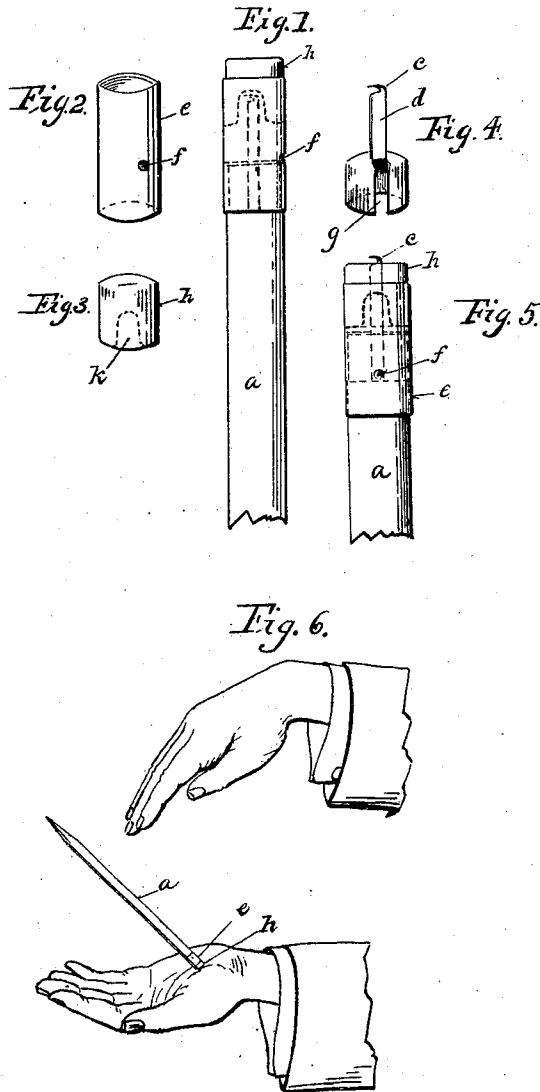


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NELSON P. LITHANDER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Hallock, in the State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Amusement Devices, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part hereof.

This invention relates to devices which are employed by entertainers in the performance of tricks of legerdemain or magic, and has for its object to produce a novel device of this character, useful in the entertainment or amusement of one or more people. The device might be called a magic stick or pencil, as it apparently responds to passes of the hand or commands.

It consists of a light stick, preferably an ordinary pencil which has at one end a small, fine hook, which may be so engaged with the relatively tough skin of the palm of the performer's hands as to cause the stick or pencil to have certain movements, the source of which is not readily discoverable. The hook is preferably mounted in such a way as to be readily concealed.

The invention will be more fully explained hereinafter with reference to the accompanying drawing, in which it is illustrated and in which—

Figure 1 is a view in elevation of one end of an ordinary pencil equipped with the hook, the hook itself being concealed. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a metal sleeve which resembles the sleeve by which an eraser is sometimes secured to a pencil. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of an eraser such as is shown in Fig. 1 as supported by the sleeve. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the means for supporting the hook upon the end of the pencil stock. Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 1, but showing the hook in operative position. Fig. 6 is a view illustrating the manner of use of the device.

The device may be applied to any light stick, such as an ordinary lead pencil, as indicated at *a*, in Figs. 1, 5 and 6. Upon the end of the pencil is fitted snugly a cap *b*

which carries and may have formed there- 50
with a small, fine hook or bent point *c*. As
shown in Fig. 4, this hook may be formed
by filing or otherwise cutting out the end
of a strip *d* which is turned up from the cap
b, such strip preferably standing about cen- 55
trally with respect to the end of the cap.
Over this cap *b* is placed a sleeve *e* which fits
snugly, but nevertheless is preferably ca-
pable of being moved longitudinally and also
of being rotated, having an inward projec- 60
tion formed by an indentation, as at *f*, which
may bear upon the end of the cap *b*, to pre-
vent the sleeve from being pushed back or,
being in line with the slot *g* formed by the
cutting out of the strip *d*, will enter such slot 65
as the sleeve is pushed back upon the pencil
stick. In the outer end of the sleeve *e* is
placed an ordinary eraser *h* which has
through it a narrow slit or opening *i* suffi-
cient to permit the hook *c* to protrude 70
through the eraser when the sleeve and eraser
are pushed back upon the pencil. The inner
end of the eraser is preferably recessed, as
indicated by dotted lines at *k* in Fig. 3, to
receive the end of the strip *d* and so guide it 75
properly into the slit *i*. As represented in
Fig. 6, the pencil or stick is placed upon the
bottom of the hand with the hook *c* slightly
engaging the relatively tough skin of the
palm near the wrist. If then the hand be 80
held in a natural, curved position, the pencil
will rest upon the finger tips, but if the hand
be slowly straightened so as to put the skin,
at the place where it is engaged by the hook,
under slight tension, then the pencil will 85
rise, without apparent cause, into the posi-
tion shown in Fig. 6.

I claim as my invention:

1. An amusement device consisting of a light stick having at its end a fine, thin 90
transverse hook adapted to engage slightly
the skin of the performer.

2. An amusement device consisting of a light stick, a fine, thin hook mounted on the end thereof, and means to conceal the hook. 95

3. An amusement device comprising a light stick, a strip mounted on the end thereof and having its extremity formed as a fine,

thin hook, a sleeve mounted movably on the stick and a perforated plug in the end of the sleeve adapted to permit the hook strip to protrude through it.

- 5 4. An amusement device comprising a light stick, a cap mounted on the end thereof and carrying a fine, thin hook, a sleeve mounted movably on the end of the stick and a plug in the outer end of the sleeve per-

forated to permit the hook to protrude 10 through it.

This specification signed and witnessed this 24th day of May, A. D. 1909.

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