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Next Monthly Assembly Meeting Thursday August 17, 2017, 7:00 pm
Illusion Warehouse - 3917 McCart Ave - Fort Worth, Texas 76110
Three Blocks North of Seminary Drive - Across From Rosemont School

Get a Rope!

Of all the categories of magic, rope magic is one of the most popular! And Rope Magic will be the theme of the August meeting of the SAM Assembly 138 Alliance of Illusionists. We will have rope demonstrations, mini lectures on rope magic, and you will have the opportunity to bring your favorite rope trick or magic rope routine to share with the group. What? You don't do rope magic? No fear. Come and learn from some of the most knowledgeable rope magicians in the Metroplex!



SILK WORM ATTACK AT THE JULY AOI MEETING

Fourteen people were in attendance at the July meeting of the Alliance of Illusionists. The meeting started promptly at 7:00 pm on the 20th (third Thursday of the month) at the Illusion Warehouse magic shop in Fort Worth. After a few opening remarks by Assembly President Larry Brown, Bruce Chadwick emceed the evening's Main Core Activity, which surrounded the topic of silk magic. Bruce gave a quick overview about the history of silk, its characteristics, how it is made, and the care and up keeping of silk handkerchiefs.

Margaret Clauder then performed a whimsical Mismade flag routine from her patriotic magic show. Bruce returned to the stage demonstrating a number of other silk items including working with a thumb tip, 20th Century effects with a hank ball silk vanish, Fukai's silk coil, and a "silk to sock" effect. Next Larry Brown demonstrated his version of the Slydini unknotting handkerchiefs. The group then got a chance to see a huge collection of picture handkerchiefs including a brief talk about the history of the Silk King Studios era. The meeting adjourned and many magicians stayed behind for additional camaraderie and close-up magic. It was a great evening and everyone had a great time.

TAOM CONVENTION ONLY TWO WEEKS AWAY!

This is your opportunity to attend a major magic convention right here in the Metroplex. The Texas Association of Magicians convention is full of magic lectures, magic related activities, a dealer's room, close-up and stage contests, and full evening shows in the hotel ballroom. The convention flows over Labor Day Weekend. It begins on Friday afternoon September 1 and usually goes until noon Monday. Go to www.taom.org to register.

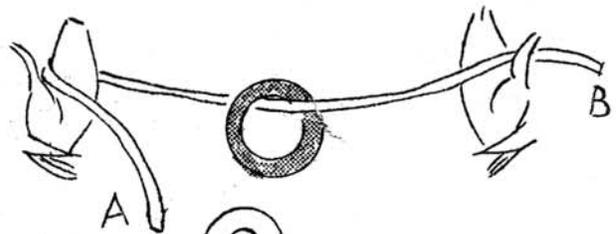
DEREK KENNEDY PURCHASES ABBOTT'S MAGIC AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Saturday night on stage during the awards presentation for the 80th Abbott's Get-Together in Colon, Michigan, Abbott's owner Greg Bordner announced that Derek Kennedy will become the next owner of the Abbott Magic Company. Derek is well-known to most magic collectors having owned and operated the highly successful Magic Etc. Word is that Kennedy plans to keep the current Abbott staff members, restore the original Abbott building in Colon, and continue the annual Abbott's Get-Together each summer in August. Congratulations Derek!

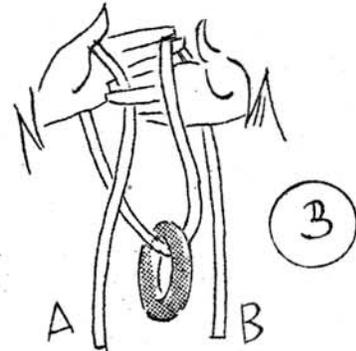
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By Eddie Joseph

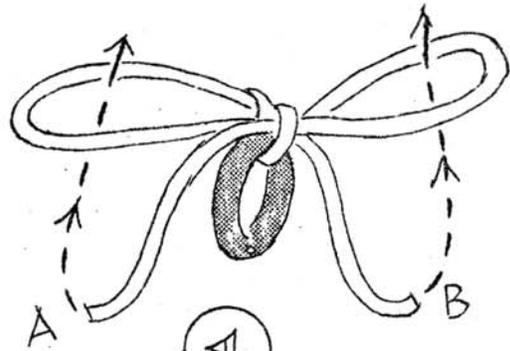
Pass the rope through the ring as in Fig. 1. The end "B" is gripped in the right hand and end "A" in the left. Note the right palm is facing up and the left one is parallel with the floor. Now turn the left palm face up and you get the pose shown in Fig. 2. The right first and second fingers grip that part of the rope in front of the left palm, while the tips of the left fingers grip the rope hanging behind the right fingers -- see Fig. 3. The two hands move apart and you get a bow knot as shown in Fig. 4. This is the well-known shoelace tie, with which most magicians are already familiar. Now pull up end "B" of rope through the loop on that side and do likewise with end "A". These moves are indicated by broken lines in Fig. 4. Pull the rope taut and you have an apparent knot tied on the ring. Hold the rope by end "B" -- see Fig. 5 -- and exhibit the ring tied in the center of the rope. Now pass end "B" through the front of the ring -- side nearest you. Get someone to tie a single knot and pull on the knot. When he pulls on the knot, the ring drops to the floor and a single knot remains on the rope. When learning the tie, please rest the ring on the table and once you understand it all, the tie can be made in any position. I have described the basis of the tie, but many ideas will suggest themselves. For instance, you can also tie the rope around some person's wrist and pull the ring away with the knot still around the wrist. Another suggestion: You may discard the ring and use the rope only and by going through the moves described, you can pull the knotted ropes through the handle of a door.



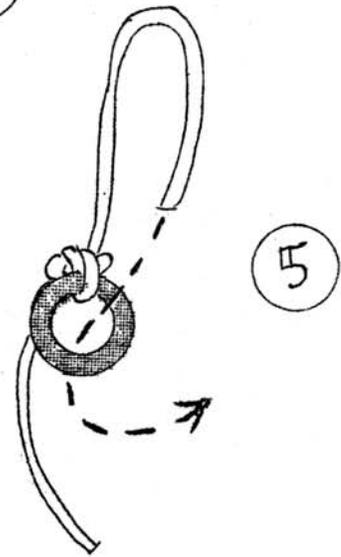
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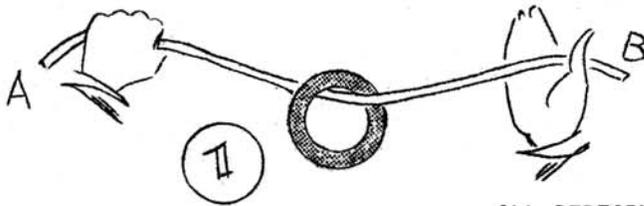
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