

CLOVE HITCH NO. 1

Make two similar loops, side by side in the rope, Fig. A and B, slide them together so that they look like C. Slip over the end of the pole and pull tight as in D.

This is a most useful knot and is the start and finish of some lashings and is widely used in boat work, gadget making and pioneering and for making rope ladders. Passing around an object in one continuous direction, it puts almost no strain on the fibres.

There are many different ways of tying this knot, some useful, others merely interesting and amusing. Try your hand at tying as many variations as possible.

