

A Case of Mis-Shaken Identity

Effect: While trying to make a quarter vanish from underneath a saltshaker, the saltshaker itself vanishes completely.

Supplies: A paper napkin maybe two, a quarter, a saltshaker

Preparation: Again, all you need for preparation is practice and ideally to be sitting behind a table such as at a restaurant.

Performance: Explain to your audience that you will attempt to make a quarter vanish with the help of saltshaker and napkin. Take the saltshaker and place it on top of the quarter on the table about 8" from you. Now take the napkin and center it over the saltshaker and being to mold it around the saltshaker being careful not to rip the napkin. As the napkin is molded it will begin to form a shell around the saltshaker. Pick up the saltshaker through the napkin and show that the quarter is still there. Replace the napkin covered saltshaker, make a magical gesture and remove the napkin covered saltshaker again to show the quarter is still there. This time though bring the napkin and saltshaker pass the edge of the table and let the saltshaker fall out of the napkin. The shell the napkin created will still be there so it will appear as if the saltshaker is still there. Replace the napkin over the quarter. Remember the audience believes the saltshaker is there too. Make a magical gesture, and then on the count of three smash the napkin showing the saltshaker has completely vanished. Naturally the quarter is still there and this provides for some good comedy. Amazingly the saltshaker has vanished and then if you want you can bring out from under the table explaining it penetrated through the table top. This is a really fun piece of magic so I hope you enjoy it as well!

Conclusion: I hope you've enjoyed these five routines. I know as long as you will practice them you can master them with no problem and amaze audiences everywhere! I look forward to seeing you at a future show or workshop!