THE RISING COIN

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You need:
Matchbox
Coin
Pencil or pen

What To Do
Hold an empty matchbox vertically and insert a coin between the cover and the underside of the drawer, as shown.
Grasp the box in your left hand.
With a pencil or pen, tap the top end of the box. The pen must simultaneously hit the two corners indicated by arrows.
As you continue tapping, the coin will rise slowly through the box until it emerges at the top.

Why does it work?
Each tap of the matchbox lowers it a trifle, but the coin’s inertia causes it to stay at its same height. Thus, with each tap, the coin rises a trifle between the box and its cover, until it reaches the top of the box.