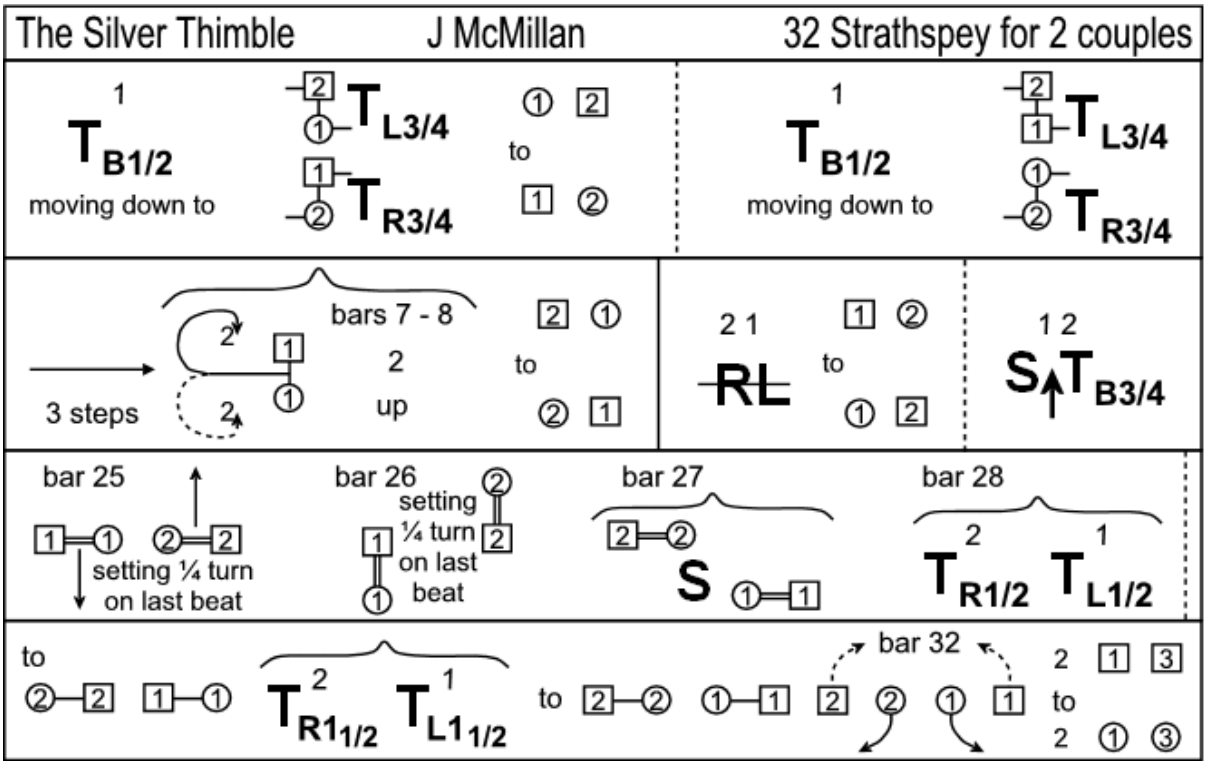
THE SILVER THIMBLE

A strathspey for 2 couples

BARS	
1 – 2	1st couple turn both hands half way round, moving down to finish between 2nd couple, facing down with nearer hands joined, 2s face up.
3 – 4	1st lady and 2nd man turn with right hand while 1st man and 2nd lady turnwith left hand to finish on the sidelines, 1st couple on opposite side.
5 – 6	Repeat bars 1 – 2 from new positions.
7 – 8	1st and 2nd ladies turn left hand, 1st and 2nd men turn right hand to original places.
9 – 16	1st couple lead down the middle for 3 steps, lead back up crossing over, and cast off into 2nd place, 2nd couple step up on bars 15 – 16.
17 – 20	1st & 2nd couple dance half rights and lefts.
21 – 24	Joining nearer hands on the side, 1st & 2nd couples set, advancing slightly and turn partner three quarters with both hands to finish in a line up and down the set.
25	Joining both hands with partner [men beginning with left foot], all set, moving out to the sidelines, on the last beat as they hop, both complete a quarter turn.
26	All set moving up or down the sidelines, a quarter turn on the last beat.
27	All set, moving into the centre [2nd couple are now above 1st couple].
28	2nd couple changing to right hand, 1st couple to left hand, turn half way round to finish in a line, down the middle of the set.
29 – 32	1st & 2nd couples turn one and a half times; then dropping hands dance out to new places.
	Repeat from new positions.

Dance devised by James McMillan, for George & Ellen Regan's 25th Anniversary.

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