

## MAGICIANS AT TRICK DINNER.

150 Professionals Mystify One Another with New "Stunts."

The waiters on the twenty-fourth floor of the McAlpin last night suffered untold tortures when the time came to collect the tips from the Society of American Magicians, whose 150 members and their wives were holding their eleventh annual dinner in their trick clothes. Some expected the dimes and quarters to vanish from the plate and others were prepared to see them metamorphosed into anything from rabbits to pots of growing plants and American flags. However, nothing like that happened—to the waiters.

The society confined its tricks to its own members, possibly to demonstrate that no magician is so clever that he can't be fooled. He can. Sargent, whose full name is J. W. Sargent, though among magicians that does not count, lifted a meat knife on the tips of his fingers and set all those at his table gasping. That was the signal for Theodore Bamberg to whip out a piece of string and let an innocent bystander cut it, and then put it together again right in front of the innocent bystander's astonished eyes.

On the stage at the end of the room was a table with places for fourteen set. Before the dinner the names of the dead members of the society were read off, and as each was called Miss Mildred Ruclere turned down the plate at that place. The seats at the "silent table" were reserved for Alexander Herrmann the Great, B. De Kolta, Imro Fox, Leon Herrmann, and others.

John Philip Quinn, known as Quinn the Reformed Gambler, showed that even magicians can be separated from their money by dealing poker hands and telling them what cards they held. Quinn said he had been fighting gambling for twenty-eight years, and that the best way to put the business down and cut was to show people how they didn't stand a chance to win.

There were toasts to Harry A. Kellar, "Dean of Magic," and Francis J. Martinka, "Grandfather of Magic." The society will meet tonight in Martinka's studio, 493 Sixth Avenue, and experiment with more tricks and elect officers.

## Geo. M. Cohan Again Heads Friars.

At the annual election of officers yesterday at the Friars' Club at 107 West Forty-fifth Street, the regular ticket was unanimously chosen. The officers are: George M. Cohan, Abbot; Ralph Trier, Dean; John J. Gleason, Corresponding Secretary; Rennold Wolf, Recording Secretary; Richard J. Hatzel, Treasurer; Irving Berlin, Fred Block, Leo Frank, Jerome Siegel, and Channing Pollock, Governors to serve two years, and D. Frank Dodge a Governor, to succeed Ralph Trier, and to serve one year.

The reports of the officers showed the club to be in good condition, and the announcement was made that the new building would be ready for occupancy about Jan. 1 next.