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The Rolling Hitch

A modified clove hitch with an extra turn so it grips a spar without sliding sideways.

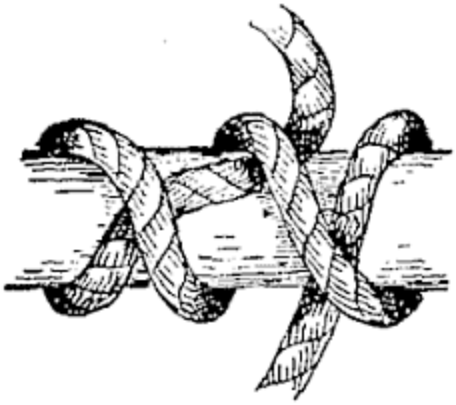

Fig. 48.—Rolling hitch.

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> "Two turns toward the pull, then a clove-hitch tuck — it grips and won't creep."

1. **Take two turns toward the strain**
   Wrap the end around the spar twice, both turns laid on the side from which the strain will come, so they ride against the pull.

2. **Cross over the turns**
   Bring the end across the riding turns to the other side of the standing part.

3. **Finish like a clove hitch**
   Take a final turn and tuck the end under itself, completing it as a clove hitch. The extra riding turn stops it sliding lengthwise.