Six Little Tricks

1. How would you put yourself through a keyhole?  
2. Can you stand two inches away from a person without his being able to touch you?  
3. Can you touch a book inside and eat without opening it?  
4. Can you leave the room with two legs and come back with none?  
5. Can you place a pencil on the floor so that no one can jump over it?  
6. Can you ring a song backward in the same time that it takes to sing it forward?

In his 1st 1 years Rembrandt was at ease with the world. The peace  
that comes upon a man when he has finished a great work. His son  
married a lady of his own choosing. He was debt-ridden and  
frail.

The next year his son died, and as he followed the body to the grave,  
he kept his head erect and the people marveled at the old man's  
composure (余波).

He painted himself again, a mask of colored mud, laughing at the  
world which had tried so many times to beat him.

When death came, in 1669, it brought him no greater peace than  
the peace he had already won. His funeral was attended by his  
wife, his daughter Cornelia, his son's widow and a number of Jews  
who had heard that he had once been a famous man in Amsterdam.

Answers to Six Little Tricks:
1. Place the key under the keyhole.  
2. Stand on tiptoe, giving your back to the person.  
3. Touch the book through the cover.  
4. Touch his leg behind it.  
5. Place the pencil in a drawer.  
6. Ring the song backward in a mirror.

Vocabulary

12. Point of view: 看法  
例句: He and I looked at this matter from different points of view. (他和我从不同角度看这件事的)

13. Heart of matter: 事情的核心  
例句: You should stop at the heart of that matter at the very first. (你应该一开始就抓住问题的核心)

14. Gentle slope: 温和的

15. Foot the bill: 付款  
例句: Because he had no money, I footed the bill for him. (因为他没钱，我付了他的账)

16. Underfoot: 在脚底下

Comments by James Lai

在文革和学潮期间,历史学系是争议的焦点。许多学生在这里发表他们的观点。

1. "All together" means "Altogether"  
2. "It comes from our deep heart's core." (它来自我们内心深处)

And it.... word: 那个词的"it"是"万物"。