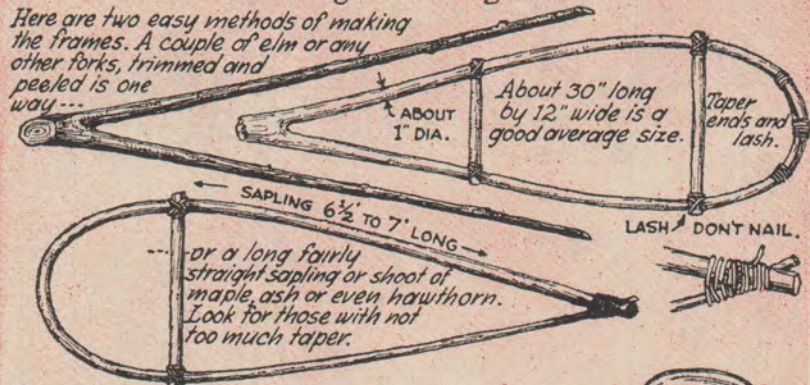


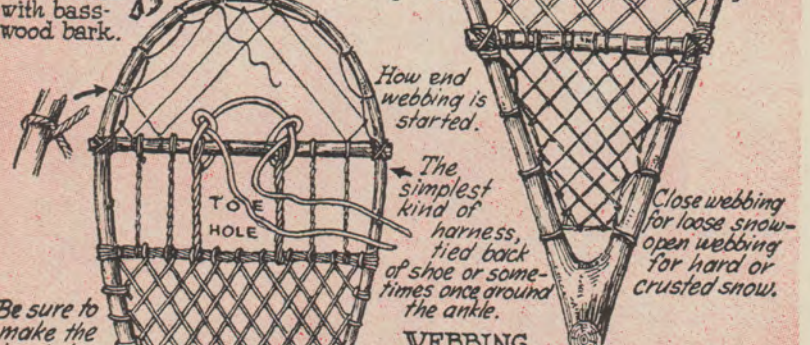
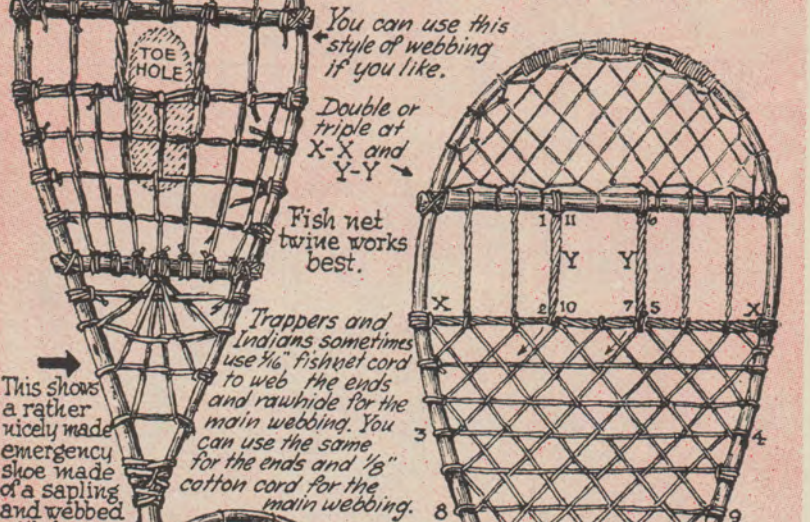
TEMPORARY SNOW SHOES

By BEN HUNT

Most people shy away from making snow shoes because of the lack of good straight grained wood for the frames and rawhide for the webbing. However, you can follow the example of the Indians and trappers of the far north, when they are caught short in a heavy snow storm. They make emergency shoes of saplings and bark, but you can go them one better by using good cotton netting cord for webbing. Use green saplings which are easily trimmed down and bent to shape. Let them dry out well before the final lashing and webbing.



To do a nice job, peel them first and if necessary, trim down the butt end of the straight sapling to even up the sides somewhat. Bend around some round object to lessen the chance of breaking. Tie the ends and wherever else it seems necessary to give them a nice shape. Let them dry out well. Then tie or lash properly with 1/8" cotton cord.



WEBBING
For these temporary snow shoes there is no set style or pattern to follow. And do not attempt to do the webbing in one continuous operation. Try to follow a somewhat similar pattern and keep the cord fairly taut. Don't be afraid to use knots, but tie them securely. I have found that a coat of boiled linseed oil tends to preserve the cord.
Cotton cord acts just the reverse from rawhide. Cord shrinks and tightens when wet while rawhide stretches.



Use the January and July covers of each year to decorate your volumes.

Bind Your Back Issues

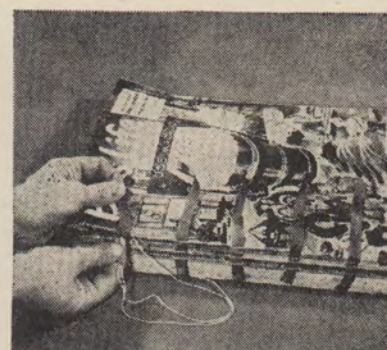
By ELMA WALTNER

TO KEEP YOUR back issues of BOYS' LIFE ready for handy reference, and to make a big stride toward winning your bookbinding merit badge, bind the year's issues into two volumes. The merit badge pamphlet is full of handy tips. Be sure to read it, too.

Mark each issue along the inside center fold with five sets of holes, each set 1 5/8" apart, beginning 1/2" from either end. Line up strips of tape inside holes that are 1/2" apart and, beginning from June, which is the bottom issue, sew heavy thread in and out so that tapes are fastened to each volume, moving up to bottom end of May and sewing up, then going into hole at top end of April issue and sewing down as with June. Keep going until you've sewed all six magazines to tape.



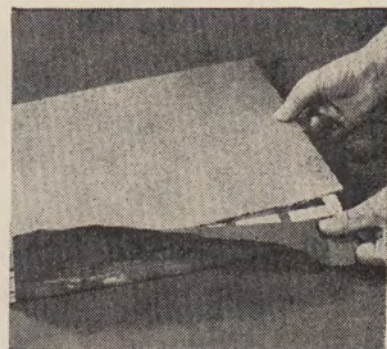
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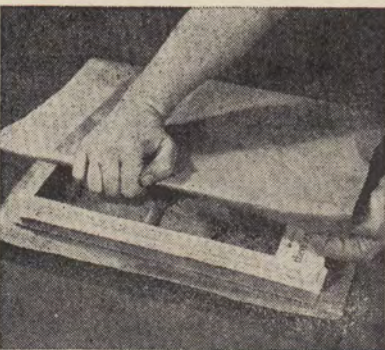
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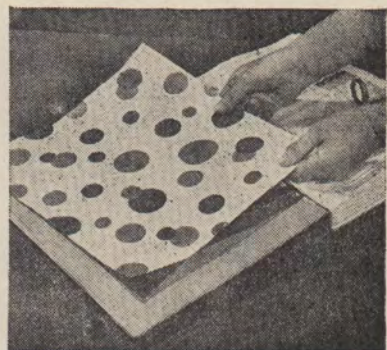
Remove tacks. Cut 13" x 4" cloth; glue cloth to backs; leave sides free.



Make cardboard covers for both sides; glue tapes inside; cover outside.



Brown paper 26" x 16 1/2" is cover. Glue securely, beginning at spine.



Glue fancy paper on inside covers, allowing piece to extend to magazine.