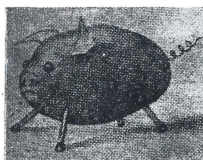


A PIG FROM A POTATO



WITHOUT any difficulty you can make a pig out of a potato, and thereby cause a good deal of amusement.

In choosing a potato for the purpose, take one which is not too large, somewhat elongated, and smooth. Scrub it clean. Twist a small piece of wire and attach it for a tail. Into the other end stick two black-headed pins for eyes. Draw the mouth and nose with black ink. Now make the ears. These are cut out of paper or thin cardboard, and inserted into little slits cut in the potato with a sharp penknife. All that is necessary now is to insert four wooden matches for legs, the match heads being used for feet.

If you want to make your pig very attractive, you can tie a piece of ribbon around his body, and he will look quite ready for a party.

HOW TO BLOW A FLAME TOWARDS YOU

WHEN you blow upon a candle-flame it goes away from you, but you can surprise all your friends by telling them that you will blow the flame towards you. Of course, tell your audience that you will not draw the breath in, but the blowing will be *at* the flame.

Place your mouth on a level with the candle-flame and a few inches from it, and then between your mouth and the flame hold an ordinary postcard. Blow hard, and at once the flame will come towards you as though it were being blown from the other side.

The explanation is that, when you blow, your breath strikes the surface of the postcard with such force that it glides off the card to the left and right, and is carried around behind the candle, with the result that it does actually blow the flame from behind in your direction.

No practice is required in performing this experiment; it is quite simple. But the effect upon your friends will really be quite astonishing.

A FEW JOKES

EMBARRASSING MOMENT

"Are you going to the lecture tonight?"
 "Yes."
 "I advise you to stay away. It is sure to be boring."
 "I am afraid I can't get out of going. You see, I'm the lecturer."

GOOD ANSWER

A Boy Scout was taking First Class First Aid and was asked to name the steps in saving a man from drowning. He replied: First take the man out of the water; and then take the water out of the man.

GETTING EVEN

Father: Son, when George Washington was your age he was a surveyor.
 Son: Yes, dad, but when he was your age he was president.

QUESTIONABLE

A man was undergoing an examination in a doctor's office. "Could you afford to pay for an operation if I decide it's necessary?" asked the physician.
 "Well, doctor, tell me this: Would you decide one was necessary if I couldn't pay for it?"