Take the Coin

THE TRICK: The magician holds a coin and switches it rapidly from hand to hand. Then he holds his clenched right hand forward and says "Take the coin," at the same time slapping it down on a wooden table. The sound of the coin hitting the table can be heard clearly. Yet when a player reaches forward to take it, the coin is not there.

THE SECRET: The magician has actually kept the coin in his left hand, which rests on the table at a distance from the right hand. When the right hand seems to slap the coin down, it is the left hand that actually clicks it against the table. The audience is not aware of his left hand at all, since their eyes are on his right hand at the time. They are astonished when the magician lifts his right hand and they see that the coin is not there.