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To my new friend
Michael. I hope this
friendship lasts a lifetime!

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THE TRAVEL SICK CARD.

This is my routine and handling on Carlyle's Homing Card from 'The Stars of Magic'.

Preparation: Place 2 playing cards (back out) in the upper section of your right hand trouser pocket.

1. Have a card selected and signed on the face. As it is being signed, show that your pocket is empty by pulling it out. replace your pocket, but nip the bottom of it between the 1st. and 2nd. fingers. When you withdraw your hand, the pocket is 'accidentally' pulled out again. Ignore this.
2. Have the card returned and brought to the top of the pack. Announce that you will make the card travel into your empty R.H. pocket.
3. Cover the pack with your right hand (make your peek of the top card at this point), riffle the corner with the left thumb. Move the R.H. away in a cramped position, pull your left sleeve at the elbow, and move towards the pocket. Notice the pocket is out and let the hand be seen empty (Sucker move). Replace pocket and let the X cards slip down inside.
4. Repeat 3, tug the sleeve, let your hand be seen empty, and withdraw the X card part way using the Pocket Palm move. Pause. Peek at the card and say "Yes, it's got your mark." Replace the card. No one will fall for this. Ask the name of the card as you palm the selection.

5. Using the Pocket Palm, remove the card. Show the signature, etc., and act as though the trick is over.
6. Switch the card for an X card.
7. Repeat 3, and show your hand empty. Remove the card. Repeat 6 and 7.
8. This time really remove the card and insert it into the pack. Actually, it goes to the bottom. Don't control it to the bottom, just put it there. You don't have time to waste.
9. Repeat the riffle business. This time riffle the entire pack into your right palm. Pull up your sleeve and move to the pocket. Immediately the hand is in your pocket, say "It isn't there!" Say "Here it is!" as the left hand snaps its single card face towards the spectators. The R.H. removes the pack and fans it.