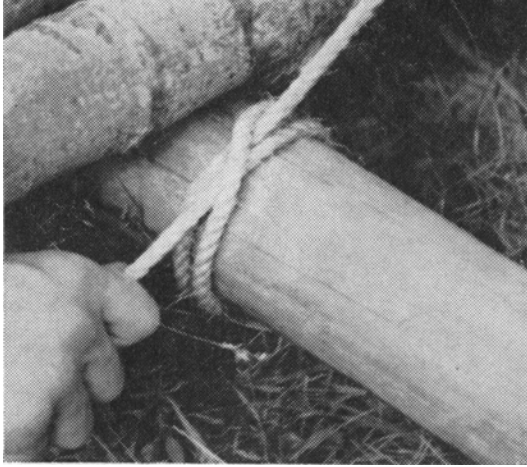


FLOOR LASHING

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 stringers. But if you intend to lay a floor, you'll be better off using *floor lashings*.



I In floor lashing, start with a clove hitch around stringer on which flooring spars to be laid.



II Make a pigtail of the running and standing ends of the rope and pull it snugly over the first spar of the floor.



D Pull a bight under the stringer and up between the first two spars and slip the bight over the end of the first spar.



N Now pull the rope under the stringer and up over the second spar – on the outside of the stringer – then repeat third step.



O Continue this way until all spars have been laid firmly in place. Finish the lashing with a clove hitch around the stringer.