

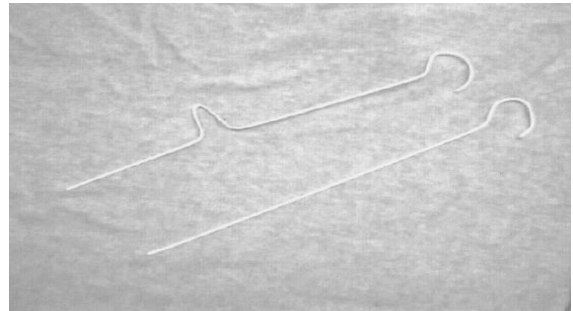
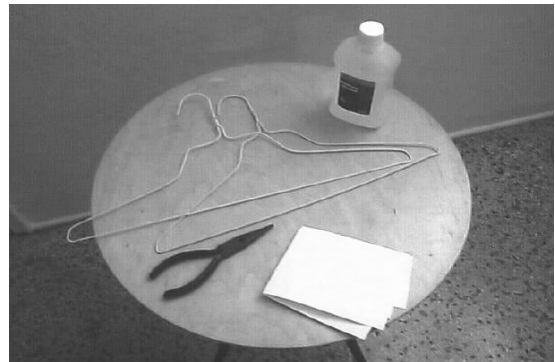
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Spike Through Tongue



This trick is old – I mean OLD. It appears in Reginald Scot's *Discovery of Witchcraft* which is about four hundred years old itself – but it was just as old then than as it is now. Despite its antiquity, the trick is still very much in use today all around the modern world and in some parts of New Jersey.

Technically there are three ways to do this trick. The easiest way is to take a spike and actually stick it through your tongue. For those of us with pierced tongues, a need for an artificial speech impediment, and radical ideas on germ theory, this shouldn't be too difficult. For those of us who prefer to keep our tongues intact and our Mexican food spicy, there are two other ways to do this effect. The first method is described here:



PREPARATION

Step 1. Obtain 2 metal coat hangers

Step 2. Obtain 1 handkerchief

Step 3. Obtain one empty rubbing alcohol bottle and fill it with water

Step 4. From the coat hangers, cut out two pieces of wire 12" in length

Step 5. Bend the wires into the shapes in the pictures

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PERFORMANCE

Place both “spikes” in your left inside jacket pocket. Take the normal looking spike and hand it out for examination. After it has been thoroughly inspected and infected take it back. Pull out the handkerchief and douse it with your fake rubbing alcohol. Place the bottle in your outside jacket pocket. With the handkerchief, rub all the germs off the spike as if the audience was composed of airport monkey handlers who have had first hand experience with the Ebola virus. Act as if you are about to stick the spike through your tongue then pause. Rub the spike with handkerchief again. Turn your back to the audience (trust me it’s justified.) Place the spike back into your inside pocket – without trying to hide the action. Take the bottle of pseudo-rubbing alcohol out of your other pocket and take a huge swig. This will assuredly get a laugh because alcoholism is naturally very, very funny – all the great comics agree that “cirrhosis” is one of the funniest words in comedy.



Place the bottle into your pocket. Reach back into your other pocket for the bent spike. Turn around and face your audience while you rub the spike with the handkerchief (obviously you should hide the bend.) Bring the spike over your tongue and slowly bring it down as if you are piercing it – your other hand should be in front of your tongue covering this action. Slide the bend in the spike around your tongue so that your mouth hides it. Wiggle your tongue at your audience.

At this point you have a choice; you can either reverse what you just did and place the spike back into your pocket making your audience think they just saw a mildly entertaining presentation that isn’t all that shocking given all the people with pierced tongues today, or you can slide the gimmick off your tongue and show the audience that they just fell for the oldest gag in the papyrus text. The choice is yours.



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