

BUSTLE TRICKS

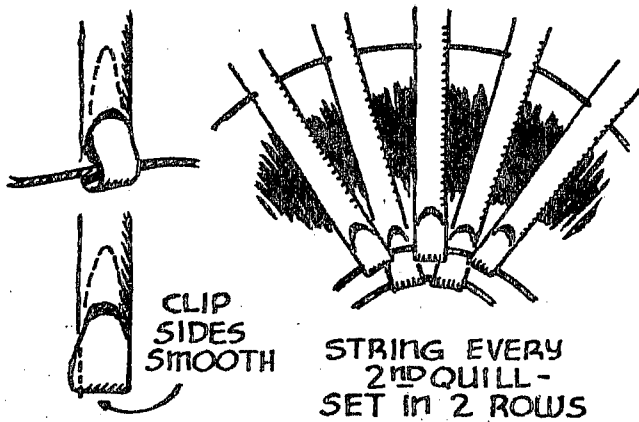
1. If your feathers have too much curve the bustle will be cupped like a wash-basin instead of spreading wide and open. Straighten the feathers by creasing the backside of the shaft with a cold chisel or similar instrument at intervals of every half inch.

2. Select feathers for each row that are either all rights or all lefts if possible—if mixed they cannot be spread so evenly.

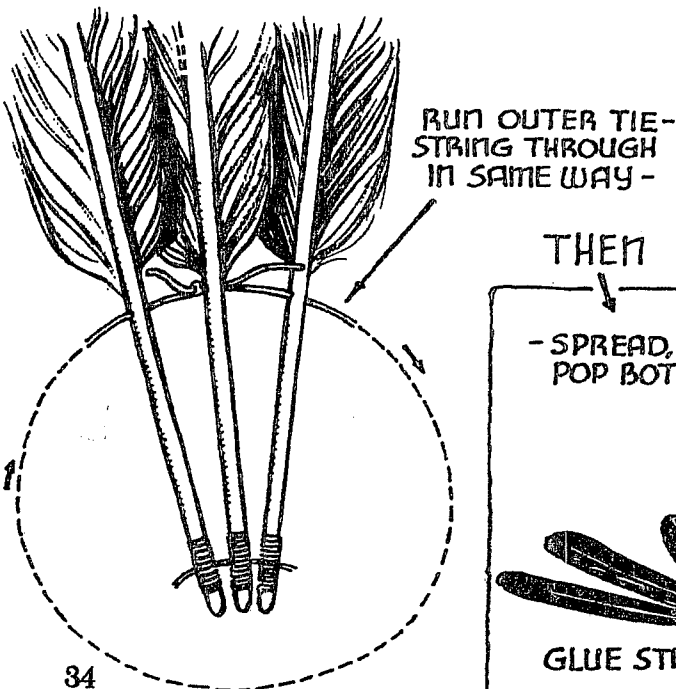
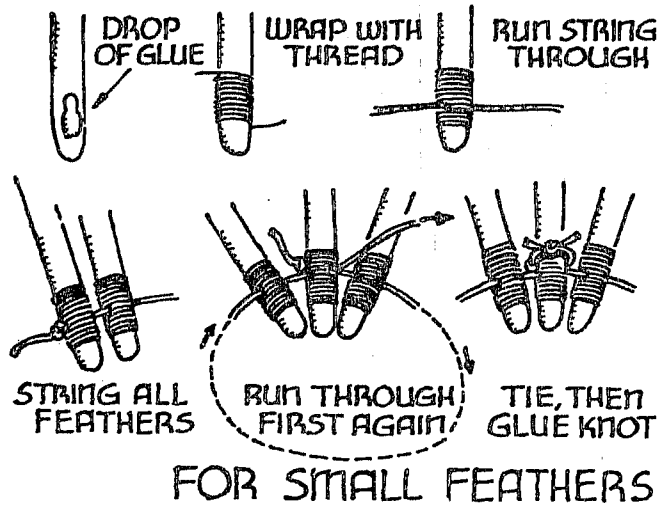
3. On big feathers, a loop should be made at the butt end by cutting the quill at an angle with a safety-razor blade and tucking the end up inside, as in the drawing. Always clip off the corners of the loop so that it is no wider than the shaft itself—use *manicure scissors* for this.

4. For small feathers wrap the butt end with thread and run the string directly through this wrapped end. Save time by putting a drop of airplane glue on the end before wrapping, then the thread will not need to be tied. String the feathers with a darning needle and ordinary string. *Note the method of tying in the drawing.*

5. Run the outer tie-string through in the same way, but before tying spread the circle of feathers on a table, put a circular weight such as a pop bottle in the center, and space the feathers equally. Then tighten the string and tie. The weight aids greatly in spacing.



FOR BIG FEATHERS



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