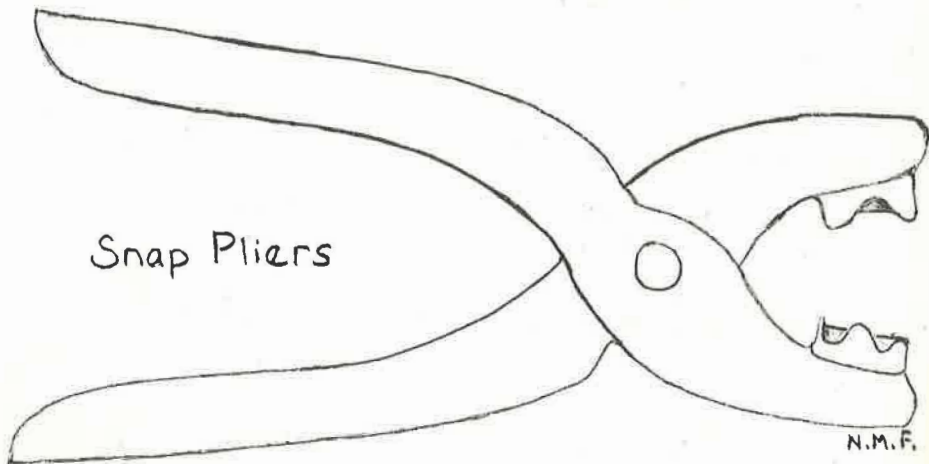
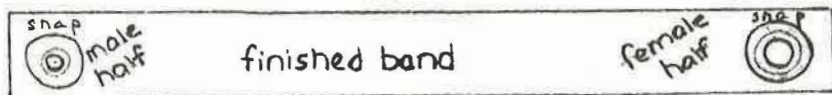


ATTACHING NETS TO POLES - A NEW METHOD

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It has always seemed to me that the various methods of attaching nets to poles presented a variety of difficulties, particularly when stringing nets in line in a series of 2 or more. If hooks on the poles are used, the netting catches on the hooks. If circular rubber bands are used between the loop and the pole, loops for the middle pole have to be carefully interlaced or errors in spacing the trammel lines crop up -- using up valuable time and energy (and fraying the patience of at least one net operator!) If the loops are secured to the poles with string, the netting catches in the knots.

A simple and inexpensive solution is to use snaps (8 for 29¢) which may be fastened to the ends of a strip of inner tube with snap fastener pliers (97¢). The strips of inner tube may be any length desired -- $\frac{1}{2}$ " width of the strip is ample. Fastening the snaps to the strips takes little time. Snaps and snap fastener pliers may be purchased at any 5 & 10 type store or department store. Be sure, however, to buy snaps that are marked "Rust-Proof and Laundry-Proof".



I have used this method both at my home banding station and at Island Beach Operation Recovery. (Others also tried it out successfully at IBOR. Experience shows that much time is saved putting up a line of nets, netting does not catch no matter how the wind blows, tension of trammel lines is easily adjusted, repair of a broken trammel is made less arduous.

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