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so that it cannot be seen, &amp; you will cunningly and with grace cast all of it into the bag or pouch.</ab>

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<head>For transmuting a ball into a thimble, cunning</head>

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<ab>Make a small sheath of plain leather, such as cow or morocco, somewhat thick, as tall as three fingers, sewn like the finger of a glove &amp; large enough that two fingertips can fit inside &amp; which, at the tip, which is a little puckered, has a round hole as large as a double liard. Take two similar <m>boxwood</m> balls, &amp; let one be hollow &amp; open with a round hole on one side only so that the thimble can fit inside. Thus, when you want to perform, you will place your <m>leather</m> sheath on the table with the ball that is not hollow. Pass a stick inside the <m>leather</m> sheath to show that there is nothing there, also show the full ball, and hold the one which is hollow &amp; has the thimble inside it by your little &amp; ring fingers, and do this with your right hand with which you are holding the stick. After, you take your <m>leather</m> sheath &amp; place it over the hollow ball which is in your fingers, &amp; making it seem as if you are putting some <m><la>oribus</la> powder</m> over it, you put back the <m>leather</m> mold that contains the ball with the thimble on the table, then you take the full &amp; solid ball remaining on the table, and command it to enter from under the table into the <m>leather</m> sheath. Then, lifting the <m>leather</m>, the ball seems to be the same, although it is the hollow one. Then cover it again &amp; command it to become invisible. And then, lifting the sheath while pressing it, you will remove it and the ball along with it; &amp; putting it aside with the sheath, in its place will be found a thimble for the ladies whose bottom hurts, that is to say, the bottom of the needle.</ab>

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