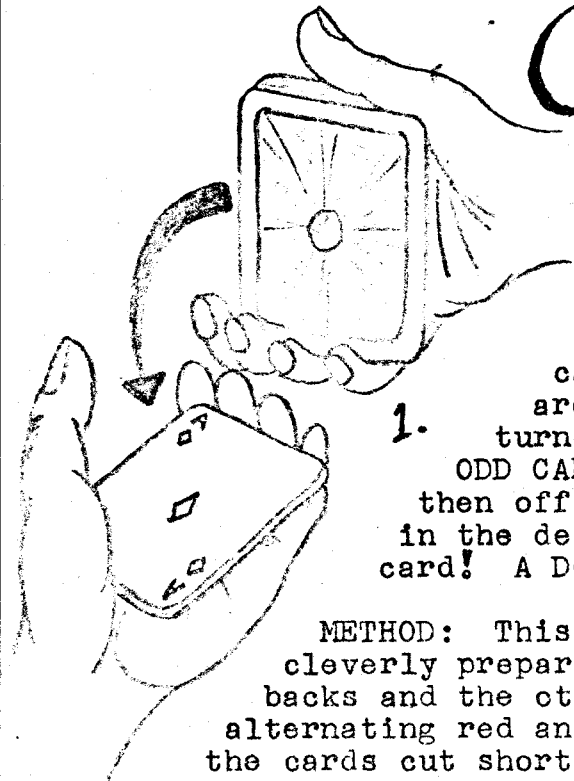


Jim Riser's

"ODD CARD"

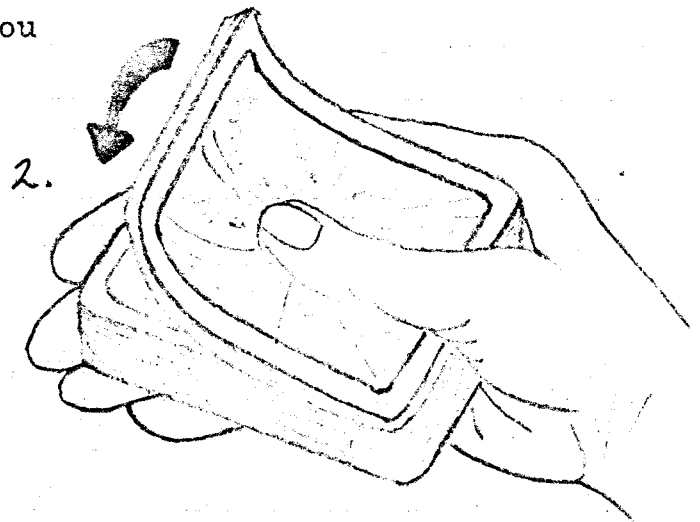


Effect: A card is freely selected by a spectator. The magician explains that he placed one different color backed card in the deck and that it would be amazing if the spectator just happened to choose that card. The backs of all the cards in the deck are again shown. The selected card is then turned over to reveal that it is, indeed, the ODD CARD with the different color back. The magician then offers to show how he did this miracle. The cards in the deck all have the same color back as the selected card! A DOUBLE MIRACLE!

METHOD: This magical effect is accomplished by using a cleverly prepared deck of cards. Half of the cards have red backs and the other half have blue backs. The cards are arranged alternating red and blue backs. One of the back colors has all of the cards cut shorter and the corners recut. This allows the deck to be shown as all red backs or all blue backs as desired by the performer. Card backs are shown to be all one color by riffling the cards from one hand to the other. To show the other color of back, riffle the cards the other direction.

PERFORMANCE: Begin by riffling the cards from the right hand to the left as shown in Figure 1. This will show the backs all the same color as the top card's back. The cards will land face up in the left hand. Repeat this, asking the spectator to either insert a finger or to say, "STOP". Hand the face up card to the spectator (or place it on the table - face up).

Explain that earlier in the day you inserted one different color backed card into the deck - say this as you again riffle the cards to show the backs. Ask, "Wouldn't it be a miracle if the card you selected was the card I inserted earlier?" When the card is turned over, it is the ODD CARD!



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After the applause subsides, you ask if the spectator would like to know how you did that. (While this is being asked, hold the deck face up in the palm of the left hand and slide the selected card face up under the deck. This will put the chosen card with its odd colored back on top of the deck.)

When the spectator says, "YES", explain that you used a deck full of that color backed cards. Riffle the cards as in Figure 2.

This appears to be what you did in the beginning; but, this time the other color of backs is shown!

Practice carefully and you will have an easy to do
MIRACLE.

To set up for the next time you show the effect, be sure to replace the odd backed top card to its original position between the original back colored cards.