Coin Tricks

There are many coin tricks that the beginning magician can use to entertain an audience. Some of these involve skillful manipulation, however, and must be practiced beforehand. Others involve no special skill at all except the ability to present them dramatically. All require different combinations of coins.

Make it Odd or Even

THE TRICK: The magician places a number of coins on a table top. He asks any player to take several coins in his hand and close his fist. Then the magician himself takes an odd number of coins and announces:

“I will add my coins to yours, and, if you now have an odd number of coins, mine will make the total even. If you have an even number, adding mine to it will make the total odd. I guarantee it!”

The player shows his coins, and the magician shows his. It turns out just as he promised it would.

THE SECRET: When the magician puts his coins on the table, they are, of course, an odd number. An odd number will always make an even number odd, or an odd number even. Although this trick is very simple, young boys and girls will rarely figure out the secret unless it is repeated several times.