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MAGIC EXPLAINED

THE STAR TRICKS OF HINDOO COM-JURERS MADE EASY.

The Mango Trick Explained by Kellar, the Magician It Is the Same Which Globe Trotter Stevens Claims In Miraculously Performed by Yogi Men.

The sleight of hand performances of Mr. Maskelyne, a remarkably elever juggler, have excited a great deal of interest in London Not only are his tricks skillfully done, but his explanations of other tricks have attracted much attention among a class of men who seldom visit the halls where feats of this sort are presented.

The Mail and Express recently published an article from the London Speccator in which the writer describes one or two tricks which he saw in India and which mystified him greatly. Here is one, which, by the way, is described by Thomas Stevens, the globe trotter. who says that the Yogi men, who perform it, are aided by an occult force that the world is as yet ignorant of. A juggler placed a cloth over the pave-

ment of the street, and presently he removed it, and there was a mango prowing between the stones. "The jagglat," adds the writer, "one of the he reditary caste did pudophtedly make a leaf spring out of the ground; did make it mow into a dwarf mango and did hand the mango from it to be eaten. It looked wonderful because of the apparentsimplicity of the juggler, but he performed his feat in four processes, and between each he shook out his chadder. or muslin wrapper, so that it passed for an instant between the spectators and the plant. The writer had no doubt then and has no doubt new that this was done not to conceal anything, but to distract attention momentarily, that the first leaf the unprowth of leaves, the dwarf mange and the mange on it were all of wax or other carefully made imitation, and that the whole miracle was marvelously rapid aloight of hand.

To Americans who are interested in this sort of thing this mystery is almost ainusing. It was exposed several years ago by Kellar, the prestidigitateur. Four or five years ago Kellar publicly offered \$1,000 to any out who would perform a trick which he could not duplicate and which he could not prove to be done by wholly human aids. A number of persons who had recently visited India immediately deluged him with descriptions of this and other specimens of oriental jugglery. Of course as they could not perform the trick themselves they did not compete for his money offer, and therefore they were not publishy anawèred. ...

Kellar, however, gave me personally a full explanation not only of these tricks, but of several others which have dental investigators. The magician has spent more than 15 years of his professional life in India and the fareast, and he has closely studied the tricks of the native jugglers with more or less profit to himself. This is how he explained the mango or pincapple trick as mearly as I can recall it:

"The first time I saw the mange trick, said he was in Bombay in 1879 or thereabouts, and the man who did it was the most skillful conjurer I ever saw in India. Even after I had learned the secret of his illusion Locald not help admiring its ingentity and the dexterity with which it was performed. The juggler and his two comrades chose a spot before the Prince of Wales statne on the plaza. He first laid down a bag on the hard ground and then drew from it a large bandanna handkerchief. Digging a small hole in the ground with one finger, he buried a pineapple seed, and over this he placed his handkerchief. He carefully smoothed out the cloth, rubbing swiftly from left to right. After this maneuver was ended he made several passes with his arms over the handkerchief, while his comrades beat industriously upon their

drams and blew apon their pipes "Suddenly, to my surprise, I saw the handkerchief begin to slowly rise in the center and gently sway from side to side as though a plant were really sprouting to life from the seed which he had planted beneath the cloth. When the handkerchief had riseng like a tent to a height of about 12 inches, the conjurer stopped his incantations and cautiously lifted up the left hand corner of the cover and peered beneath it. Then, plunging both hands underneath to the accompaniment of fond and discordant music, he threw aside the cloth and

showed a full grown pineapple plant "This is the way he did the trick, as he afterward admitted to me: "In smoothing out the cloth he reached into the bag, the mouth of which

was conveniently placed near the handkerchief, and whisked out a hooded oubra snake. The moment the reptile was laid down it began to coil. That made the handkerchief rise. When it had reached its full height, its angry hissing meanwhile being drowned by the music of the assistants, the performer looked under the cloth, taking care to draw the corner close to the mouth of the bag. Then he adroitly whished out a hollow pineapple from the bag underpeath the cloth. It was now the work of a minute only to force the snake into the apple, close the aporture, and the trick was done."—Ben in Northrap in New York Mail and Lauress.

Lace and Brorsde.

If you have any treasured short lengths of old brocade, you may produce them now and make the fronts of one of the long Louis Seize waistcoats of them. And if you are happy enough to possess old luce you can make them up on jabot to wear with the same. - It is to mount the lace on bands of muslin, keeping the folds quite soft and neing as few stitches as possible. In this way the tender susneptibilities of the fabric are spared, and when the jabet fashion is over and done with the lace remains to be used in some other way. -- Fashion Journal. | 1789 are still preserved.

THE STUDY OF LICHENS.

A Dollghtful Branch of Science With Which The Diversed Wester Did Ret Food On to Tennish Assistanted.

They are a difficult branch to study. for the descriptions are shrouded in a mysterious lauguage that needs an uncome soquainted with by observation.

They are to be found all the year almost any wild bit of country there with more than ordinary inserest: are from 50 to 70 kinds to be found, and even in the most civilised place, at one's own hearth, there are sure to be seven or night species growing on the sticks of wood laid for the fire. They are so like and yet unlike that they sharpen the powers of comparison and observation until one feels that the keen bladed knile and pocket lens, which are comstant companions in a lichen ramble. are dull compared with one a own bright mind

Lichens and, by the way, they are pronounced li-kens, not litch ous grow in three ways, which can be easily distinguished at a glance. There are crustaceous lichens that grow close to mature or back and have no leafy part, but are simply a few warts or dots or a stein. There are foliaceous lichens that lie flat. They are given or brown or yellow leathery plants that are comething like eaver, and that have brown or red or pink disks on them, and there are fruticose lichens that prow upright like little shrubby bashes, with bright colored knobs.

Go to any birch tree, and there will be seen within a stained circle some ctarious little black marks like elfin hieroglyphs. They are the fruit spots of a by, Graphia scripts. Almost any tree what I should do. I knew it would be springs of wisdom? So we walked and one visits will have some irregular cir- out of the question for me to try to talked. He was perfectly dignified in cular stains upon it, especially if the bark is quite smooth, and in the center white specks. It is easy to collect such them, even though my own life with strin of the bark, large enough to show If I had only known that I should marthe outline of the stain, and by writing ry again so soon and so well, nothing the name of the tree from which it was taken on the bark, but it is geite a dif- to give them up. But, you see, I didn't ferent matter when one sits down beside a bowlder.-New York Independent.

SENATOR VANCE MET THE ISSUE.

But the Reserver Palled in Cat a "Bound" All the Boune.

"I once had an experience," said an old newspaper man at the Press clab to a reporter, "with the late Senator Vance which I shall never forget. It was during Crisp's first contest for the speakership, and, as you all probably remounber, every newspaper man in town was hustling for inside news. The sources of this, as usual in such cases, were very few, and Senator Vance, who was noting in the capacity of an advisor to the nominating canous, had to spend most of his time dodging journalists.
"So wary did he become that he dis-

continued taking his lunch in the senate restaurant and had it served in a commistee room. One day, however, I caught a glimpee of him passing through one of the lower corridors on the house side. Determined not to let him escape me. I at once hastened forward, and in the most innocent manner possible began asking him about his health, which was rather had at the time. He answerwhen I said:

"Oh, by the way, senator, who do you think will get the nomination? 'I don't know exactly, he replied, but they will have to fight if they want to win.

"Certain now of my information, I began to see the letter I was going toreceive from the home office, after they had published my big scoop, telling me in the most flattering terms that the naper had decided to raise my salary on secount of my good work.

"Which side, sountor?" I asked, almost in a whisper for fear some one would be lurking in the dark recesses and hear the reply which was to make me the most noted hustler for news in the ranks of journalisms

Both sides, he replied sahe disappeared in the door of a committee room. "And the letter that I looked for never came, "-- Washington Times.

Generalship.

"The Clantys does be slow returning what they borry," said Mrs. Dolan.
"Yis," replied Mrs. Rafferty. niver forgit the throuble Oi had gettin back the flatoizons Oi lint em wanst out o' the koindness av me heart.

"An how did yez git 'em?" "Oi sint my b'y Teddy to holler out that the Clantys wouldn't be in this country on'y St. Pathrick chased the inkes out ay Circland. Thin the circus cem over the back fince fasht enough. All Tiddy had to do wor to dodge 'em." -Washington Star.

The Mexican Agava-

The Mexican agave is a vegetable growth used in making an intextesting wine. According to a tradition of the country, it was the first plant God made. Another species of the agave is used for the same purpose as soap, its leaves when broken and rubbed together producing a cleansing lather. It is also employed an poisoning fish to be eaten, this poison. like so many others, having no effect upon the person who eats the "h --- St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

To brine butter take a pound of granulated sugar, a tablespoonful of saltpeter and 8 gallons of brine strong enough to bear an egg. Boil the brine and strain when cool. The butter should be wrapped in cloth before placing in the brine

Ban Diego is the oldest city in California, and the ruins of the mission of HARDENEU BY CUSTON

The conversation tout place at a ta his is a Chioseo restaurant within carshot of half a closen persons, so it is to abridged dictionary to translate it, and be presumed that it is not to be consida good microscope is necessary if one ered particularly mored. The woman wishes to examine their internal struction the brown dress had evidently just ture and spores. But they are a delight- come in from Denver. The sue in black ful and easy branch of mission to be had met her at the depot. There was an aminuted description of the details of the journey; what time she started, how round on stones and funce rails and on tired she got, what a terrible draft them trees. They are ever to monut and are was and so forth, interpersed with exso fascinatingly ugly or beautiful that clamations of sympathy from her hearthey make an interesting collection. In er. Then she leaned forward and soked

"Have you seem George since?" Mer companion's face took on an ensecurious that secured to betoken retigmation to all the evils the human race is destined to pursu in contact with.

"Yes, twice, " she answered. "And the children!"

"No. I haven't men tham." "'Nor Lis wife?" "No, but they my she is quite pretty

and musi bla too. 11 The woman in brown stoned "I never heard a word of it until

about a week ago. You can't imagine what a shock it gave no. He was married in December, ween't her' **Yes, just a month after you were.

"I'd like to mee the children, but I'm afraid I couldn't bear it. It makes no difference how good George's new wife is, ale won't be like an own mother to the poor little things. It's against all remon, you know that."

The woman in black admitted that the argument was indisputable.

She sighed again.

"And I'd never feel right mean," the speaker continued, apparently giving ber conscience a few affections a little pass and Inling it to rest. "When I common lichen called, very appropriate. for myself; but, you see, I had no idea edge! Why dams the formeries and struggle slong with all three of them. there will be some brown or black or that he would do the right thing by ashemed to be seen with him. He stopcrostaceons lichens by slicing off a thin him had been a perpetual mertyrdom. on earth could ever have compelled me know, So, all things considered, I guess I'd bitter go right on cast. As I said, it would be a terrible trial to see them under the charge of somebedy size and them them call another woman 'mothm. ' It would break my beart."

The two women finished their lunch and went out. The heldheaded man at the end of the table dropped his fork with a clatter.

""Wall," he said emphatically, "'th's my opinion that those three children are better of with that new mother if they would be with that weman. Moor

The little audience looked as though it marrood with him individually and collectively,—Exchange.

A PLAY THAT WAS NOT WRITTEN. Dramatic Plans of the Rider and To

Dunes That Missarried. A cerious and interesting bit of corremondence between Alexandre Dumes, father, and Alexandre Dumes, son, hee been published in Paris by Georges Boyer, showing the two eminent Franchmem had planned to write a theatrical ed all my questions in the kindest piece together. Unfortunately the plan manner possible and was about to leave was not carried out, and the literary world was deprived maybe of a brilliant production. The letters read at follows:

Panin, Oct. 7, 1965. Alexandre Dumes, father, to Appender Du-

man, son:
DEAR MANTER—After 30 years of struggle, defeats and victories, of failures and successes, I believe that, if not a great calabrity, I have at least the reputation of being a traitful novelet. Only yesterday I received from Victor Higo, in Guerney, a letter full of emcouragement and congretulation. I have the honor to belong to the Society of Authors and the Hociety of Dramatists. My medical claims to the first are: (Here follows a list of his amost successful waries.) Mow, it has, deer master, the heady of writing with you a draining in five acts, the ideas for which it shall de-cess with you at our first meeting. The ideas are, I bilieve, in accordance with the tastes of the day. Will you agree! Assexances Dunas, Pather.

The reply of the son was:

Lientanire Dumes, nee, to Alexander Du Dual Mainten Your letter came to the see-Dhas Hair War letter came to the servet address. The friendship, the leve, the perpet, the admiration which I have for my father make it my fitter make it my fitter and pleasure in assept hindly your amishle offer. He is an therefore, we shall work together on some pleas in it wasts. To work with you, let me say, between m, will be so had piece of husbass for me, Alexandre Duyla, Son.

Woman Extender's Proper to Congress.

A migrae petition has turned up on the house side among some old papers. The memorialist is a woman, and she sales congress to appropriate \$500 to enable her to perfect and place upon the market sunary inventions, which she lacks means to secure patents apend. She says: "I have saked assistance store mont every one I thought most libely so aid. I began on the common liner, went so to the thousanders, then to millionsiras, governors and the prosident-not the present president but I saked Brother Arthur. They all paid as deaf an ear to it as the Alpa would to the chirm of = snowbird." She nets congrows to "look into the patent office treasury and see if you can find an idle \$500 that is doing no one my good. Bring it out and let me use it for a by being stirred about the roots. Washington Post.

So far as the audience was concerned.

Von Bulow aways made a point of doing exactly as he pleased. On one occasion when a Leipzic andience insisted on recalling him in spite of his repeated refugal to play sgain he same forward and said, "If you do not stop this applicane, I will play all Back's 45 per-index and fugues from inglimiting to and. "-Sam Francisco Argonast.

ANTICIPATING FAME

BESANT'S PATHETIC STORY OF MALL THE WANDERER

Who Quiet Dignity of a Man Was Lining For Penturity-A Protty Little Mile Written In the English Meralint's Inima table Stries.

I know him for several years before his death. When I first made his so quaintenes, he was already as old man. He was also, as was evident from the first, p very poor man. He went about shabbily dressed. He carried bisouits in his postest to the reading room on which he imached or took man turvals during the day. Purhaps he had disper afterward, but I nivers suspent ad his disser to be an exportant and a morable feast. It was understood that he was something in the literary way. I got to know him by sitting went to him day after day. We exchi amonities of the reading room, apologined for encycling much other with books, abused the talkers, remarked on the impudence of those who go to the room in order to firt and so forth When I got to know him better, I made little discoveries about hirs, sa For instance, that he killed a glass of how in the middle of the day and that he could not afford the twopenes. I may may, not bountfully, that I was able to caffer him this little luxury. We need to go out tegether fur-the purpose. He was good enough to take an interest in my work. He proved to have a considerable knowledge of books and gave me consitier: him help in this way.

One butter I not him in the street. We stopped to spend. He himsented the micrims of the me his own part, he said he would have the reading room over every day in the left George, I tried to get the children week. Why close the avenues of knowle his manner, though his great was was had faith smough in him to believe me thin and shahir that one mishs be ped presently at the door of a house in High street, Holborn.

"I lodge here," he mid "Will mon come up seets and see my beginttage? to the fifth, or lifty-files, flore. He live

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social and inverse.

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the legend, 'Collected Prestant Seek of Peak the Wandson.'

"Thirty years " he repeased the years 500 apply. The peak possible is the public hought form; the resolution of the public hought form; the resolution of the years of derer. But I now underestood ide digni. ty, his self respect and the en was suticipating and supplies his toture fame. He was living for posterly, Present poverty and neglect work nothing -- Walter Beauti in London Count.

ancient kingdom in the Kyl montunessed, to be unveloped in 1984. The Barbarouse appears at the sid of a such tibule in the style of an ancient coalian the steps of the throne spon which he is sitting like the steeping figures of the courtiers, with fabulous assumpte of the old mythic world. Hereat it to it contact at the mouseur of praking house has long though its his startight house it into every hits bell house ; but has it included hits house waving beard. Constant to his milest Egure of the ski Jeno, he is seen many approached as an acceptance of a policy many to the transmit served from the topic differ should 80 feet high. The Agure 1 has sented monarch is about 50 feet high. -London Sun

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