

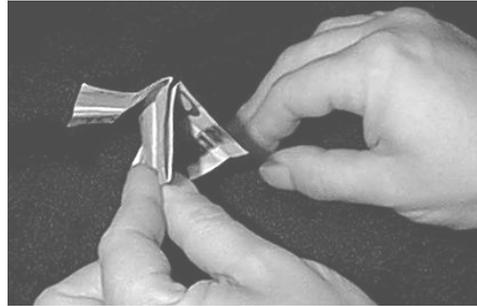
## TIVOLI'S BILL SWITCH

### Effect

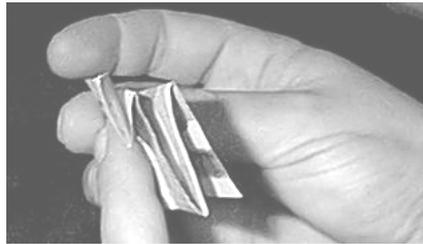
Visibly change a bill without a gimmick, impromptu... at the very moment you are given a bill.

### Folding the bill that will appear

The bill is folded in 2 along its length to form a V, then the two legs of the V are pulled down to create a folded M.



One of the legs of the M is folded downward in two: the lower 2/3 of it is brought up and folded over the top 1/3



The bill is folded in two along the width with the folded leg on the inside.

The folded bill is now ready to be palmed by the right fingers, the folded leg runs along the upper inside and the opening of the V points towards the left. (Note: depending on your preferences and dimensions of your currency, you may wish to make the folded inner leg flush with the top of the gimmick, rather than projecting over the top. If so, fold the leg even with itself rather than by 2/3.)



When one relaxes the pressure of the fingers on the folded bill, it opens. If one applies a pressure with the thumb, the bill closes itself. Relax again and it's open. In this way, one can hold it closed against itself and open it at will, similar to the jaws of a pair of pliers that spring open.

### Sequence of the bill change

The prepared bill, say a 10, is placed in fingerpalm of the right hand. Borrow another bill, say a 20. The left hand holds the borrowed 20 unfolded.



The right hand catches the 20 at its lower corner and to the right, with the pair of pliers formed by the folded 10. The left hand pulls back the left half of the 20 and folds it inward towards the right.



The left hand is shown empty.

The right hand deposits the bills in the left hand in the same orientation that it held them originally. Now, the gimmick held in back by the left thumb.



The right hand is shown empty.

The right hand folds down the upper half of the 20 towards the bottom and in front.



The left thumb shifts the folded 10 towards the left, about  $\frac{1}{2}$  cm. The left hand holds the 20 on the edge and end of the fingers, so that the bill is visible as much as possible. The straight left thumb comes in contact with the 10, and this allows the borrowed 20 to be able to slide out of the folded 10 with the least amount of friction.



The right hand moves to fold in the right half of the 20. The ends of the right fingers move towards the left and openly, and in this movement it all happens.



The moment the V of the folding 20 forms an angle of approximately  $75^\circ$ , instead of withdrawing the 20, the right fingers apply a pressure towards the straight left thumb, with assistance of the right thumb. As the 20 is folded inward, it is ejected into finger palm in the right hand and vanishes to create the appearance of the 10.

#### **Unfolding the transformed bill**

After the transformation of the bill, the folded 10 is held once again with the folded leg running along the inner top and the opening of the folded bill towards the right.

The left hand unfolds the rear part of the V towards the left.

The right hand catches the upper right corner of the folded leg at the top.

The left hand catches the opposite left outer corner of the bill.

Merely pull the bill to unfold it in a flash.



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