

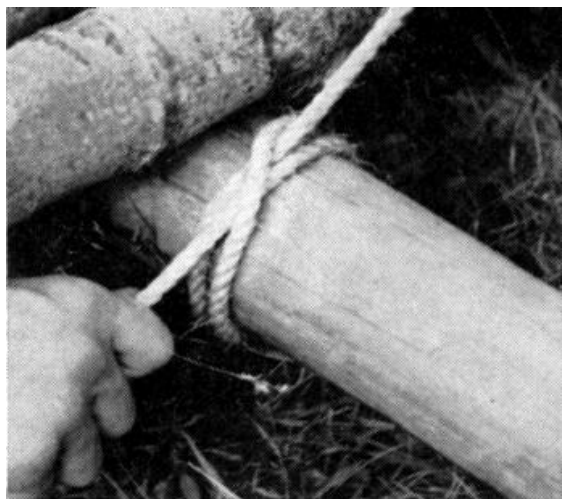
# CLASSIC BOYS LIFE SERIES

## PLATFORM FLOOR LASHING

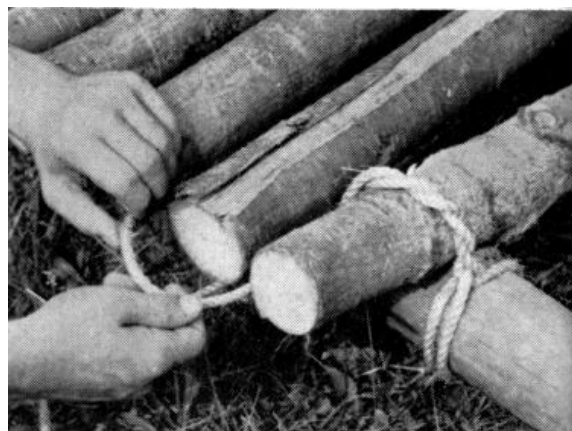


As part of many pioneering projects, you may need to construct a platform using a series of rungs or flooring. If the flooring for a bridge or a platform is to consist of a few crosspieces only, you can use square lashings for fastening them to the support timbers, but if you intend to lay a continuous floor, you will be better off using a floor lashing.

After laying out the support timbers, and preparing the flooring spars, start to tie the floor lashing with a clove hitch around the support timber on which flooring spars will be laid.



Make a pigtail of the running and standing ends of the rope similar to a timber hitch, and pull it snugly over the first spar of the floor.



Then pull a bight under the support timber, and up between the first two spars. Then slip the bight over the end of the first spar.



Now pull the rope under the support timber and up over the second spar on the outside of the timber. Then repeat each step, alternating pulling the bight from the inner side of the support timber to the outer side of the timber, lashing each successive spar to the bottom support timber.

Finish the floor lashing with a clove hitch or a constrictor hitch.

