

Jim Riser's Perfect Bill Change

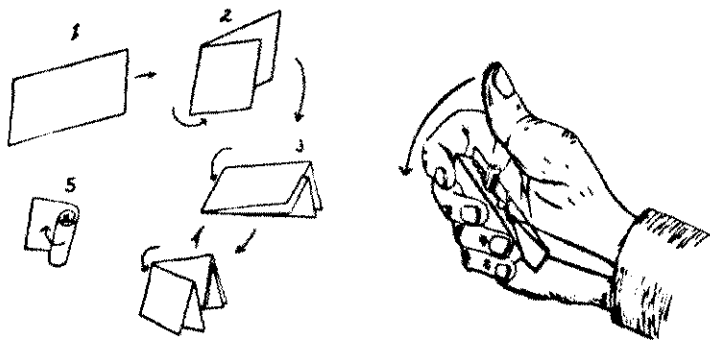
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INSTRUCTIONS: The gimmick used to accomplish this miracle is a specialized version of a drop weight holdout. A heavy brass "clothespin" doubles as both the weight and clamp to hold the bills.

Before you can use this gimmick, the cord length must be adjusted to your body. The cord is threaded through the spring of the clothespin as it is when you receive the gimmick. The two ends are securely knotted and a loop is formed. This loop goes over the left forearm and is drawn tight. The coat that you will be wearing during your performance must next be put on. The brass clothespin is to be dropped into the right sleeve.

With both arms hanging at your sides, the gimmick should hang just above the right sleeve cuff. If the left hand is raised, the gimmick will slide imperceptibly into your right hand. To make the holdout retreat back up into the right sleeve, just straighten out your left arm. You will want to experiment with the length of the cord and the various arm movements possible to operate the holdout. Once the cord length is determined, it can be slightly altered for different coats by shifting the loop up or down on the left forearm.

The fold to be used with the bills is as illustrated below.



The secret rolled up larger denomination bill is placed into the large hole of the clothespin and the holdout pulled up into the sleeve. Remember: "big bill" in big hole. You are now ready to perform THE PERFECT BILL CHANGE.

THE PERFORMANCE: Both hands are freely shown and a \$1 bill is borrowed. The bill is folded and rolled at the finger tips with the palms facing the audience. The right hand is casually lowered to your side as you show the rolled bill to the spectators with your left hand. (As this is done, the holdout secretly falls into your right hand.) With the brass clothespin held as illustrated, it will be covered from all angles by your hand. The right thumb should rest on the end segment of the second finger. (It is shown raised in the illustration for clarity only.)

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