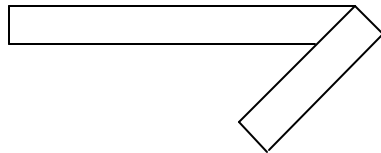


Victorian Note Knot

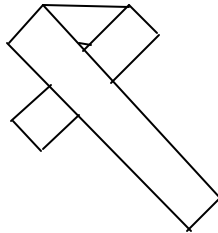
Before we could conveniently buy manufactured envelopes in every department and stationary store, people still had the problem of how to get a floppy sheet of paper from themselves to their intended recipients. The Victorians solution to not having modern envelopes was a beautiful folding method for the notes they wanted to send. The instructions for the Victorian Note Knot are how we now fold the IAM sheet ready for use in Give Belief.

These instructions are for folding a normal 8 ½ X 11 letter size sheet. First place the sheet flat on a table so the long eleven inch side is facing you. Fold the near edge over so you are halving the paper, press down the crease, and then do the same folding operation twice more. You now have in front of you a folded but otherwise flat piece of paper eleven inches long and just a little over one inch tall.

The paper looks something like a short, flat piece of rope at this point and that is exactly how we will be treating it. Take the right end of your flat “rope” and at a point about two and a half to three inches from the end, fold it forward at about forty five degrees. The paper should now look something like the picture below.



Now take the left end of the “rope” and fold it forward also at about forty five degrees so that only about an inch and a half of the original horizontal section is left. The folded paper should now look like the picture below:



At this point we treat the paper just like a rope by taking the long arm and folding it back under and through the loop to create a knot. The paper will first look like pictured below, and then turned sideways to see it as it will probably be more normally looked at.



The above are slightly exaggerated pictures to show the folding. With a little practice you will be able to get a nice neat compact knot with equal length ends coming out on either side.

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