

MAGICIAN UNMASKED.

WONDERFUL TRICKS EXPLAINED BY ONE WHO PROFESSES TO KNOW.

All Very Simple and Easily Understood—Psycho and His Three-Legged Stool—Cabinet Tricks Made Easy—A Miraculous Growth of Flowers.

The writer sat through one of a modern magician's sleight-of-hand performances some nights ago and noticed once or twice that his right-hand neighbor took unusual interest in the entertainment. Not that he seemed particularly pleased, for he more than once gave vent to exclamations indicating anything but joy or astonishment. As the audience filed out at the conclusion of the cabinet seances the writer made some common-place remark to the gentleman who had sat next to him. One word led to another, and five minutes later the two were seated together in a resort near by.

"The posters and announcements of this 'great magician' make one smile," he said during a pause in the refreshments. "From them one would think that he was going to prove a mixture of the devil and Dr. Faustus, while, on the contrary, the tricks he performs were old when I was a boy," and the speaker stroked his long beard angrily. "A few of them are of later date, but they were copied from European magicians, so-called. They are all very simple and easily understood. Take his levitation act for instance. The posters represent him sailing all over the auditorium. That, of course, is mere theatrical advertising. He does not even leave the stage. The theatre is darkened and a stuffed dummy with a phosphorescent mask is swung about the theater by a wire. As for 'Psycho,' as he called it, it is nothing but a piece of mechanism worked by a man concealed below the stage. The magician repeats the question or problem in a loud voice, and all the men have to do is to move the hands right and there you are!

PSYCHO AND HIS STOOL.
"I saw the same thing worked in London years ago. The machines are sold there for \$75 by the carload. These figures may be worked in two ways. One is by forcing or sucking the air through them in the same manner that the monkeys in tobaccoist's windows are made to smoke. The other way is by means of a key by which the awing arm can be moved as easily as the hands of a watch. The three legs of the stool on which Psycho is placed are hollow and are fitted on tubes which pass through the stage and are connected with an air-pump. The air passes through the glass cylinder and operates the figure as easily as the air passes through your nostrils and operates your lungs. A silver-plated wire can be put through the glass cylinder to operate the head or hand without being seen by the audience, and thus cause Psycho to perform his feats with the greatest ease.

"The feat of passing the knight over the chess-board I will teach you in five minutes or forfeit \$100. Those cabinet tricks have been seen and explained a thousand times, so that every schoolboy understands them. The confederate who cuts the knots and ties them again as soon as the magician takes his seat in the cabinet, is concealed just behind the front apartment of the cabinet on a small platform. There is a door in the center of the back of the cabinet which turns on a pivot, so that he (the confederate) can enter and go out of the box as quickly as possible and show his face at the window, ring the bells, beat the tambourine, thrust his hands out, cut the magician loose or tie him fast, as he requires. He can tie or untie the cords placed on the magician's person in a very short time.

SEVERAL MODERN MIRACLES.
"You saw him do those alleged spiritualistic tricks with the tables and chairs? That furniture is made of the lightest possible kind of wood. Upon the table and chairs he has some fine wire plates into which he slips his fingers and moves the furniture where he pleases. I have seen the same thing done by means of fine nails driven into the wood. By extending his fingers against these a man can get 'purchase' enough to lift the object.

"You noticed the apparently miraculous growth of flowers in the pots? Go to-morrow night and watch him closely. It is an old trick, and when I was a boy I used to amuse our people with it. The trick consists simply in changing the empty cone rapidly as the performer passes toward the pot. How about the hot coffee? Oh, my dear boy, that is done by dropping into it a piece of unslaked lime that has been concealed in the palm of the hand. And those drinks? That's as easily explained as the other. In the bottom of the tumblers are essences of various kinds of liquor. The same liquor—generally sweetened water or thin wine—is poured into the tumbler, and the result is something tasting like the liquor asked for.

"Then you know the performer has confederates all over the house. Some of the men who come upon the stage during the cabinet tricks are in his employ, as is also the man in the gallery who cries out that Psycho is wrong. He has been placed there for that purpose so that the performer can prove that Psycho is right. If I didn't want to bore you I could go straight through his programme and show up every trick he does."—Chicago News Interview.

Three Graves Without Their Heads.
In ancient Rome another very remarkable discovery has been made in the gardens of Sallust, where excavations are going on relative to the progress of establishing and building up a new quarter to the city. It is no less than a colossal group of the Three Graces, evidently a work executed in the palmy days of ancient sculpture, and of rare merit. It is in a wonderful state of preservation, except the unfortunate loss of all the three heads, which, it is hoped may yet be unearthed. If these can be found it will be one of the most important revelations that this mania for progress and the rebuilding of Rome has yet given us, but the chances are that some Visigoth chieftain under Alaric carried off the heads as a memento of his visit to the Eternal City. Vandal of this kind are still to be found in all the principal cities of Europe.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Water-Cress an Antidote for Nicotine.
Smokers may be pleased to know that an antidote has been discovered which will enable them to enjoy their pipes and cigars without any fear of being poisoned by nicotine. It appears that water-cress destroys the toxic principle of tobacco, preserving at the same time its aroma. It is sufficient to wet the tobacco with the juice of the water-cress, which will completely deprive the tobacco of its deleterious principle.—Medical Journal.

General Advertisements.

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Elegant Rooms,
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First-class Cookery,
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FRESH GRAPES 25 cents per pound or 5 pounds for \$1.00.
Also a large assortment of Candies and Nuts. Orders will receive careful attention and prompt delivery guaranteed.
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Honolulu Fire Department



NOTICE.

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The undersigned having been informed that the law will be strictly followed, would advise all firemen in good standing to appear before the Assessor and give their names and the names of the companies to which they belong.
HENRY SMITH,
Secretary H. F. D.

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The Assessor for Honolulu will be in his office to attend to tax returns, from Monday the 18th to Saturday the 30th of July, from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. After July 30th the Assessor will be engaged on the outside limits of the District.
JOHN ROSS,
Tax Assessor for Honolulu.

Dr. F. L. Miner.
On and after this date can be found at the Makae residence, corner Beretania street and Garden lane.

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General Advertisements.

The Equitable Column.



THE EQUITABLE
Life Assurance Society

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Total Assets, Dec. 31, '86, \$75,510,472.70.

Total Liabilities, including legal Reserve on all existing policies (4 per cent Standard) \$59,154,597.00

Total Undivided Surplus over Four per cent Reserve, \$16,355,875.70

Of which the proportion contributed (as computed) by Policies in general class, is \$5,728,761.76
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Upon the New York State Standard of 4 1/2 per cent interest, the Surplus is as computed, \$20,495,475.76

New Assurance written in 1886, \$111,540,203
Total Outstanding Assurance, \$411,779,098

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In actual Surplus (namely the excess of accumulated funds over liabilities) in Premium Income: in the amount of Assurance in force on its books, the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States exceeds every other life assurance company, and may be justly regarded as the largest and strongest life assurance organization in the World.

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Total premiums paid in 15 years, \$8,146.50

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Rosedale Cement, Lard Oil,
Portland Cement, Gasoline in Drums, }
Dairy Salt, 2-5 Gal in Each. }

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Tubular Lanterns, Drain Pipe 3, 4, 6 & 8 ins.,
Straw Wrap Paper 20x30 ins. Cumberland Coal,
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Sacks Beans, White,
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Sacks Beans, Horse,
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SACKS POTATOES, BEST in GUNNIES

Cases Noodles,
Cases Extra Soda Crackers,
Cases Medium Bread,
Cases Cracked Wheat, 10 lb. bags,
Cases Corn Meal, white, 10 lb. bags,
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Cases Laundry Starch,
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Pure Java Coffee, Roasted and Ground, 1 lb. tin
Sacks Green Coffee,
Cases Japan Tea, 1 lb. papers,
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Bboxes Raisins, London Layers,
4 boxes Raisins, London Layers,
Bboxes Raisins, Muscat

Trums Citron,
Bboxes Currants,
Cases Chocolate,
Cases Mixed Pickles,
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