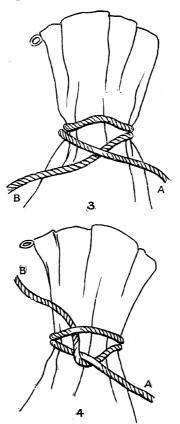


The string should be passed twice round the neck of the bag as shown in drawings 1 and 2.



The ends should then be crossed (Drawing 3), and the end marked "B" passed between the string and the bag (Drawing 4).

One end should then be taken in each hand, and the string pulled as tight as possible, a single knot being tied afterwards, to prevent slipping if the bags are moved before the seals are affixed.

The seal should then be threaded on the string and another single knot tied, after which the seal should be pressed and the ends of the string cut off quite close to the seal.

486. Chief Postmasters and Postmasters are to periodically give special attention to the matter of tying and sealing mailbags. A special officer must be deputed by written order to constantly examine seal-impressions, and to report every case of a defective impression. Office seals must be in the custody of responsible officers, and so safeguarded that it will be possible for