REVERSE JACK’S PROFILE

A playing card does a mysterious about face, and a stirring rod alters the meaning of a sentence.

You need:
The jack of spades or the jack of hearts from a deck of cards
Glass of water
Clear swizzle stick or transparent glass or plastic rod

What To Do
There are two one-eyed jacks in a deck of cards: the jack of spades and the jack of hearts. Hold either one behind a glass of water. If you press the Jack against the side of the glass and view him through the water, he will face in his normal direction as printed on the card. Move the card slowly away from the glass, and you’ll see jack turn around and face the other way.

Why does it work?
A glass can act like a cylindrical lens. It reverses what is seen through it. The transparent rod is also a cylindrical lens. When held horizontally over print, it turns letters upside down. However, the letters of “KICKED” are the same when upside-down-reversed.