



Fig. 16.21 Method of folding parachutes

and these are tied together at their ends and fixed to about 30 cm wire or asbestos string. This last 30 mm needs to be wire or asbestos so that it will not be burnt by the flare. When it is required to make a string of lights, there must be as much as a meter of string between each light; otherwise they appear to be close together in the sky. Sometimes festoons are made by attaching parachutes to both ends of a string of lights. (Fig. 16.20)

Parachutes must be specially folded so that they open correctly. The following diagrams illustrate the procedure and it is wise to sprinkle the chute with talcum powder before folding it up. The folding procedure applies equally well for rockets and shells. (Fig. 16.21)