Dime in a Glass

· Wine glass; dime; half dollar

THE TRICK: The magician places a dime in a shallow, curved-bottom wine glass. He then places a half-dollar on top of the dime. He challenges any player to remove the dime without touching the half-dollar directly or turning the glass over. No one can figure out a way to do it. Then the magician blows sharply down the side of the glass, and the dime pops out.

THE SECRET: The magician's breath makes the half-dollar revolve at the bottom of the glass, hitting the dime and knocking it out. This will work only if the wine glass is the correct shape. The trick must be practiced beforehand.

The sketch shows a trick of removing a dime from the bottom of an old-fashioned wine glass without touching the coin. The dime is first placed in the bottom of the glass and then a silver quarter dropped in on top. The quarter will not go all the way down. Blow hard into the glass in the position shown and the dime will fly out and strike the blower on the nose.

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