

**Man Rope Knot** - A multi-strand knot in the end of a rope consisting of a Double Wall and Double Crown. Tied in the end of manropes and sideropes to provide a hand hold. It was properly made in four-strand rope and was often canvas covered.



**Marlinespike or Marlingspike** - Definition. A metal tool with a knobbed head and tapering to a point. Used for tightening seizing, etc., and for opening strands when splicing. The knobbed end is used for pounding.

**Marlingspike Hitch** - A temporary hitch made with a Marlingspike, or a tent peg, etc., when extra strain is needed to heave a small rope taut, as, for example, the turns of lashings or seizings. Also used on occasion in Sheepshanks or Harvester's Hitch.



**Matthew Walker and Double Matthew Walker** - Probably the best and most useful strand rope end knots. It is claimed that the unknown Matthew Walker is the only a knot named after him.



**Middleman's Knot** - Also called the Englishman's Loop (in America) the Fisherman's or Angler's Loop, and it is one of the several knots known as True Lover's Knot. It is a useful loop knot tied in the bight by one of at least four different methods. Once much used for the middleman on a rope in climbing, but now superseded for this purpose by better knots such as the Alpine Butterfly.



**Midshipman's Hitch** - An excellent hitch that can be temporarily or permanently made. When used to make a loop, it can be slid to adjust the loop for size. A good knot to know if you have fallen in the sea and a rope is tossed to you. Also useful as a Guyline Hitch or to substitute for a broken slider on a guyline. It is identical in form to the Rolling Hitch.



**Monkey's Fist** - A knob knot at the end of a rope, usually made round a pebble or ball of lead, etc. It is the best heaving line knot, the heavy core in the knot giving it the weight to carry the mass of the line when thrown.



**Mousing A Hook** - If an appreciable load is to be on a block the hook should be 'moused'. This strengthens the hook and at the same time prevents the rope from jumping out. A 'mouse' is also raised on a particular rope to prevent anything slipping off: in this case the diameter of the rope at the particular place is increased by building up with turns and riding turns.



**Noose** - *Definition.* A loop which is made with the end round its own standing part in such a way that it draws tight when hauled upon. Often erroneously called a slip knot.