



Society of Memphis Magicians



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A Few Words from the President

Jeff Day - President

If Houdini Had Lived

I have a love of old books and manuscripts that pertain to the magical arts. I bought a book some time ago entitled, "Houdini's Escapes and Magic", by Walter Gibson (Blue Ribbon Books, NYC 1930). The preface is an account when Gibson visited Houdini at his Sea Cliff home in Long Island just a few months before his death in 1926. Houdini told him about some books that he wanted to write discussing certain escapes that his name would be associated with in the future. Houdini begged Gibson to examine a trunk full of material and write several books that he was eager to publish. It was something that he wanted to do, but never could find the time to do it. As late as October 9, 1926, the last day he was in New York, before his death in Detroit on October 31, 1926, he again spoke to Gibson at his home about the projected books, and referred to additional material he had found that should be added. After Houdini's death, Mrs. Beatrice Houdini, his widow, knowing of his plan and familiar with his collections, sent the additional material. The following is last paragraph from the preface by Bernard Ernst.

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June Meeting
Tuesday June 6th - 7pm
Memphis Botanic Garden
Theme: Magic & Mentalism
with Household Objects

Notes from the VP

Bill Canaday - Vice-President

Hope everyone made it okay after these storms, and had a great Memorial Day Weekend. For our members, and your family members who have served, our sincere thanks, and appreciation.

Some good news to tell you about; I did see and talk to Allen Underwood. He looks good, and is making progress. We are glad to be able to say that. Don't forget if you can join us Sunday, we will be hosting Mentalist Ken Dyne. He told me that he is looking forward to coming to Memphis. Ken is a rising star, as they say, in Mentalism. This will be a very good lecture, and we hope to see you there. All for now; be safe!

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May Business Meeting

John Sorrell

- * Jeff Day - Front Table next month
- * Ken Dyne Lecture Sunday, June 4 2pm
- * EMail vote for Devin Knight
- * Derren Brown in NY now
- * Martin - Knee Surgery
- * Easter Egg Hunt - Good feedback
- * Grayson Smith - Steve Martin guest
- * Richard Hiller - IBM - share ride
- * Jeff Day - Dyersburg library show July 14
- * Jeff Day - August GBC Joylife 901
- * Monday Night Magic Jams - Jeff will notify dates
- * Grayson - Church Health Leader Inspiration
- * May birthdays include Frank Garcia, Gene Anderson, Percy Abbott, Doug Henning, Harry Lorayne

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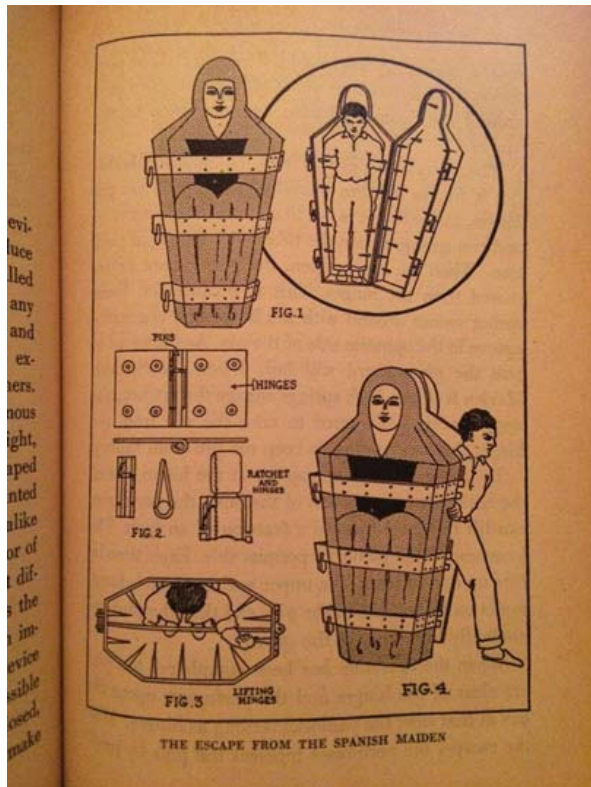
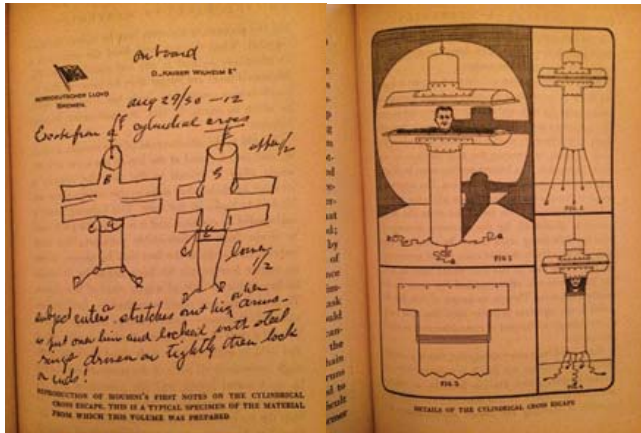
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“Some of the secrets of Houdini as communicated to me and as put in the writings which he gave me are found in the pages which follow. Many of his effects were so hazardous and nerve-racking that no one, even if familiar with the modus operandi, would have the courage, physical ability, or temerity to attempts to duplicate them.

There has been only one Houdini, and he is gone.”

May Open Magic

Photos - Grayson Smith - John Sorrell



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