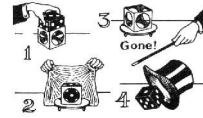
PRESENTATION:

Display the diamond between the tips of the right thumb and forefinger (spread your fingers apart as if you're giving the "O.K." sign). Hold the diamond in line with the spectator's eyes, about one-and-a-half feet away. Slowly rotate your right hand so that your palm faces you. As this happens, your fingers come together, concealing the diamond from view. The right thumb bends inward as the tips of the right first and second fingers roll the diamond over the thumbnail and firmly press it onto the tape. The right thumb bends back out a bit as the right first and second fingers move to the front of the thumb, pretending to still hold the diamond there. Gently rub your right thumb and fingertips together. Slowly open your right hand by moving the fingers away from the thumb, spreading them wide apart. During this action, your right thumb hardly moves.

You must be very careful with angles here (but don't look as if you're trying to be careful). And, obviously, don't look at the hidden diamond, look at the spectator.

To make the diamond reappear, reverse the above actions, being careful not to flash it before it is produced. As the spectator examines the diamond, casually drop your hand to your side and, with your right first fingernail rub off the tape from the back of your thumb, secretly dropping it to the floor. Now you're clean.

Make up some wonderful patter, and you have created a real magical event.



A COIN VANISH

From the files of T. J. Staab

EFFECT:

The magician shows an empty box of matches. A coin is placed into the box and in a flash the coin vanishes.

THE SECRET:

The secret is in the box. Take an empty box of matches and cut a slit in the bottom of one end of the drawer large enough for a coin to slip through. (Figure 1) You can decorate the little box to look magical.

PERFORMANCE:

Show an empty box of matches to the spectators. Take out a coin and open the box with the slit end going inside of the box as not to be seen. Place the coin inside the box and show the spectators that the coin is indeed inside of the box. While they are looking, close the box. Shake the box so the coin can be heard inside. Hold the box in-between your thumb and first finger. Tilt the box up with your palm towards you so the coin will slip out into your hand unseen. (Figure 2) Switch hands and say some magic words or wave your magic wand over the box. Slide the box open with the slit end going inside of the box and ditch the coin.

Make up a fascinating story about the box. Make your patter mystifying, but make it fit your personality. Try having someone sign the coin and make it reappear somewhere else.

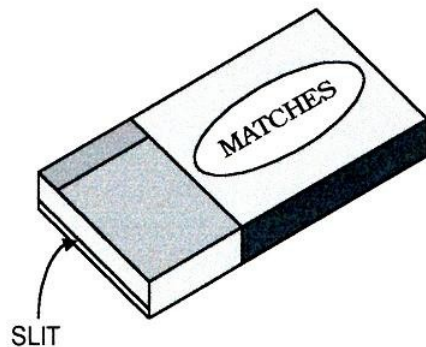


FIGURE 1

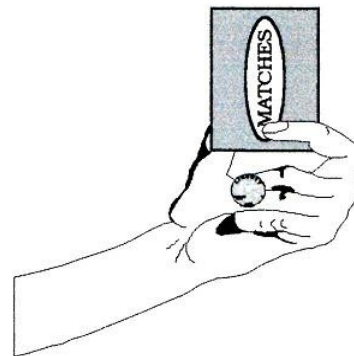
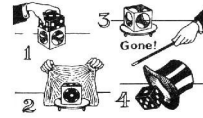


FIGURE 2



USE A SILK PULL

By T. J. Staab

You have done a miracle or two using a silk and now you want to cause the silk to vanish. Using a **PULL** attached to the inside back of your jacket, or up the sleeve is one great way to vanish the silk.

WHAT YOU NEED:

A piece of black PVC pipe 1 inch in diameter and 1½ inches long (Figure 1) One black PVC end cap. Pipe glue, black elastic thread, safety pin, a drill and drill bit.

CONSTRUCTION:

Drill a small hole through the of bottom of the end cap.

Run the elastic through the hole and tie a double knot to hold it in place.

Glue the cap onto the end of the PVC pipe

Measure the length of elastic you will need and attach the safety pin to the end. (Figure 2)

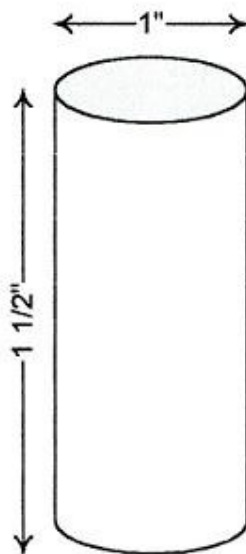


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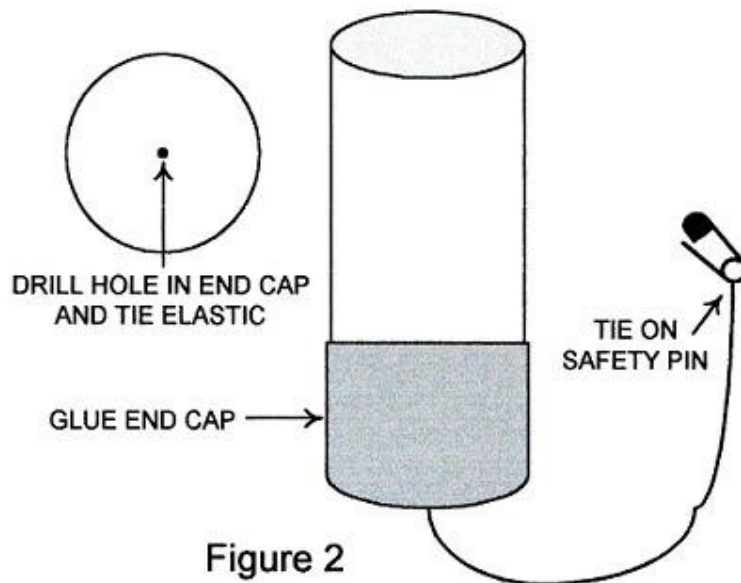
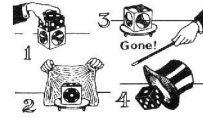


Figure 2



THE PINCH VANISH

EFFECT:

The magician holds up a coin with one hand in full view of the audience. With his other hand the magician takes the coin and then rubs his fingers together. When the fingers open, the coin is gone!

PERFORMANCE:

The Pinch Vanish, also called the Drop Vanish, is used to fool the audience into thinking that the magician has taken the coin (or small object) away in his right hand while actually retaining it in his left.

You start by holding a coin in the left hand, pinched on its edge between the thumb and fingers (this is where the vanish gets its name). The fingers of the hand are together, allowing no spaces between them and the backs of the fingers are towards the audience (so the thumb is facing you.)

The right hand approaches the coin from the side. The right hand is held in a similar manner, with the fingers together and their backs facing the audience. In one smooth move you cover the coin with your fingers as if to take it. Once the coin is gone from view, the left thumb loosens its grip on the coin, which is then dropped into the left hand, in a finger palm position.

The right hand completes the move as if it is holding the coin. Slowly and naturally, drop your left hand to your side, with the coin held in the finger palm position. At the same time follow the right hand with your head and eyes, as if it actually held the coin. The audience will look where you look, (this is misdirection).

At this point you can pretend to make the coin disappear any way you wish. (Rubbing the fingers together as if rubbing the coin out of existence, tossing the hand up as if the coin will fly out, etc.) When the hand is opened, the coin has vanished.

Reaching into a pocket to retrieve an item for the next trick is a way to ditch the coin. One way to make the coin vanish and re-appear would be to make the vanish occur as the magician “tosses” it into the air and then clap the hands together to “catch” it on it’s way down. The coin will appear to have been invisible for a moment.

Practice, practice, practice in front of a mirror. By actually taking the coin you can see how your arms and eyes behave. This way you can imitate that behavior when actually performing the vanish.