

ONE HUNDRED TIPS & GAGS.

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A Collection of 100 Tips & Gags, Stunts etc, to put Pep
into your Program. Items that have, and are being used
by Leading Performers. AND MANY NEW ONES.

FOR.

PROFESSIONAL MAGICIANS

AMATEUR MAGICIANS

MASTERS OF CEREMONIES

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AND

ALL TYPES OF ENTERTAINERS.

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The majority of these items are taken from my Notebook. A few are original. It is impossible to give credit to the originators of the various gags, as no one seems to know where most of them originated. I am indebted to W.R. Williston of New York City for several of them, which he uses in his act with great success.

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1. Get a hand buzzer and one of the Bingo Shooting Devices which takes a cap. Place these on a chair under a cloth or t h in Pillow. Have boy from audience take chair. When he sits on it the buzzer makes him jump high in the air, as He jumps it usually moves cloth, so Bingo device goes off shooting the Cap. In case it doesn't talk boy into sitting down again, then cap will go off.
 2. Give a boy a wand to hold and tell him anytime he thinks anything is going to happen to wave the wand over his head Then in standing boy on stage correctly whisper for him to wave wand over head when you aim revolver at him. Use this in any stunt where you are going to have an item you are to shoot at to cause it to vanish etc. Each time you go over to arrange boy again, tell him to wave wand again when you aim gun. This can be done five or six times and always gets a laugh.
 3. After your act have announcer or M.C. come out and say "That Magician was not so hot, I have his watch", then he calls you out and hands you your watch. Just as you leave the stage you pull a sock out of your pocket and say "Here's your socks" He pulls up trousers leg and his socks are missing.
 4. When ever you get someone up that is a nuisance. Hand them any item and have them stand on a chair and hold it up high in one hand. Leave them there for the rest of the act.
 5. Show a King, a Queen, and a Jack. Say they are the King of England, the Queen of England, and the Prince of Wales. Place them in various parts of deck and shuffle. Place deck behind back and ask which they would like to see. If someone says they would like to see the King of England you say ' You will have to go to England to see him". Now for my next trick etc" A great laugh. Stress the point that the cards are shuffled freely etc, and all will expect a regular trick.
 6. If someone asks you to pull a Rabbit out of a Hat. Borrow a Hat reach in same and pull out a Hair (Hare)
 7. Have a small bottle with a small hole in the bottom of it.

Fill bottle with water and place cork on and water will stay in bottle. Call it Magic Liquid. Have boy hold it, then remove cork and hold it over his head and water slowly leaks out of bottom down boys sleeve.

8. While person is selecting a card, place one of your toes lightly on top of theirs, so they will not feel it. Then say 'Pard om me but you are standing on my foot' at same time lower your toe heavier. They will immediately pull their foot out from under yours --- to the audience it appears as if they were standing on your foot and got off it at your request and is a real laugh.
- 9 At finish of your act. You are apparently going to work one more trick. Borrow a Cigar. Then place it in mouth and light it up. Then thank audience for their kind attention and walk off.
- 10 Tie a long thin stick to a match and have stick so that it slips up the sleeve and turning you apparently pick up an ordinary match to light a candle etc. Strike match and then talk for a while and match never seems to burn down in hand. Very funny.
- 11 Before working the above it is funny to get a boy up and have him light a regular match to apparently light a candle etc. After he lights match you turn to audience and start talking so match will burn down and burn boys fingers? Repeat once. Then excuse boy and say you will light it yourself. Then do as in No.10
- X 12 When getting ready for some stunt and have boy up, whisper for him to leave his mouth open. Looks very funny. Once in a while go over and push his mouth shut. At same time whispering to him to open it as soon as you leave.
- 13 After working trick with boy whisper to him to scratch his head. Looks very funny and makes it appear as if boy is very puzzled.
- 14 Have a card selected and shuffled back into the deck. Pick out any card and hold it towards yourself. Inquire what card was. When they name it say "That's right" Do not show card and place it back in the deck.
- 15 For a Magicians convention or Magic show. Do the vanishing Bird Cage, then defy anyone to find cage. Several rush on from off stage and floor you, and muss you up in general, apparently looking for the cage

- 16 In any cigarette trick, at finish, throw butt on floor and several rush in from off stage after Butt, sprawling on floor etc.
- X 17 When doing M.C. at finish of some act bring out a single rose on a long stem, have stem broken at centre or near top hand holding two pieces together. Hand the rose to an entertainer, have them take hold of stem below your hand, they get stem only and you walk off with rose.
- X 18 For use with a comedy assistant. Place coin on his forehead he has to lean head back to hold coin there. As he does slip a funnel in his loose front pants. Tell him to try to drop the coin from his head into funnel. As he is trying, pour a pitcher full of water into funnel. Apparently into his trousers. He straightens up, pulls funnel out then reaches in and brings out a water bag with the water in it, and smiles as he walks off
- X 19 To each white glove sew an armlet of white cloth about four feet long. You enter and as you make your opening speech you start removing your gloves and pulling, getting these long armed gloves off.
- 20 After a mental or mathematical act have audience call out long rows of figures which you place down on a black-board. Then quickly jot down a long answer and erase before it can be checked over. Saying at finish "How did you like that" ?
- 21 Tuck 15 or more 13 or 15 inch silks in outer breast pocket overlapping each same as in a silk production. After each trick pull silk out of pocket and another one appears at top of pocket each time. Thanks to overlapping.
- X 22 Take a Nine of Diamonds and tear it off so that only five spots are on it. Place in outer breast pocket. Force five of diamonds and have placed back in deck. Pull Nine part way out of pocket and inquire if that's the card. Then ask if it was a diamond. Then ask how many spots it had. Pull card all out of pocket and say this only has five spots.
- 23 A moving pip card is always good for a laugh. For example in the rising cards a Nine of Clubs in place of selected five rises. Then when told it was a five remove the other four spots.
- 24 For for Magicians Shows. Have a red back card in a blue back deck. Fan deck for selection and force red back card on brother

Magician, then name it.

- 25 Have a regular mouth roll palmed. With same hand hold boy by nose and lean him forward, reach up with other hand and start roll running and all the paper apparently runs out of boys nose. Very funny.
- 26 When you have two men up for the dollar bill in Lemon. Pick up two lemons and say "Here I have two lemons", as you say this look at both men.
- 27 Borrow a ring, wrap in hank. , with duplicate ring in corner Palm regular ring. Show a (Blown Egg) egg and in placing it in boys side trouser pocket, slip ring in with it. Snap hank. out of boys hand and ring apparently vanishes. Say the ring is now in egg in boys pocket. As you say this tap boys pocket and egg breaks. A great laugh. Finally have boy go in pocket and get ring.
- 28 When placing boy in chair whisper for him to jump up, as if he is getting a shock. They will always do this and gets a laugh and saves wiring up of chairs.
- 29 When you have a man up. Have your girl assistant walk across stage behind you. Whisper for man to turn and look at girl When he does, call him down for not paying attention to the trick.
- 30 Make up a tin fake like a Foo Can that will fit in your hat. In doing some water trick accidentally pour water in hat. Then in the excitement place hat on head and no water spills out.
- 31 Make a tin fake in pail and pour water in pail, when working say the Lota. At finish assistant comes in and picks up pail and carries it off upside down.
- 32 After getting water out of boys elbow with double funnel. Place Lota under arm and pump other arm, empty Lota and repeat this several times.
- 3 3 When producing string of silks from some apparatus, as you walk across stage with them you continue till off stage. When off assistant continues pulling silks. You skip around and come out other side of stage and watch silks as they are being drawn out of apparatus.
- 34 Get one of those large papier mache hands and have concealed behind a chair. At finish of trick secretly slip this hand

over your own as you move chair forward. Then say ' I usually get a big hand on this trick and come out with big hand on.

- 35 Have one of the novelty Snake Tulpis on lapel of coat As you are talking a snake comes out of rose, goes back in and comes out again etc. This works with rubber ball and tube concealed in pocket.
- 36 Get a set of novelty GOO GOO specs. These have large rolling eyes. Place on boy and every time he moves his head the eyes roll back and forth.
- 37 Get a set of Prism specs. These have prisms in and throw off ones eyesight about 45 degrees. Place on boy and as you hand him items he reaches way out of the way for them. When he goes to table for something, he can not find table. Very funny. These and several items you will find listed for sale at end of manuscript.
- 38 Have a pair of shears soldered together. Hand to some one to cut a rope or ribbon etc. They try and cannot open shears Then say you got the wrong pair. And get a regular pair. They will be dubious of these until they try them.
- 39 If you get a young man up that is a nuisance and a wise guy Whisper that the front of his trousers are open. He will turn red and what not and will not bother you for a while.
- 40 Take a burned out fuse and connect with fine wire and pour some flash powder in it. Connect to the two 110 volts with lead going off stage into an outlet. At any stage of act for a surprise they turn on juice off stage and there is a big flash and puff of smoke.
- 41 Sew in a corner or a double handkerchief a soft rubber ball. At finish of some trick wipe hands. Throw hank. on floor and it bounces back up into your hand.
- 42 Produce balloons from hat or some apparatus and have boys race to see who can bust balloon first.
- 43 Produce some crackers from some apparatus and give to two boys to eat and see who can whistle first after eating crackers.
- 44 Explain that the next trick was invented by a famous escape king. That you have his picture. Bring out photo holder and open it up and it is empty. At same time say ' He got away again'

~~... say "Thank you"~~
just wanted to see if you were paying attention.'

- 46 When boy has something tell him to place it on table. Just before he gets to table say, better still place on the chair, then no, the table, get boy going back and forth.
- 47 Have a thread stretched across stage. This is run back and forth through boys hair, making his hair stand on end etc.
- 48 Produce several eggs from hat, stacking them up on boys arms, he tries to hold them all and drops many. Very funny. Place oilcloth on floor first.
- 49 When using a hankerchief call it by the wrong color.
- 50 Patter along about your famous escape trick. Get a man up to help. Have him remove coat, you remove yours etc. Then inquire if anyone has any handcuffs with them. Naturally they will not. So excuse man and say you cannot work your escape trick.
- 51 For show at Magicians Convention. Have famous So & So tied up and he can't get out. Draw curtain in on him for next act. After each act look and see if he has escaped. He never escapes. At finish you shoot him.
- 52 State that for your next trick you require a Ham Sandwich Ask if anyone has a Ham Sandwich in their pocket. Plant comes up with one. Or a Lawn Mower is even funnier as plant rolls one up through the centre aisle.
- 53 Have two men dressed up in an Elephant Costume. Place in a Cabinet with a bale of Hay. They hide costume in Hay. Committee of ten or twelve men are on stage surrounding cabinet. These two men mix in with them. Throw open cabinet and elephant is gone. Good for Magicians Conventions.
- 54 State that you will work a big illusions known as the "Vanishing Camel" Bring out Camel Cigarettes and cause it to vanish
- 55 Have an assistant concealed under table. And apparently work a Vent act. At finish drape on table accidentally ? pulls away revealing concealed assistant.
- 56 Apparently work a book test. Anyone calls out page and line and you tell what the words are on that line. Assistant under table has duplicate book. At finish as above, cloth pulls away revealing assistant with Magazine or Book.
- 57 Have a card selected, torn up and burned. Borrow a pack of Cigs. Say card will appear in Cig. Remove cig and break open and no card. Take another cig. and same result. Do this with

several cigs. until loaner gets wise that you are only working a gag.

- 58 Get boy plant up from audience and pull out his tie and cut a piece off it. Later take off his entire tie and restore it exchanging it for duplicate tie.
- 59 State that in your next trick you require a shirt. Step in audience and reach down a mans back and slowly pull out a small palmed babys undershirt.
- 60 Have a watch winder in hand. Towards end of act look to see if your time is up and wind watch using winder for a loud rasp.
- 61 Get a roll of imitation bank notes and glue them end to end. Then ask boy how much you owe him for his help. Remove roll off bills and uncoil and with shears cut him out a bill.
- 62 Get a rubber Banana and slit down side and put a zipper in it. Place real Banana in it. Near Middle of act you get hungry. Take banana out of pocket take bite of same zipp is close and replace in pocket.
- 63 Have a ladies red handkerchief in pocket and in vanishing red silk hank., apparently place in pocket and as hand comes out of it accidentally ? brings corner of silk out of pocket. At finish pull it out and show it is a stocking.
- 64 Step forward and ask someone to cut the cards. As they reach for them do a one hand cut saying 'Never Mind'
- 65 Have card selected and shuffled back, then they call out any number you count down and show the card at number. At finish say this would be a good trick but the cards are all alike. Show deck is all the same cards. Always gets a laugh.
- 66 Show a large foulard, go through motions as if you were going to produce some large object, pull aside and reveal your thumb sticking up. This is good before producing some item.
- 67 Allow anyone to cut a rope in two pieces. Build up effect about restoring it. Just before you restore it alarm clock rings and your act is over.
- 68 In some trick where you are producing something. Have boy plant holler out that you are going to produce an egg. You ask him how he knows. And he says he saw your act last night. But

you apparently surprise him and produce some other item.

- 69 Take an Ace and with wax attach two extra pips on it so it appears as a three spot. Produce this in place of the selected ace. When they say you are wrong., you say? 'Whats a spot or two among friends ', as you flip off two pips, This is good with Giant Cards.
- 70 When returning a hat, etc. ask, 'Is this the hat you gave me' When they say yes. You say 'Thanks ' and start away with the hat.
- 71 For Magicians Gatherings. Come out with a bird Cage And instead of Cage vanishing, your pants fly off.
- 72 Tell audience for your next illusion they are all to holler 'Go', as they do, you say, very well, I will go, and walk off stage.
- 73 Comedy assistant has a hook sewed to seat of trousers. Another hook is on a chair. When he gets up to walk off stage the chair sticks to him.
- 74 You see a thread on assistants trouser leg. Pull it and keep pulling yards of it. He lifts trouser leg and part of sock is gone.
- 75 Tell boy not to breathe for five minutes.
- 76 Ask the boy with two ears to come up.
- 77 Or the boy with the shoes on.
- 78 When having boy hold something tell him to hold it about six feet in the air.
- 79 Ask for the loan of a soft mans hat. Or I mean a mans soft hat.
- 80 Have a pail with confetti in side top of same. Bottom part is like Foo Can. Pour water in pail, then apparently throw it out over audiences head and confetti showers over them in place of water.
- 81 Have confetti in a blown egg. After producing egg throw one out to audience. Watch them all duck. Just before it leaves hand crush it and confetti flies out. This is pretty and mystifying
- 82 For mind reading. Borrow a hlafe. Say to Medium, here I have a fifty cent piece, so if you can give me the date. She

concentrates for a while then says -- Date is Jan. 20. 1940.
Or date of show.

- 83. For Magicians Gatherings. Show flower pot and cover with cone, sprinkle water on top of cone, then lift cone, and no flowers after each trick sprinkle water and still no flowers
- 84 Have two rows of figures on a large blackboard, one row under the other for subtraction. But numbers to furthest left is five from one. When you get to that say 'Can anyone take 5 from 1, then all will say 'No'. Turn slate around and in large letters it says "Dionne Did It"
- 85 Have person write something on a paper and fold and place their foot on it. Now state that you can tell what is on the paper. "Their Foot".

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- 86 Ask Magician is he can break a pencil with a dollar bill. When he says 'yes', hand him one of the Jumbo Pencils.
- 87 Make a bet you have more money in your pocket than they have You will always win as they do not have any money in your pocket
- 88 Place a hair in a shallow pan of water and say you will cause it to float around. Have all gather ~~there~~ around it to see better then slap palm of hand down in water and all will get a ducking
- 89 Tell person you will make him a mind reader. He is to leave the room and then come back and name the card that was selected Arrange with the rest in room, when he is out to say that he is correct , no matter what card he names. He will always wonder how he did it.
- 90 In a restaurant have person at table place his two hands out on table flat and palm down. Place a glass of water on the back of each hand and leave him there with the check.
- 91 Ask a brother Magician at the table if he can do sword swallowing knife. As he drops the knife in his lap, you let another fall on the floor. Watch the expression on his face.
- 92 Start to do the bending spoon trick at table, asking brother Magicians if they have seen it, they will all say yes. Throw spoon on table and show you really bent it.

- 93 Hand your check to person with you and while you step out of booth he can write any number on the back of it. While he is doing this you walk out leaving him with check. Good way to get even with the guy that stole your trick. Guess I better look out !
- 94 A good bet that always works is to bet one of the tall glasses they serve beer in is larger around in diameter at top than it is tall. Looks impossible. But measure with a piece of string and you will win. Works with any tall glass.
- 95 Drop the waiters tip in glass of water, then place menu over the top of the glass and invert it on table, and pull the menu out. Waiter has to spill the waiter to get the tip.
- 96 When at a gathering where food is passed to you on plates When th rough hand your plate with a few items on to the person next to you saying 'Hold this a minute please' Then leave them there holding it.
- 97 Have a person without looking at their watch try to duplicate the fig ures on it. First the 3, then the 9 , then the 6, You will be surprised how many do not know there is not a 6 on their watch. After they write the 6, tell them to take out their watch and compare the figures.
- 98 Bet you can drink the Beer in your glass and still have enough left in the glass to fill two more glasses. Drop 20 cents in the glass, then when you drink the Beer there will still be enough to fill two more glasses.
- 99 Arrange to work this on a good natured fellow in your Magic Club. When he gets up to do a trick all of the others file out of the room one at a time under some pretensg. Till none are left to see the finish of his trick.
- 100 This is my gag on you. I am only giving you 99 instead of 100.

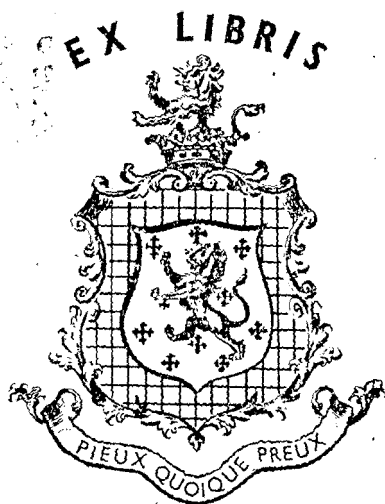
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