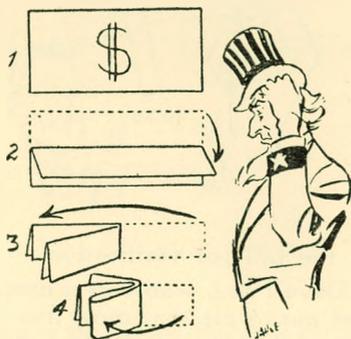


BILLS

THE CURIOUS FOLD

I have never seen this in print, but I believe it is rather old. However, it is not well known, and it always provides good entertainment for a dinner table audience.

The bill is held upright as shown in Fig. 1, then folded down from the top as in Fig. 2, and twice to the left as in Figs. 3 and 4. These moves are now reversed, but when the bill is open once more, it is upside down!



The secret is to make the second fold **backward** as shown in Fig. 3, and the third fold **forward** as shown in Fig. 4. When the bill is opened, however, these two folds are both opened from the **front**. This automatically turns the bill upside down.

Unless the spectators have observed you very carefully, they will be unable to duplicate the moves.

In making the folds, the bill should be held at the left side by the left thumb and fingers, the right hand doing the folding. Make the folds rapidly and the moves will be more difficult for the spectators to follow.

Do not repeat the trick too often. A good presentation is to cause the bill to turn upside down, then repeat, bring it right side up and hand it to the spectators to see if they can do it.

NAMING THE DATE ON A BORROWED BILL

Few people know that all dollar bills now in circulation bear the date 1935. The date will be found in the lower right hand corner.

You can make use of this fact in a mystifying and little known mind reading trick.

Ask for the loan of a dollar bill. Tell the person not to