

## INSPECTOR SPELLER

### Effect

The performer gives a narrative about Inspector Speller, Scotland Yard's most successful detective. During the narrative he shows how the Inspector successfully arrested criminals for various crimes. However whenever a spectator attempts to perform an arrest, he succeeds in apprehending an innocent person! The trick concludes with an extra surprise when the spectator arrests the final criminal for murder.

### Preparation

Print off the set of criminals onto a sheet of card. On the back print the "www.merrymurder.com" page. Cut the criminal and innocent man cards out. Each one should now have the merrymurder logo on the back.

Stack the criminal cards face up so that criminal no 1 (fraud) is on the top, followed by criminal no 2 (tax evasion) beneath him and so on through to criminal no 8 (merrymurder) on the bottom of the pack. Place the "Innocent Man" card to one side.

Print off the "Inspector Speller's Successfully Solved Crimes" Sheet.

### Routine

*"Did you hear about Inspector Speller of Scotland Yard? He was their most successful detective ever. In his time he arrested criminals for arson, fraud, forgery and even murder! In fact all the crimes I've got listed here."*

Display the successfully solved crimes card and run your finger down the list of crimes. Then place the card face up on the table so that spectators can easily read it.

*"How do I know he apprehended all these criminals? Because I've got them here, all in their prison uniforms. And underneath each one is the crime that they were arrested for."*

Display the set of criminal cards to the spectators, fanning them so they can see the different crimes. However make sure that the merrymurder criminal, who is juggling his weapons, remains hidden at the back of the fan. After displaying them, place the pack face down on the table.

*"I'm going to demonstrate to you how Inspector Speller made all his arrests. But first I'm going to make things more interesting. I have an innocent man here. You can tell he's innocent because he is having an innocent drink! And I'm going to add him to the pack of criminals."*

Display the innocent man card to the audience, then place him face down on top of the pack of criminals.

*"So let me show you how the Inspector caught his criminals. His name was Speller and that's what he did. Spelt them. What's the first crime on the list? Bank Robbing. Well to catch a bank robber, all you have to do is spell his crime!"*

Pick up the pack of cards. In a loud voice slowly recite "B, A, N, K, R, O, B, B, I, N, G". For each letter you spell transfer one card from the top of the face down pack to the bottom. When you have finished spelling turn over the top card and place it on the table. It will be the bank robber.

*"And there you are. I've caught the bank robber. And it works with any crime. What's next on the list? Ah, Fraud."*

This time spell out "F, R, A, U, D", again transferring one card from the top of the pack to the bottom for each letter. When you have finished spelling turn over the top card and place it on the table. It will be the fraudster.

*"See. It works every time. I'll do one more, then you can have a go. What crime is next on the list. Ah, Arson."*

Repeat the above steps but this time spelling arson. When the arsonist is on the table, hand the pack to the spectator.

*"You can do the next one. Spell "forgery" transferring one card from the top to the bottom for each letter. When you have finished put the top card face up on the table."*

Watch carefully while the spectator does this. When he turns the top card over, it will be the innocent man. Shake your head sadly and take the pack of cards off him.

*"Oh dear. You've arrested an innocent man. But never mind, it was your first attempt at an arrest. This is how you should have done it."*

Turn the innocent man card face down. Drop the rest of the pack on top, then pick up all the cards. Spell out "forgery" doing the usual moves, turning over the forger at the end. Place him on the table..

*"See. The secret is to spell carefully! I'll do the next crime, then you can have another go."*

Repeat the moves to arrest the thief. Then hand the pack to the spectator.

*"I'm sure you have always wanted to evade your taxes, so here's your chance! Spell out the letters of "tax evasion" and see if you can catch your man."*

Make sure your helper spells the word correctly. Once again he will arrest an innocent man. Take the cards off him shaking your head ruefully.

*"Once is understandable, but now you're beginning to give the police force a bad name! Here I'll do it."*

Turn the innocent man card face down. Drop the pack onto it, then spell "tax evasion". The right criminal will be arrested.

*"Only three cards left now.. I'll apprehend the burglar, then you can do the grand finale!"*

Arrest the burglar by spelling "burglary", then hand the remaining two cards to the spectator.

*"Now there are only two cards, so the odds are in your favour. Spell "murder" carefully, then place the top card face down on the table and give me the other card without looking at it."*

The spectator does so. Keeping the card in your hand face down, turn over the tabled card. It will be the innocent man again! Pick it up and place it face down on top of the other card. Tap the top of the card drawing the audience's attention to the merrymurder logo

*"Actually I can't blame you for that last wrongful arrest, because we forgot something very important. This trick is sponsored by merrymurder.com, who sell the best murder mystery games about! So therefore any murder committed in this trick must have been a merrymurder! Here, try again, and this time spell out "merrymurder".*

The spectator does so. This time he successfully reveals the murder card. Pick it up and display it to the audience.

*"You can see he is a very merry murderer indeed! So merry he is juggling his weapons!"*

Finish off by taking the innocent man card from the spectator. Toss it on to the table and say.

*"And as for me – Well I'm not as innocent as I make out!"*

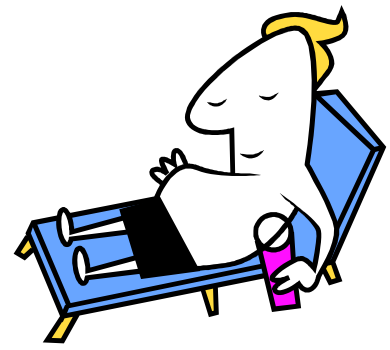
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**BANK  
ROBBING**



**MERRYMURDER**



**INNOCENT**



**TAX  
EVASION**



**ARSON**



**THEFT**



**FORGERY**



**BURGLARY**



**FRAUD**

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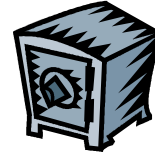
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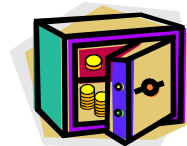
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TAX  
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