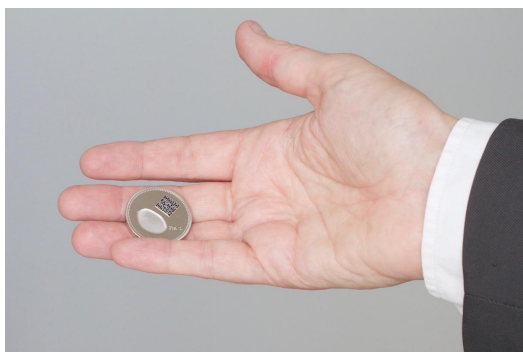


'Something unusual is going on'

Marieke Gelissen - Coin
(“Something unusual is going on”), 2024
Nickel plated bronze, 28 mm
Limited edition of 100

**How can one make a coin disappear?
And could the coin serve as a carrier
of the instructions for its temporary
concealment? In this text I tell you
more about *Coin* (“Something unusual
is going on”).**

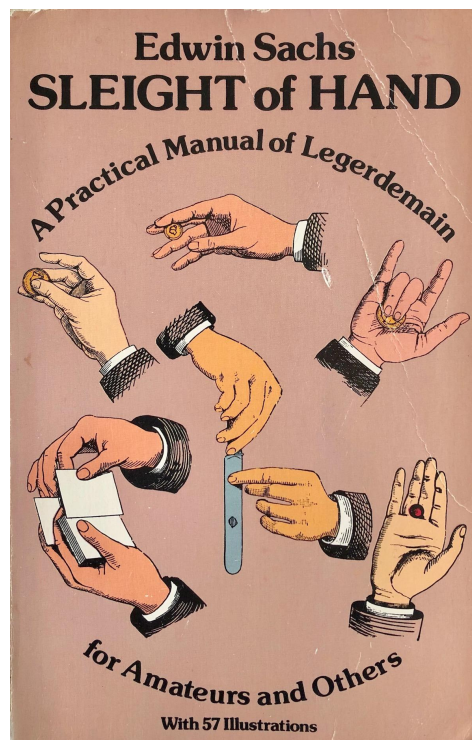


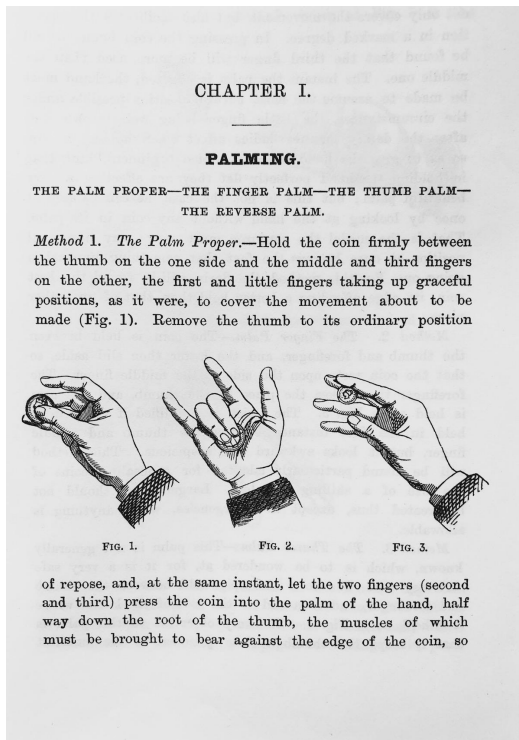
Coins are vanishing rapidly. Payments are made electronically and currency hardly passes through hands anymore. We lose the sensory experience of holding the cool, solid roundness of metal between our fingers and the playful sound of jingling coins in our pockets as we walk.

With this coin, I invite people to take the coin into their hand again, to experience it as an object, and then, by following the instructions that can be entered with the QR code, to make the coin disappear.

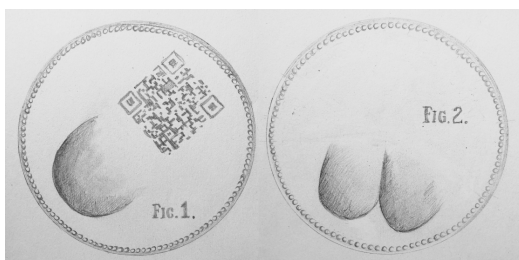
This coin embodies the value of tactile interaction with objects and materials around us, humorously addressing the decline of these sensorial moments.

The instruction that the coin carries, derives from *Sleight of Hand* by Edwin Sachs, first published in 1885. In the first chapter, “Palming,” Sachs explains how to make a coin vanish temporarily. By scanning the QR code on the coin, one can access an audio file with the instruction.





The coin features subtle impressions of thumb and finger placements, precisely where Sachs specifies to put the in order to achieve the proper illusion. These impressions offer a tactile pathway that guides the holder to perform the intended act.



Sachs mentions that the Florin is the ideal coin for this act, due to its optimally grippable edge. This has also

been incorporated into the design of the coin.



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Coin was part of the exhibition *Penning 2.0*, on display at Pictura Dordrecht from September 1 through November 3, 2024. This exhibition presented seven conceptual 'coins' made by contemporary artists and celebrated the 250th anniversary of one the oldest artists societies in the Netherlands: Pictura.



Coin is available in a limited edition of 100. Each of them is signed and numbered.