

Talcott Mountain Science Center

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Here's some information about the activities your student did with us. Links at the bottom will help you explore further. Enjoy!

What did we do (content, skills, data collection)?

Coin tricks -

[Fake Take, Fake Put, Palming](#)

[Coin through elbow, Coin through table, Salt Shaker & Coin](#)

Card Tricks -

[Tutorial for three original tricks](#)

[Card production - mid-air - three ways](#)

[Cardistry - physics of shuffling \(overhand, riffle, faro\) - forcing, retaining](#)

[Marking cards - cyphers](#)

[Practice & Patter - using psychology to create a story, distract audiences](#)

How did we do it (materials & methods)?

[Students practiced with key rings and washers, pom-poms, and a coin that they can best palm](#)

[Students practiced with playing cards](#)

[Students performed their take on classic tricks.](#)

[Students created narrations and stories for their tricks](#)

Where can we find out more?

[Many common tricks are very old, and their details are in the public domain.](#)

[The favorite of many magicians is Tarbell's Course in Magic.](#)

[The PDF of this book can be downloaded here:](#)

<https://cdn.preterhuman.net/texts/manuals/magic/Harlan%20Tarbell%20-%20The%20Original%20Course%20in%20Magic%20of%20Harlan%20Tarbell.pdf>