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The stopper knot: a hard, flat-shouldered knob that won't pull through a hole.

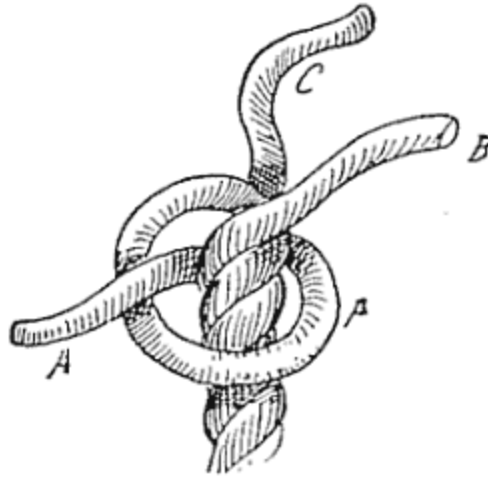


FIG. 131.—Matthew Walker (making)

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"Each strand passes under, gathers the others' bights, then its own."

1

First strand

Pass strand A around the standing part of the rope and up through its own bight.

2

Second strand

Pass strand B underneath, up through the bight of A, and through its own bight as well.

3

Third strand

Pass strand C underneath and around, then up through the bights of A, B, and its own bight.

4

Work it home

The knot now looks slack as in Fig. 132; haul the ends around and work each bight taut a little at a time until it draws up hard and close (Fig. 133).