

SHEEPSHANK

This knot is used for shortening a long rope which is fastened on both ends. As in the case of a tent guy line or blanket line. After taking up the slack as shown in Fig. 1 form an underhand loop as shown in B, slide it over the bight B 1, and pull it taut. Do the same thing on the other end to complete the knot. To lock the sheepshank to keep the loops from sliding off add a second half hitch as in Fig. 3 at each end.

To render the sheepshank more secure the bight may be seized or toggled to the standing part.

