The Fireproof Handkerchief

· A candle; a handkerchief

**THE TRICK:** The magician—who in this case should be an adult—lights a candle, and then shows the group an ordinary handkerchief. He announces that he can pass the handkerchief slowly through the flame, and it will not burn or even smolder. Holding the handkerchief by the upper corners, he does this. Although an ordinary handkerchief would surely burn, this one does not.

**THE SECRET:** The handkerchief has been soaked in a strong solution of borax and water, which makes it almost fireproof. As in any trick involving flame, extreme care must be taken to prevent accidents.