

PENNY PLANE

This is a card revelation done under seemingly impossible conditions. First published by the Alex Elmsley.

Have someone take his own deck and deal two piles containing the same number of cards. He shuffles one pile, notes the top card and places the pile on the table. Then he shuffles the other pile and places it on top of the first pile, thus burying the chosen card someone in the packet.

Another person is asked to guess where he thinks the chosen card will end up. If he thinks the card will end up twelfth from the top, he deals 12 cards off the top the deck onto the tabled packet. You have no idea of how cards he dealt.

Now you take the packet, grasping it from above in the right hand. The left thumb draws the top card off while the fingers of the left hand simultaneously draw the bottom card off. This pair of cards is placed on the table.

Draw off another pair of cards in the same way and place them onto the tabled cards. Continue drawing of pairs of cards until all of the cards have been drawn off and placed onto the tabled cards. Then place the bottom card on top of the packet. This transfer of a card is done openly.

Ask the person for his number. In our example he would say 12. Deal 11 cards of the top face down. Turn over the next card and it will be the noted card.