

THE SERPENT ROPE AND ROD

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New method, new design and no false moves combine to create a real visual effect suitable for parlor, platform or stage!

In effect, a length of rope is wound around a solid rod. Two spectators hold the ends of the rod. A large checker is tied to the hanging ends of the rope. At the magicians command, the rope visibly uncoils, freeing itself from the rod, still held by the spectators!

Upon examination of the properties supplied, you will find a decorated rod with a snap fastener at the center. It is concealed by the design of the rod. The length of rope has the other part of the snap fastener attached to its center.

At the start, the rope is displayed hanging over the rod as shown in Figure 1. The two sections of the snap fastener are already snapped together, attaching the rope to the rod. The audience, of course, is not aware of this. We should mention that the purpose of the illustrations is simply to show the correct positioning and winding of the rope. They are not drawn to scale. The ends will hang down farther than illustrated.

After displaying the rope and rod as shown in Figure 1, the right hand grasps the rod at the center from above, covering the center section of the rope and rod. The left hand then grasps the end of the rope hanging down BEHIND the rod and winds it around the rod FIVE (5) times to the left, Figure 2. The left hand then grasps the rod at the LEFT end. The right hand releases its hold.

The right hand then grasps the end of the rope hanging down at the front, center, and winds it around the rod FOUR (4) times to the RIGHT, Figure 3. Two spectators are then asked to hold the rod by the ends.

The two ends of the rope which are hanging down are then threaded through the large checker, and a knot tied in the ends, Figure 4, so that the checker cannot come off.

With the spectators still holding the ends of the rod, you grasp the center of the rod from above with one hand as you caution the spectators to keep a firm grip. As you do this, you secretly unsnap the fastener with your thumb.

Now you command the rope to penetrate the rod, and remove your hand. The weight of the checker will cause the rope to uncoil in an erie manner and drop from the rod, having apparently penetrated the rod.

The winding of the rope is VERY important. It will not work if the winding is not done correctly. Always start with the rope hanging at the rear and wind to the left. Finish with the rope hanging at the front and wind to the right. Five times to the left and four times to the right.

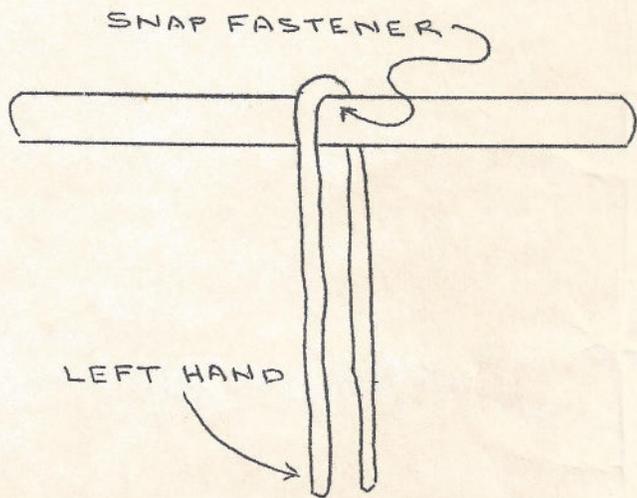


FIG. 1

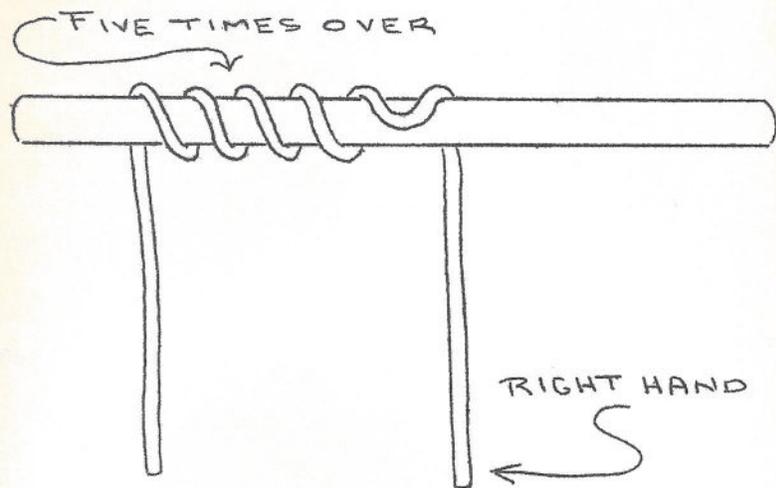


FIG. 2

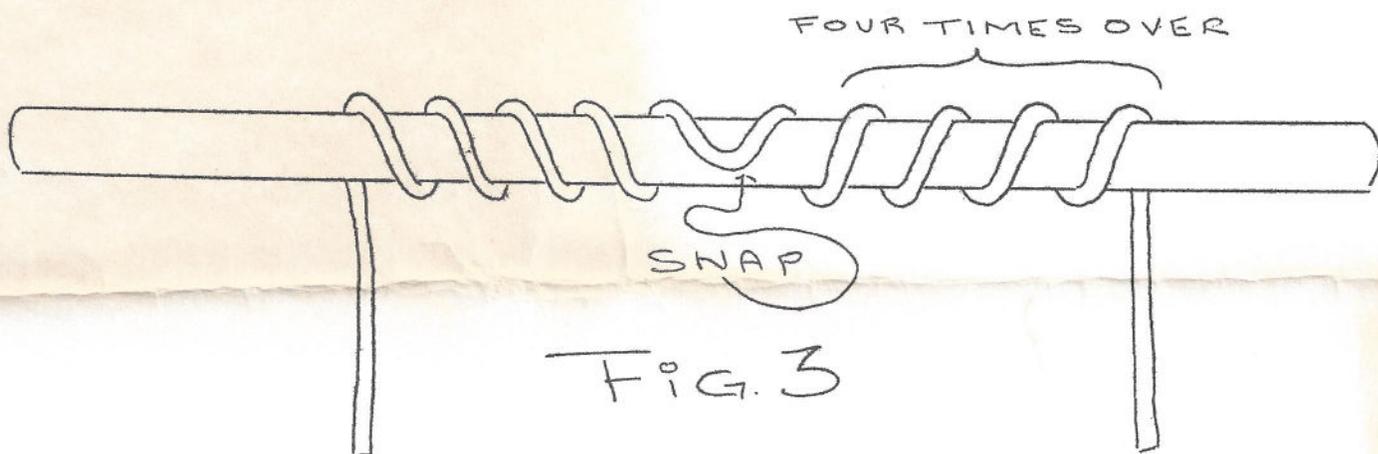


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