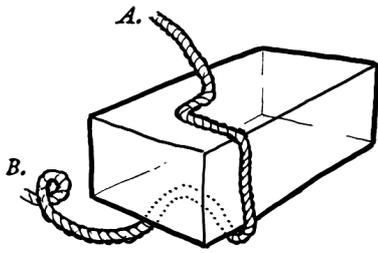


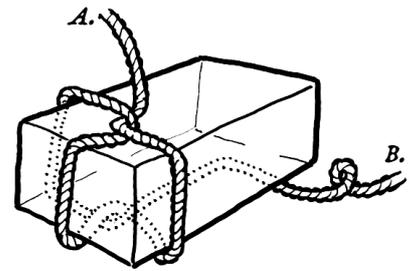
How to Tie the Books Together Again



STEP 1.

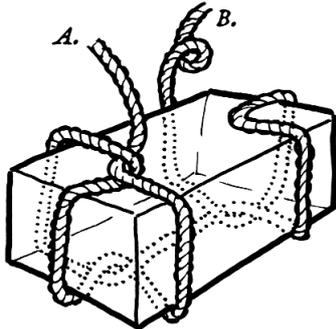
Lay the longer rope around the books as shown, working in 90° corners. This may be tricky because nothing is holding them in position yet. Keep 6" in hand at the standing end (A.).

THESE DIAGRAMMED STEPS (1. through 10.) show how to tie the books *appropriately*, that is, using the knot described by the four stories they contain. C.W.Ashley says of this knot: "*It is, however, quite a handful to tie [...] Although about as much trouble to work as to tie, once it has been drawn together compactly the form is both symmetrical and INEVITABLE.*"



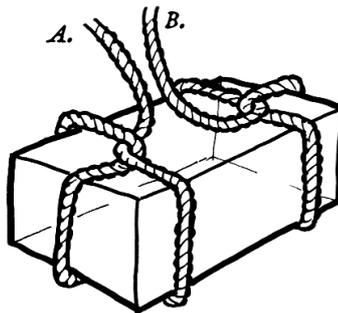
STEP 2.

Hook the 90° turns, and run the working end (B.) to the far end.



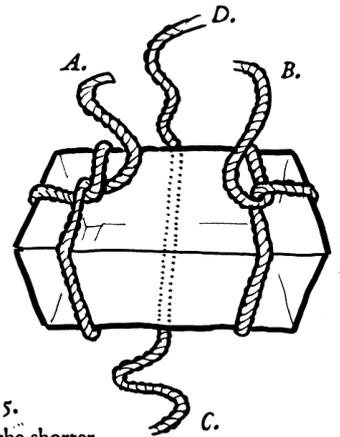
STEP 3.

Repeat the turns as you did at the start.



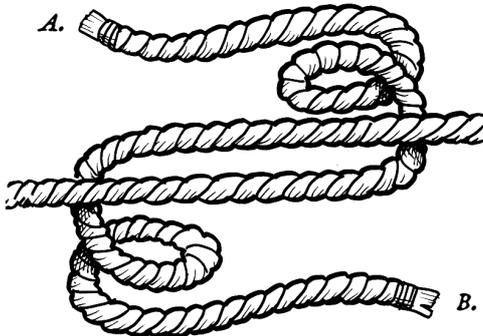
STEP 4.

Each end should be of the same length. Feed through to correct any disparity, then lay aside.



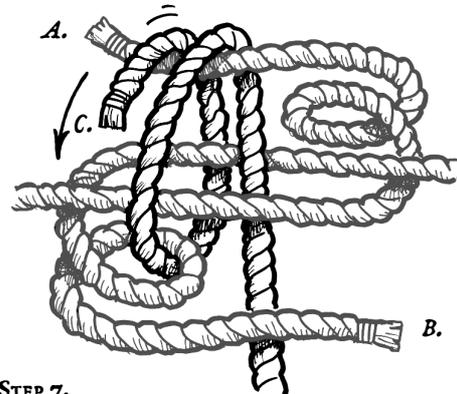
STEP 5.

Run the shorter rope equally beneath the middle (C. & D.).



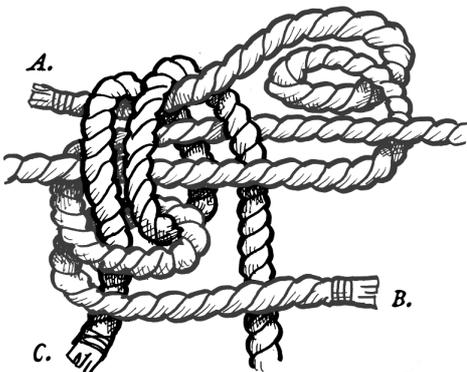
STEP 6.

You now have four ends coming together from four sides. First lay out the longest. Be sure to note which and when each is over and each is under.



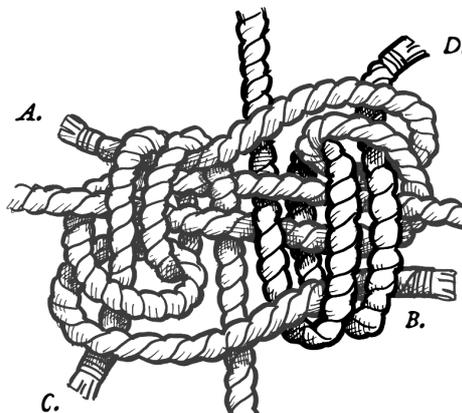
STEP 7.

Next, the two ends of the shorter rope must be tied independently but equivalently. First, with (C.), thread a loop as shown...



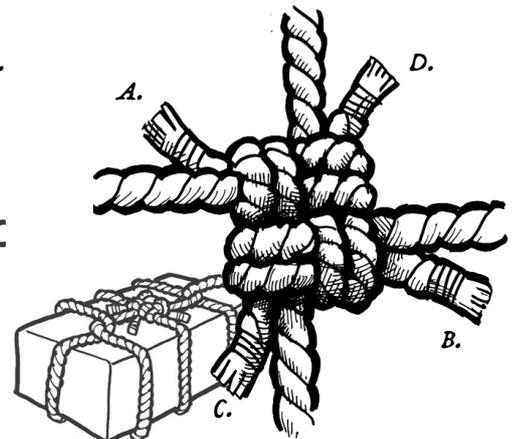
STEP 8.

...continue, and then work snug. This must be done carefully, to avoid displacing the other parts.



STEP 9.

Repeat STEPS 7. & 8. with (D.). If you have extra fingers, use them now.



STEP 10.

Finish by working until square & snug (your ends will be longer than shown here).