

OFFICIAL RETURNS ON STATE OFFICERS.

Table with columns for various state offices: Presidential Electors, Congressmen, Supreme Judge, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Sup't. Inst., Land Comr., State Printer, and various Precincts. Each column lists names and corresponding numerical data.

RINGS IN HENS' EGGS

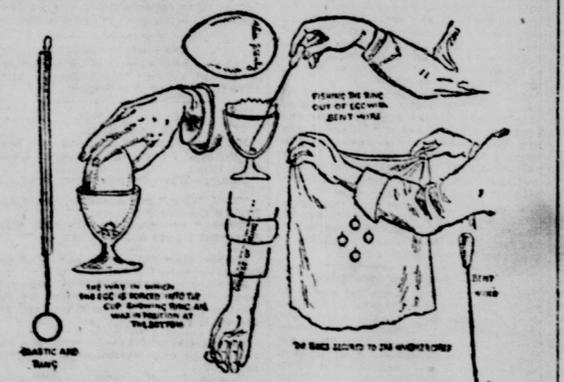
A BIT OF MYSTERY THAT NEVER FAILS TO ENTERTAIN.

Now is the Time for the Welcome Guest at Parties to Get His Machinery into Working Order. A Simple Illusion Which Requires No Expensive Apparatus, but Only a Little Ingenuity.

There is sometimes described an old form of a ring and egg trick in which specially prepared egg cups, manufactured of some dark colored wood, with mortises in the bottom to receive and support the rings, are required, and the trick is played by the substitution of these for others in all respects similar except for telltale mortises that are shown to the audience. As, however, the construction of such an outfit is quite beyond the skill of any but a practiced craftsman, and is quite expensive if bought or made to order, and as it is not worth while to occupy space with descriptions and equipments in the interests of manufacturers or dealers in magical apparatus, a very much simpler and more effective way of performing a similar illusion is here given.

the plate from which it is afterwards taken, washed and returned to its owner. The trick in this form never fails to astonish and puzzle spectators, for how the rings could have been juggled into an unbroken egg defies conjecture. The surprise and bewilderment attending the result are only equaled by the simplicity of the means used in attaining it.

Explanation.—While the performer pretends to wipe the egg cup inside and out with a handkerchief or napkin, he secretly introduces a wad of shoemakers' wax, in which he sets a ring on its edge, the wax is sandwiched on the end which is placed downward in the cup, until a very slight blow is required to break the shell, and setting down the egg into the cup the upper part of the ring is forced into the egg. In drawing the rings some or all of the wax comes up with it, the former is in such a state from having been pulled



through the contents of the egg that the nature of what adheres to it is not noticed. This, however, seldom occurs. The arrangement of the handkerchief is one of many ways of making the rings disappear. The rings that lie upon it are, of course, not those lent the performer, but eggs of course, the performer has brought either cheap brass ones that belong to him or some previously borrowed for the occasion. They are sewed to the handkerchief with silk thread the color of the handkerchief and thrown down upon the table by the performer, the rings disappear out of the egg cups. Seemingly they are the rings which in reality are now in the egg cups, and as the performer is jerking the handkerchief he causes them to turn upon which they are secured away from his audience, they inconspicuously vanish and are not again seen.

attitudes and those belonging to the spectators may prove too glaring. If you limit yourself to borrowing but one ring, instead of several, to send into an egg, the trick is still less difficult, for it is comparatively a simple matter to dispose of one ring. We will suppose for instance a rubber strap is fastened on the inside of your coat sleeve and attached to the end of the strap one of those almost invisible shells such as those which fishing hooks are fastened to the line and to the end of this again the false ring that is to disappear is secured. Although your cuffs may be turned up the ring when not held in your fingers rests at the end of your coat an inch or so up the inside of your coat sleeve. After placing the right ring in the egg cup you put your forefinger on the egg, draw the ring, and saying, "One, two, three," spread out your hand, the ring disappears up your sleeves and the thing is done.

upon stills. In conversation with them, however much you admire them and are interested in them, the horrid idea will cross your mind of "What shall I say next?" Converse with them is not perfectly association. But with those you love the satisfaction in their presence is not unlike that of the relation of heavenly bodies one to another, which in their silent revolutions lose none of their attractive power. Love is sufficient unto itself, finding pleasure in mere existence.

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