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Larry Jennings was one of the greatest sleight-of-hand artists who ever lived. Over the course of his 64 years, he developed many classic pieces in card and coin magic. Lots of Larry's magic has been described in books, videotapes, and DVDs. But, the books often failed to capture the nuances in his work, and he was usually nervous during the shooting of the formal videos and DVDs.

During the early 1970s, Larry left his home in Los Angeles where he had moved to study with Dai Vernon and relocated to Lake Tahoe, California, to open his own plumbing business. There he met Louis Falanga, who became Larry's student and friend. One day in Louis' living room, Larry allowed himself to be videotaped describing 12 of his favorite routines:

- Jennings' Chop Cup
- Don Albert's Lump of Coal (3.1 Version)
- The Invisible Card
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- Cigarette Manipulations
- Larry's Lining Ring Routine
- Coins Through the Table (with Pop-Up Move)
- A Four Coin Trick
- Coin Through Spectator's Hat
- Open Travellers
- Reverse and Everywhere Again
- The Trick

This was the perfect setting for Larry; he was relaxed and in his prime, just making a personal video for a friend. The quality is exactly what you'd expect from a 20 year-old home video made in someone's living room, and you can even hear someone frying up some bacon in the background. Considering that great material, we can forgive the technical shortcomings (though the tape-original Beta master has been put through a state-of-the-art digital clean-up).

As it is one of the routines on the videotape were public. It took a quarter-century before Larry Jennings' has been listed for a decade. Most of the magic on this tape were never published, but some videos and the pieces were rudimentary printed. Other routines, such as the Lining Ring, Lump of Coal, Coin Through, both using the Pop-Up Move, were never published. All of the routines are superb examples of the finest in close-up magic, and some of these, such as the Chop Cup routine, benefit from the best recorded explanations Jennings gave.

Having had the pleasure of watching a copy of the videotape many times over the years and now, through the generosity of Louis Falanga, you will too. So skip the DVD box your player and step back in time to when Jimmy Carter was President of the United States, even was visiting the room on a regular basis, and Larry Jennings was teaching you best.

Running Time Approximately 67min