

SACK-TYING STRING CUTTER

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A pine cone sack-tying string cutter, rigidly mounted, has been fabricated at the Clark National forest. It will not be a hazard as are many tools and can be made from new materials for less than a dollar. A pocketknife is probably now used most and is perhaps the most dangerous.

Proposed method.-A section of a standard mower sickle blade is sandwiched between two identically cut pieces of plywood, with a slot cut in the wood to transverse the cutting edge of the

blade. The unit is mounted by two screws so that the slot projects to allow insertion of the string (figs. 1, 2).

Regional Office comments:-This suggestion has been adopted for optional use and is a safe efficient method of cutting sack-tying string. The string cutter can be mounted on a cone-sorting and inspection table, so that it is always ready, with no time lost in looking for a knife or finger-mounted cutter. Its use would also avoid some lost-time accidents.

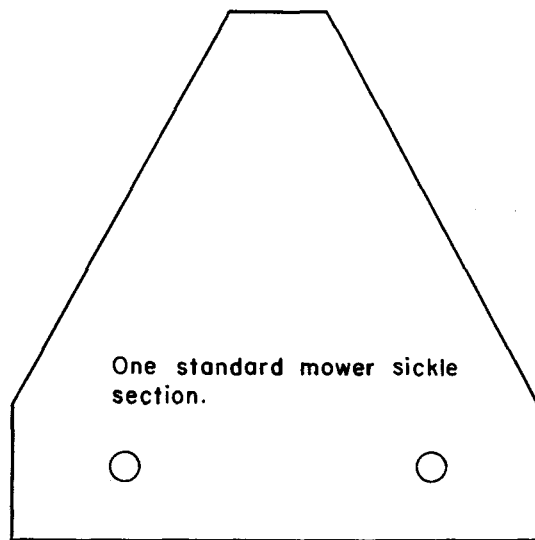


Figure 1.

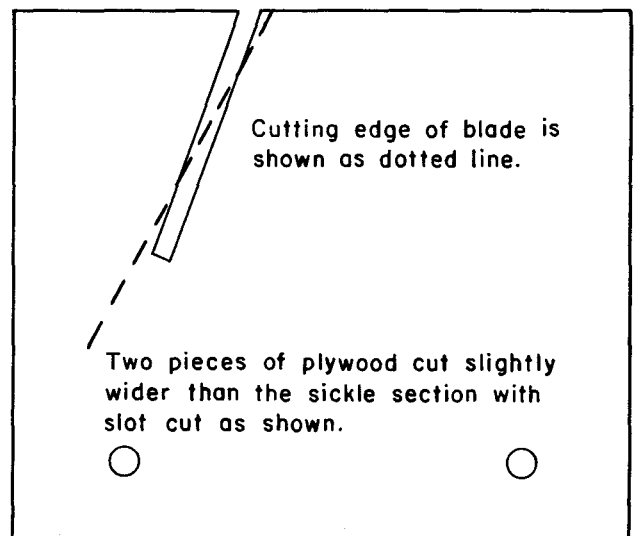


Figure 2.