

Grant's Potatoe Box

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Note that the chest is divided into two sections, top and bottom. By removing the front slide the top section is not seen, thanks to the black art effect. In the front lower section, have a potatoe and a length of ribbon. Next take a duplicate potatoe and cut a slot down in the center of it, three fourths of the way thru it. The slot should be wide enough to let a ring slip down inside it, very easily. Then loop one end of a duplicate ribbon over the blade of a table knife, and force the ribbon thru the center of the potatoe. Pull the center of the ribbon up thru the slot in a loop, as shown in the sketch. Have this potatoe and ribbon combination concealed in the top section of the chest. You are all set.

TO PERFORM:

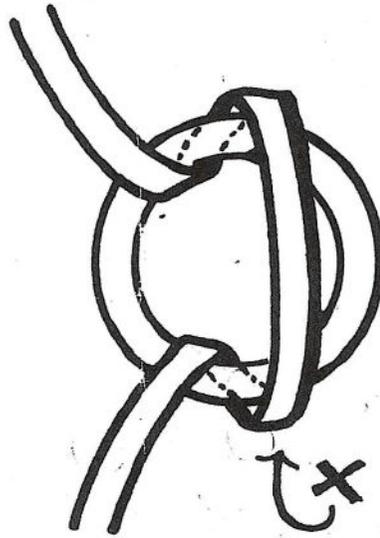
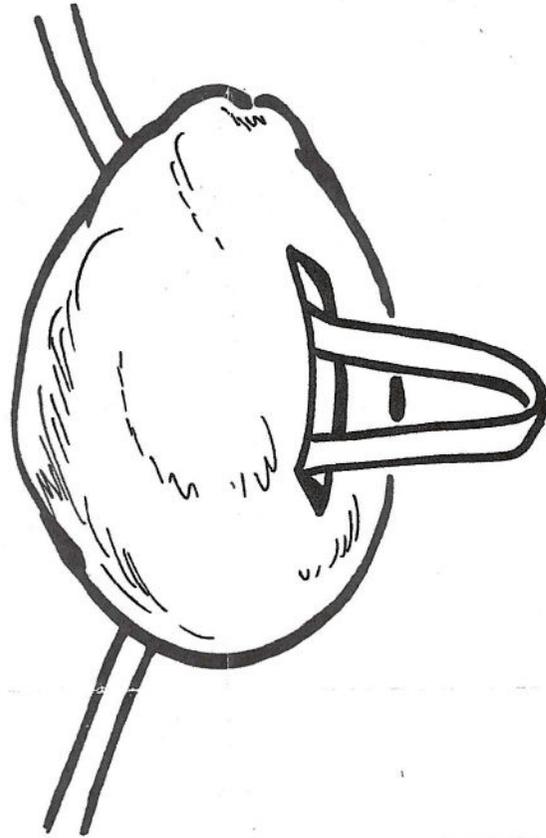
Open the front of the box and remove the potatoe and ribbon, They may see that the box is otherwise empty. Close the front slide and hand the potatoe out for examination. While they are looking it over, open the top of the box and pretend to thread the ribbon thru the holes in the ends of the box. Instead, you leave that ribbon in the box and thread thru the ends of the ribbon THAT GOES THRU THE POTATOE !!

Now borrow a wedding ring and pretend to wrap it in a hanky that has a fake ring sewed in the corner. Have a person hold it, leaving the borrowed ring palmed. Then as you place the examined potatoe in the top of the box, drop the ring over the loop of ribbon in the other potatoe.

Open the loop of ribbon and push it down and around the ring. This 'ties' the ring to the center of the ribbon. When you pull on the ends of ribbon sticking from the ends of the box, the ring will be pulled inside the potatoe.

Shake the hanky and show the ring has vanished. Open the top of the chest and remove the potatoe, showing the ribbon running thru the center of the potatoe. Let the spectators hold the ends of the ribbon and cut the potatoe in half and slide them along the ribbon. Show the ring tied on the center of the ribbon.

NOW HERE COMES A BEAUTIFUL DODGE. If you will take hold of the ribbon at the point 'X', as shown in the sketch, while untying the ribbon's knot, around the ring and pull it thru. The ring will end up actually on the ribbon. Have it slid off and returned to the owner



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