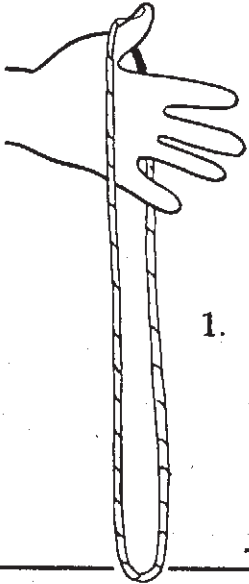
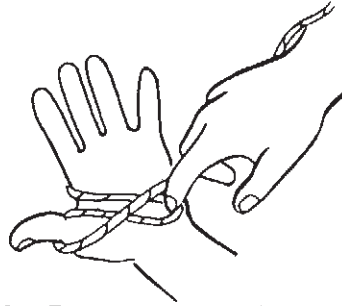


The String Story

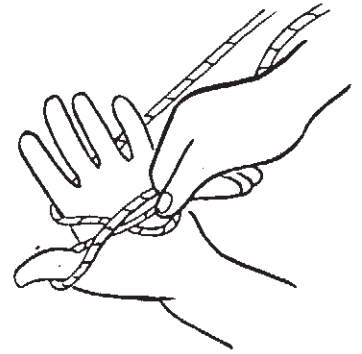
This story is known throughout the world. The Indian version is as follows:
A farmer first ploughs the field, then he sows the seeds, next he waters the crop.
Finally he applies manure. The crop is now ready to be harvested.
Then a fat rat comes and eats up all the crop.



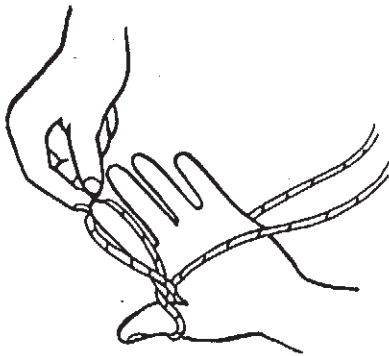
1. Hang the loop of string over your left hand thumb. (*farmer selects the field*)



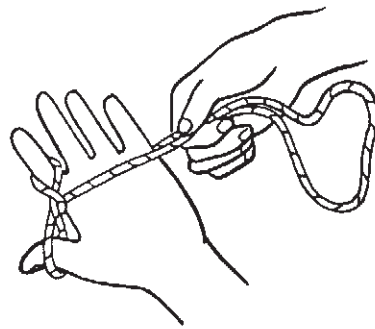
2. Put your right index finger under the front string and hook the string that is between the left thumb and index finger.



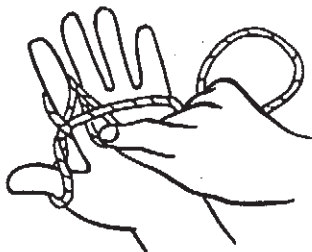
3. Give this loop one twist to the right (*it won't work if the twist is the wrong way*).



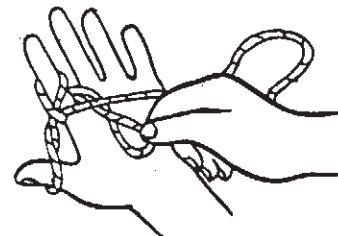
4. Place this small loop over your left index finger (*farmer ploughs the field*).



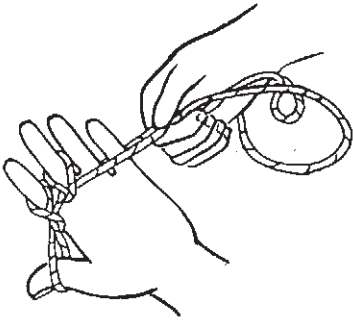
5. Hold the hanging strings with your right hand and pull them tight.



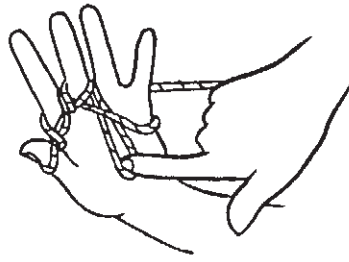
6. With your right hand index finger again hook the string between the left index and middle finger.



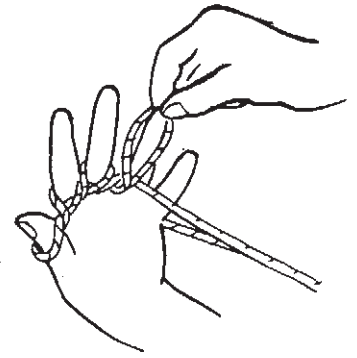
7. Pull it under the front string. Give this loop a twist to the right and...



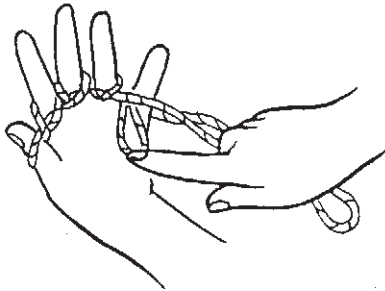
8. place it in the middle finger. Pull everything tight. (*farmer sows the seeds*).



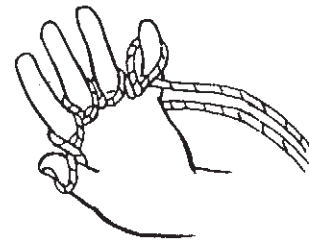
9. Again hook the string between the middle and ring fingers and pull the loop to the front.



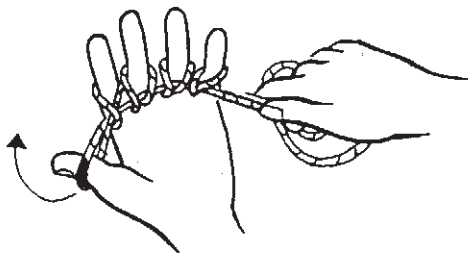
10. Twist to the right and place it over your left ring finger (*farmer waters the crop*).



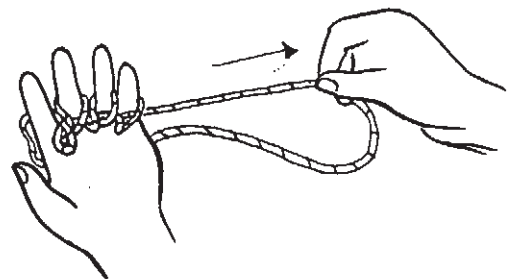
11. Finally reach under the front string between your ring and little finger and pull a loop of the back string to the front.



12. Give this loop a twist to the right and place it in your left little finger (*farmer applies manure*).



13. This should be the final result (*the crop is ready*). Release the left thumb loop (*a fat rat comes and the left thumb loop is the rat*).



14. Pull the front string away from your left hand. The loops will unwind from all the fingers (*the fat rat eats up all the crop*). This is the end of the story.