

The Timber Hitch

The log-dragger's hitch — grips harder the more you haul.

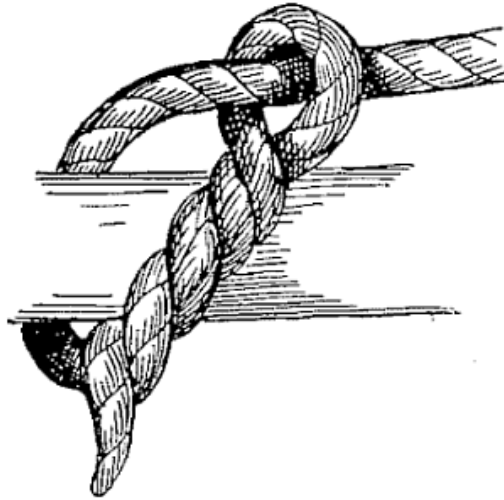


FIG. 38.—Timber hitch.

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"Round the log, round the line, then twist back on yourself three times."

1

Round the timber

Pass the end of the rope around the spar or log you want to haul.

2

Round the standing part

Bring the end around the standing part of the rope to start the locking tuck.

3

Twist on itself

Twist the end three or more times around, under and over itself, following the lay of the rope. Pull the standing part — the turns bind down and grip. For extra security on a long spar, add a single half hitch a couple of feet farther along (Verrill's Fig. 39).

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