Mystery Cities

THE TRICK: The magician leaves the room and boys and girls select a city for him to name. The magician's assistant is told the name of this city. When the magician returns, his assistant begins rattling off the names of various cities. To each of these the magician shakes his head, but when the right city is named, the magician immediately identifies it as such.

THE SECRET: If the audience has selected a one-word city, such as Paris or London, the assistant starts out naming several two-word cities, such as New York, New Orleans, San Francisco, etc. This is the clue the magician needs and he will identify the first one-word city after a string of two-word cities have been named. If, on the other hand, the audience has chosen a two-word city, the assistant will first name several one-word cities to give the magician the required clue.