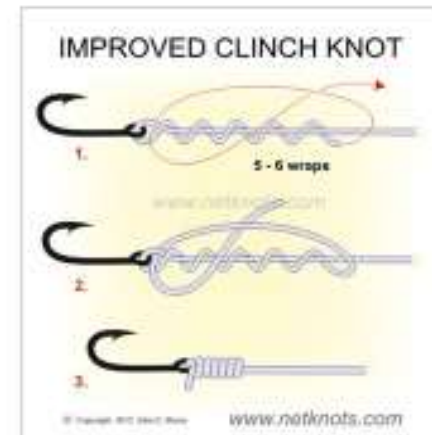
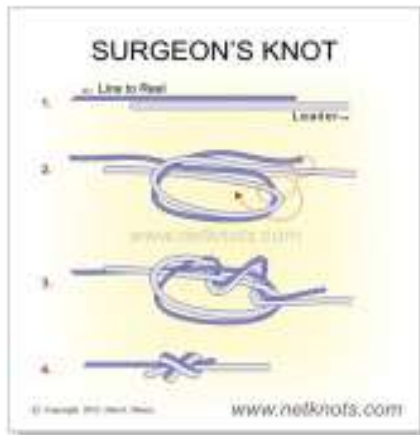


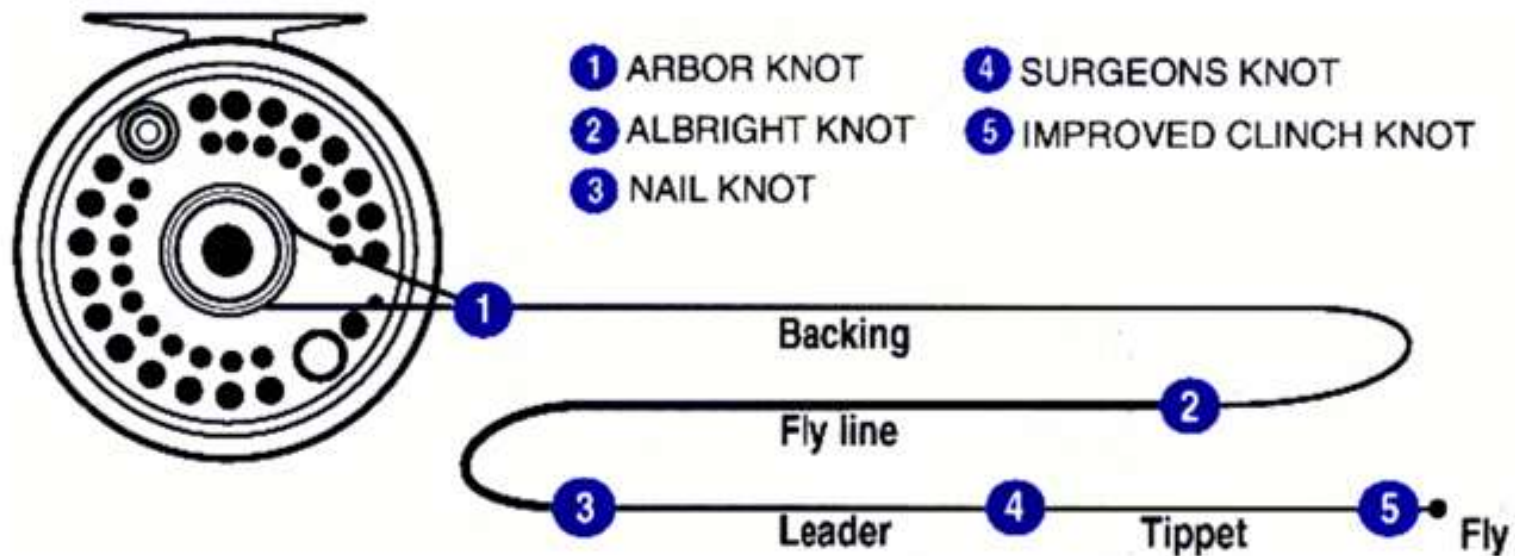
Knots



It's not all that complicated if you practice a little.

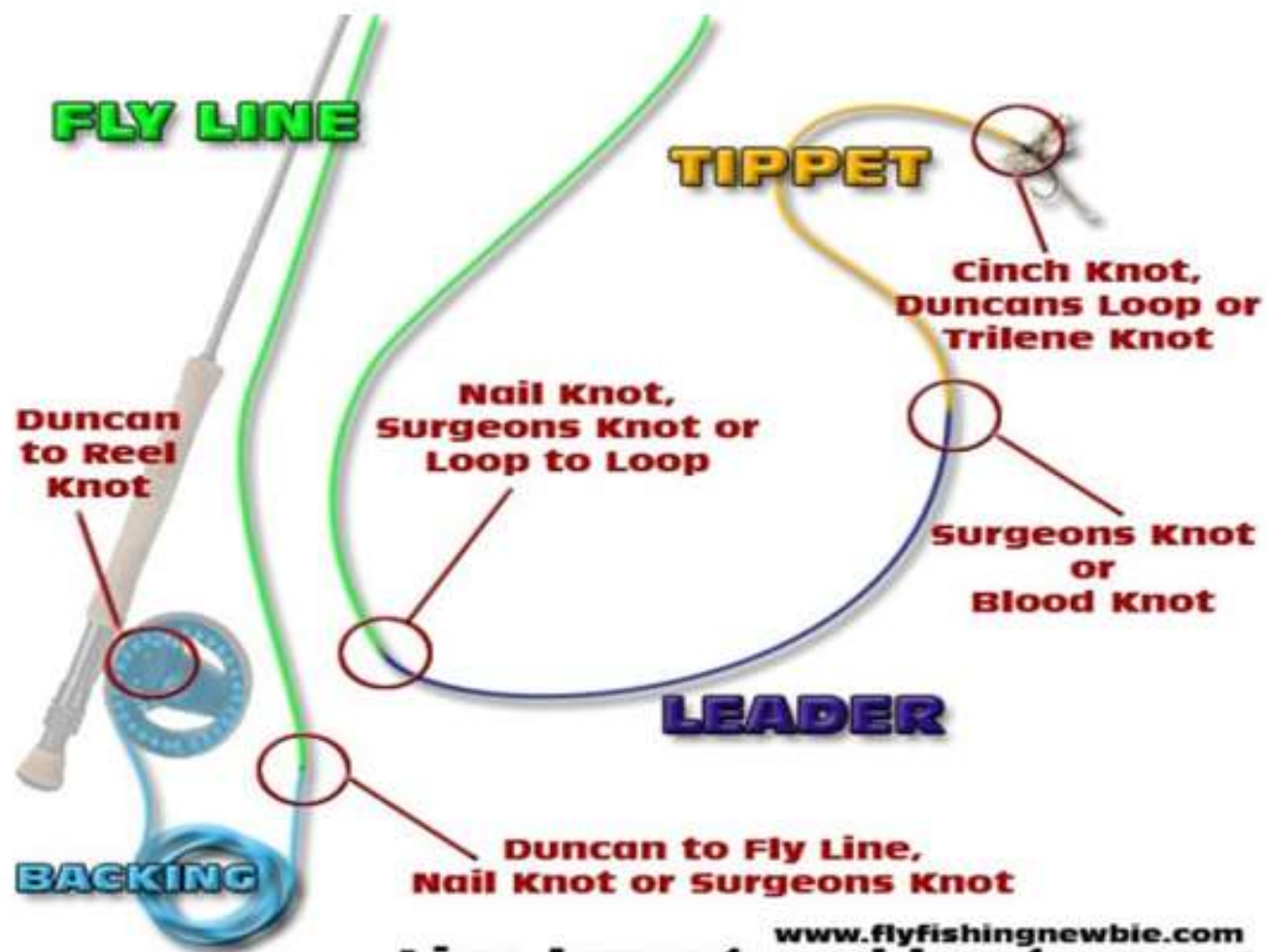
You only need to know a few knots to get started fishing.





Tonight, we will tie

- a surgeons knot
- a perfection loop
- a loop to loop (not a true knot)
- an improved clinch knot



Line layout and knot usage

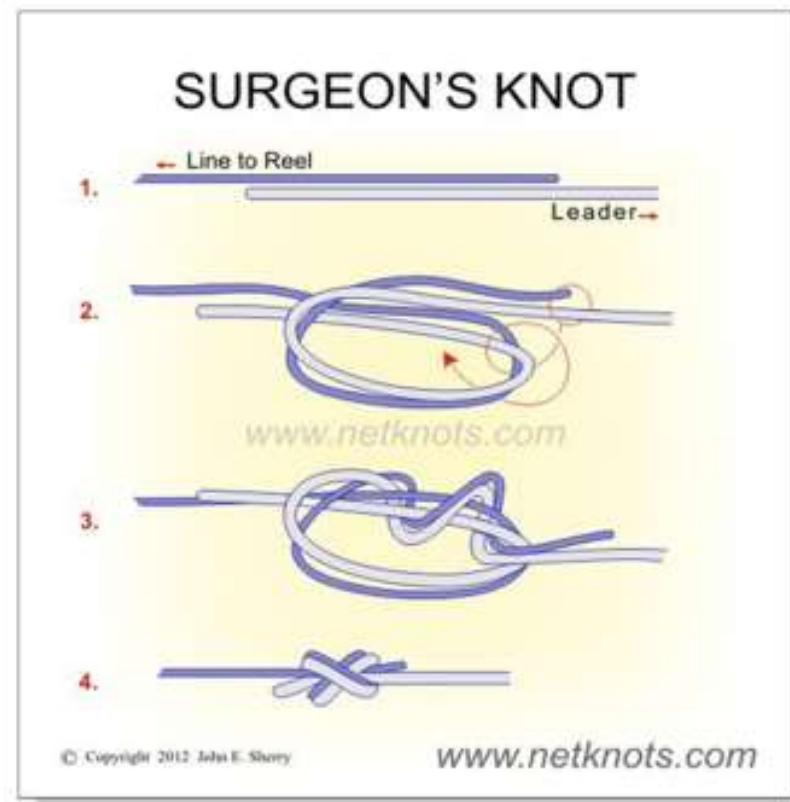
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If you can tie your shoes, you can tie this knot.



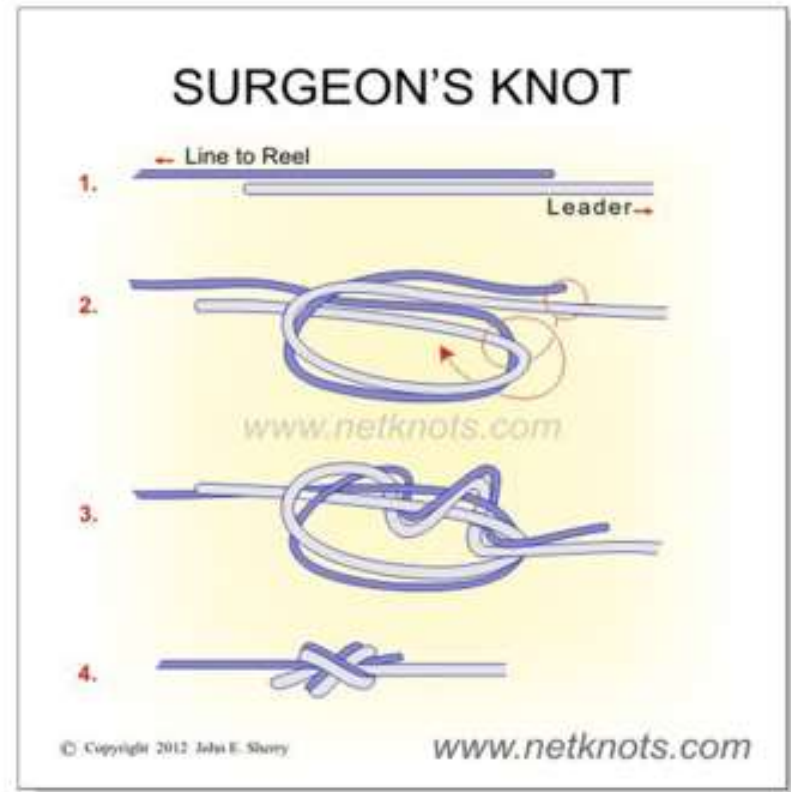
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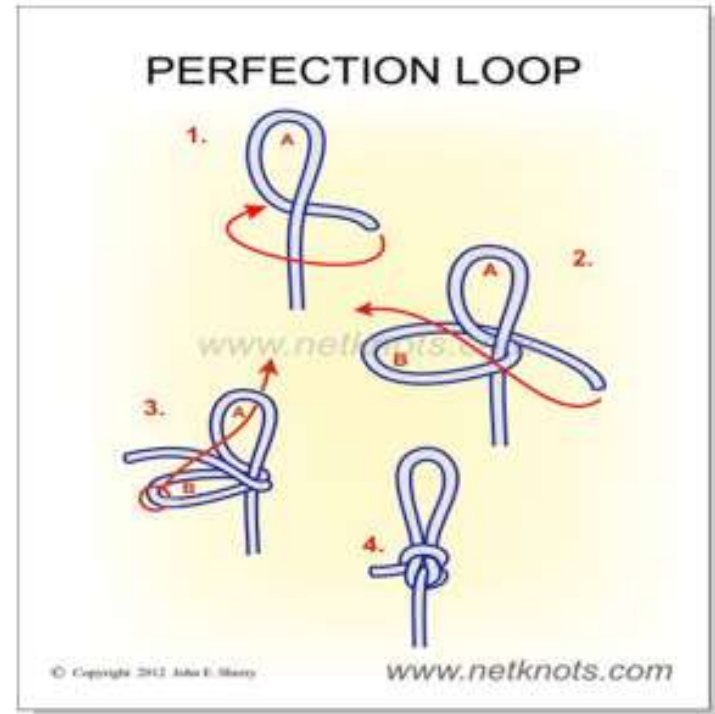
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-a perfection loop

Makes a loop on the end of a line

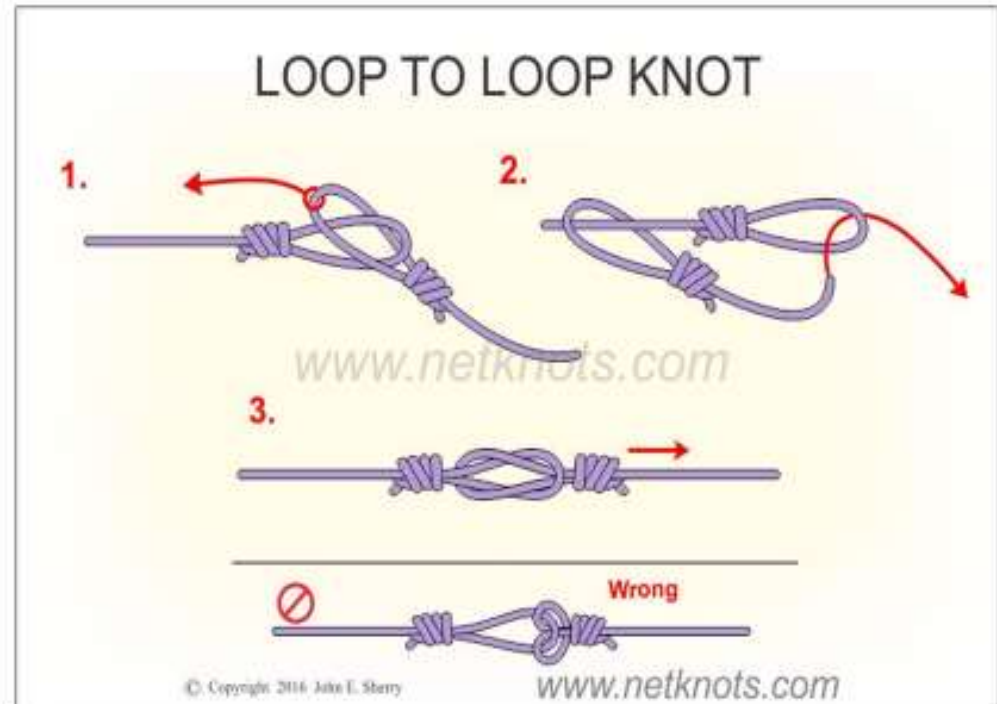
Used to connect two loops in a loop to loop knot which is coming up next.



-a loop to loop (not a true knot)

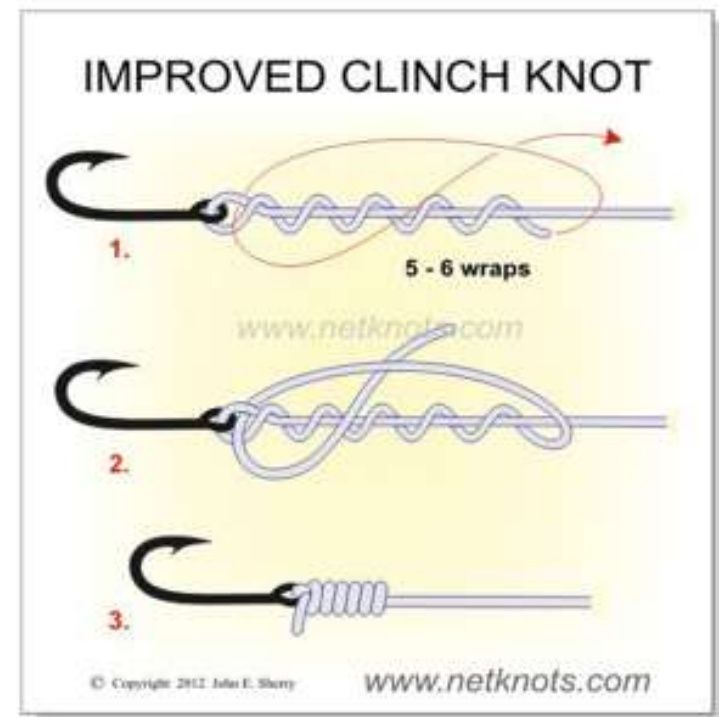
Creates a simple and fast system to join two pieces of line together and then take them apart when you're ready.

Use this system to join the:
leader to the line
tippet to the leader

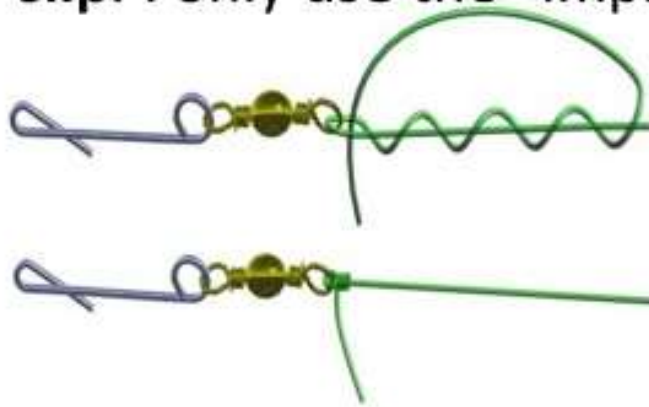


-an improved clinch knot

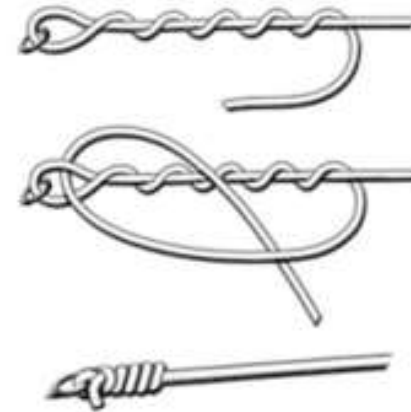
Other knots, such as the old-fashioned clinch knot and the Davy knot can be used for the same purpose, tying the fly to the tippet.



Many fishermen will tell you that the standard **clinch** is **stronger** than the **improved** version when you're using anything under 5X. For large-gauge **hooks**, however, the **improvement** is necessary, as a standard **clinch** is sure to **slip**. I only use the "Improved" with bigger tippets!



Clinch Knot



Improved Clinch Knot

Practice, Practice, Practice, Practice,
Practice, Practice, Practice, Practice

Practice Some More

Build a Leader

You need:

A two-foot section of 20 pound
test monofilament line

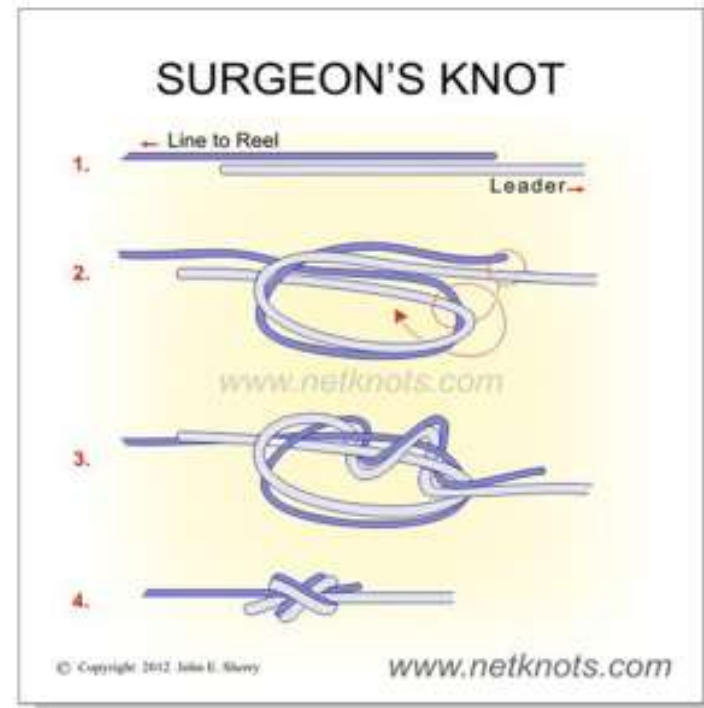
A two-foot section of 10 pound
test monofilament line

A four-foot section of 6 pound test
monofilament line

Tie the 6-pound test mono to the 10 pound test mono using the Double Surgeon's Knot

Remember this knot?

And then, tie the 10-pound test mono to the 20-pound test mono using the Double Surgeon's Knot



You now have the three sections of monofilament line connected together with two Double Surgeon's Knots

Tie a Perfection Loop in the loose end of the 20-pound test mono. Trim all the tag ends.

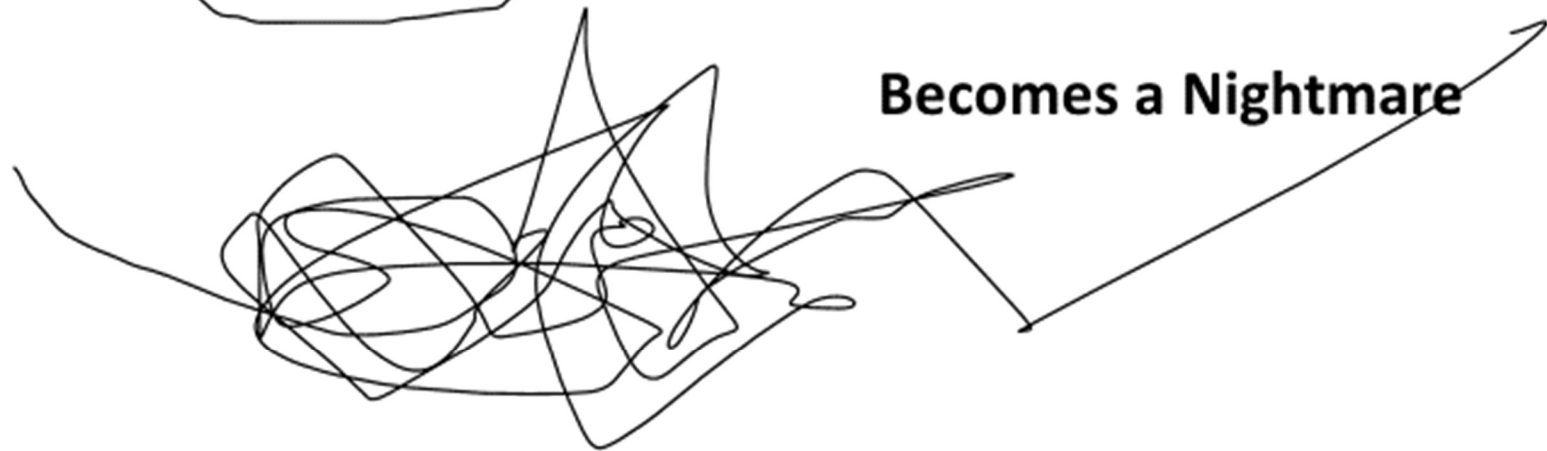
Congratulations, you have just tied a leader.

The WIND KNOT!!

A Simple Little Knot



Becomes a Nightmare



Daddy, what are those holes in the fence.

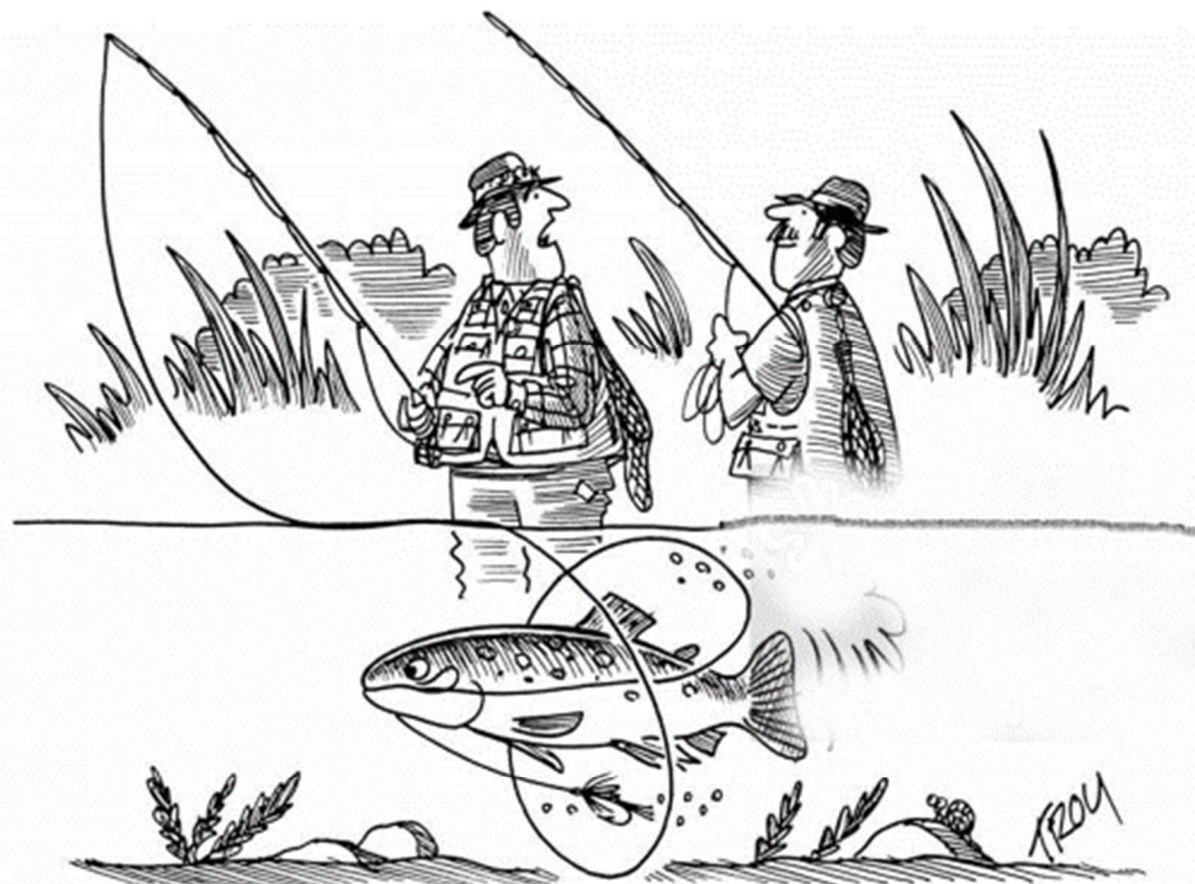
Those are knot holes, son.

Well if there not holes, what are they?

A Wind Knot is not a knot.

Well, if it's not a knot, what is it?

It's a #%(#)^*&#_) TANGLE!!!



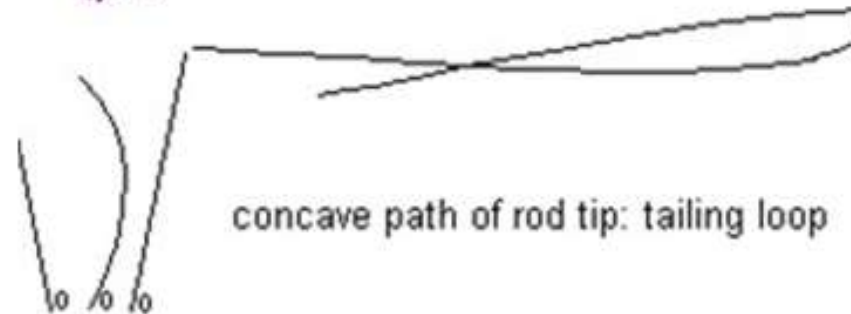
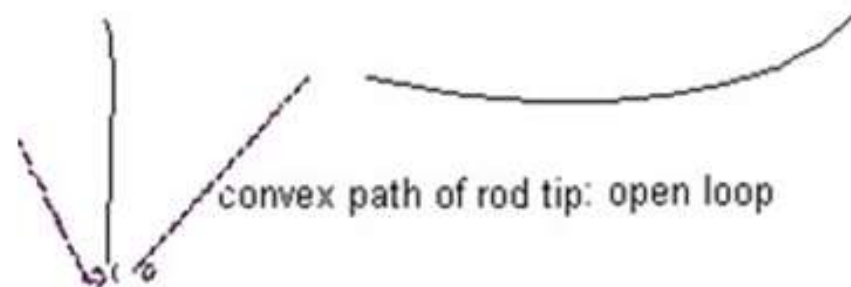
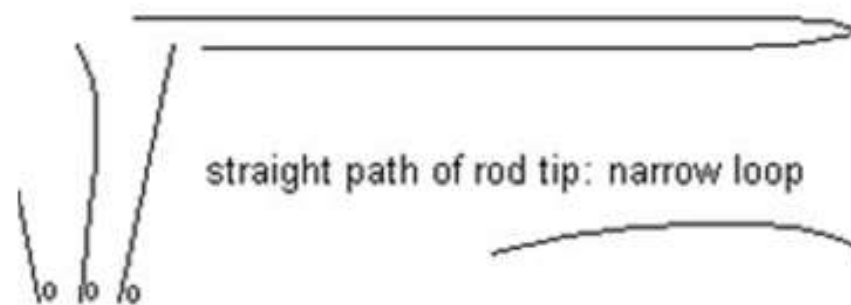
"I can't figure out why I keep getting wind knots."

It is the result of a poor cast.

Your rod tip should be in a flat plane as you cast, front to back to front.

If that plane is concave instead of flat, you will cast a tailing loop. A tailing loop will tie a knot as it unfurls.

If you ignore it, it will get worse.



**Sometimes, it's just better to cut
the line and re-rig your
leader/tippet.**

**Don't waste fishing time trying to
untangle the line.**

