



WHIPPING

One important preparation is the protection of the rope ends against wear. Unless protected, the twisted strands will loosen and fray. A figure-of-eight knot at each end will serve as a temporary stop but should not be left permanently. As soon as possible, the ends should be treated in one of the two following methods:

Simple Whipping

Take two feet of twine, double back about 3 inches, lay along the rope, near the end to be whipped, as you see in A 1. With the long end of the twine, wind round the rope a dozen times pulling each turn tight and making sure that it lies close to the previous turn. Pass the end S through the loop L as in A 2, do not let the turn slip.

Now pull the end E gently until the loop is about half way through the turns of the whipping, this will lock the ends as shown in the sketch A 4.

Finally cut off the twine close to the turns of the whipping, taking care not to cut the rope. Try your hand with various sizes of rope so that you become proficient with whippings of all kinds.

