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## The Lazy Mans Card Trick

### Effect:

You have a card chosen and returned to the pack. You tell them that the cards themselves will find your selection. You cut the cards once, place the deck on the table and say, "I'm feeling so lazy, I'll let the cards do this one...!" The cards are spread and one card is face up. It's not their card, but it's a number card (let's say it's a five of Hearts), you have them count down five more cards face up...

... The first four cards turned over are the four aces and the 5th is turned over to reveal their selected card!

### Preparation:

Take any five-spot card (like the five of Hearts) and place the five upside-down on the bottom, then place the four aces on the bottom.

### Method:

I'm sure you will be happy to know that this trick requires absolutely no skill or practice.

Have your friend select a card from the pack, look at it and return it to the top of the deck. Cut the deck once so that their card is now buried in the center. Set the deck on the table face down.

Say, "I'm starting to feel a little tired so I think I'll let the cards handle this one!" Wave your hands at the cards and say, "Ok, It's DONE...!"

Then, have your friend spread the cards until they see a reversed card. They will immediately let you know it's not their card.

"Of course not!", you say, "That would be too easy! What's that card... the five of Hearts, eh? Okay, deal the

next five cards face up!"

They are amazed to find the four aces, followed by their selected card.

A truly simple miracle is performed...

## **You Do As I Do**

### **Effect:**

You and a volunteer take a deck each and shuffle them thoroughly. You then both select a card from the middle of the pack. After cutting the decks, you and your spectator locate your cards in each other's decks. Impossibly, it turns out that you and your spectator choose the same card.

### **Preparation:**

The only secret is that you have to know the bottom card of the spectators deck, I will show you the how, when and why below.

### **Method:**

All the shuffling, cutting and the card selections are legitimate, but the fact that you know the card on the bottom of your spectators deck means you can use it as a key card to locate their selected card.

Bring out two decks and allow the spectator to select one, pick up the other and shuffle it, instruct her to do the same with hers. Now tell her that to eliminate the possibility of setting up the deck, you will shuffle each other's decks, you do this and in re-exchanging decks, you glance at the bottom card of her deck as you hand it to her.

Now all you have to do is remember that card, it is what makes this miracle work.

Now instruct your spectator to remove any card from the middle of the deck, memorize it, place it on top of the deck and then cut the cards. You then do the same but it is not necessary to remember your selected card, you just pretend to.

Switch decks again and instruct your volunteer to find her card in the deck you just handed her. You pretend to do the same, but just look for your key-card, and pull out the card to the right of it. Place this card face down on the table and ask your spectator to place hers beside it.

All that remains is for you to let your spectator turn both cards up together, they match!

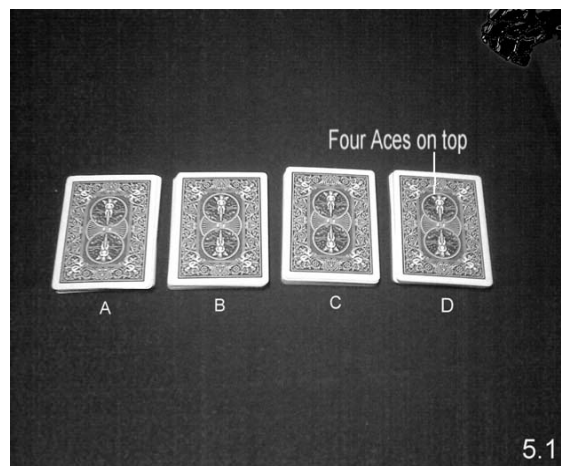
## Poker Players Picnic

This trick first appeared in the classic book 'The Royal Road to Card Magic' by Hugard & Braue. I have decided to include it in this package because it is a simple to learn trick that you will do right away and get great reactions from.

The spectator takes a shuffled pack of cards and cuts it into four piles, and then starts jumbling all the cards up... to his amazement he finds that the card on top of each pile is an ACE.

Start with the four aces on top of the pack. Or you can cut each one to the top under the pretence of looking for jokers.

Have the spectator cut the cards into four random piles as shown in photo 5.1. NOTE: The four aces are now on top of pile D.



Tell him to pick up pile A, remove three cards from the top of the packet and place them at the bottom, then deal one card from the top onto each of the other three piles.

Now have him take pile B and repeat the exact same process of putting three cards to the bottom and dealing one card on each of the other three packets. Have him do the same with piles C and D.

When this is done the spectator has unknowingly placed one ace on top of each pile. At this point everything has been done, all that is left is your presentation. Go over everything that just took place. Tell them how they cut the cards and how you could have no influence on where they cut to, emphasize that you did not touch the pack at all but do not mention that they also moved cards about, you want them to forget about that.

After a little time misdirection the spectator will forget about moving the cards about and just remember cutting the four piles, you now have them look at the top card of each pile.

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I hope you enjoyed these tricks, give them the practice they deserve and NEVER reveal the secrets!

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