



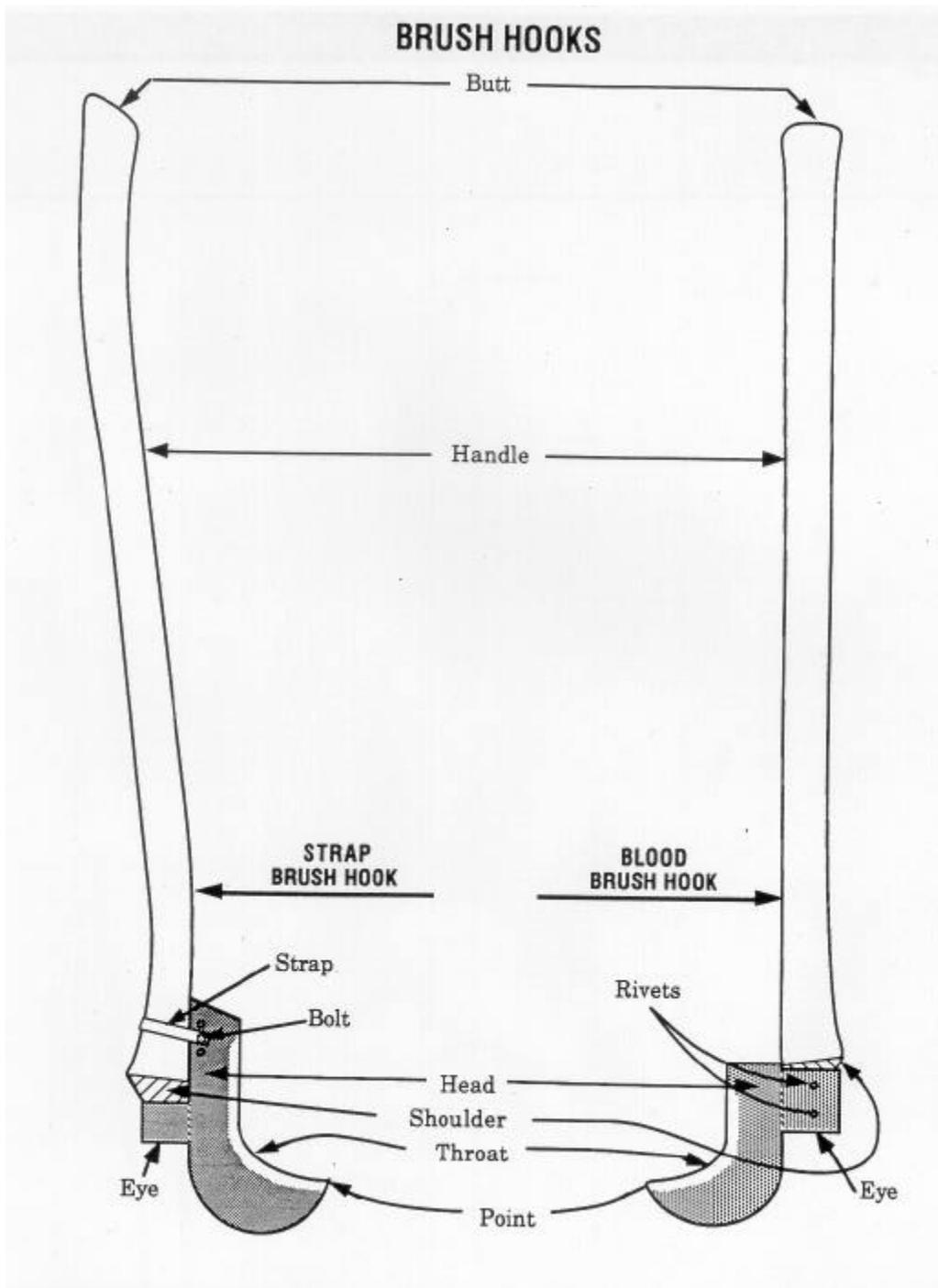
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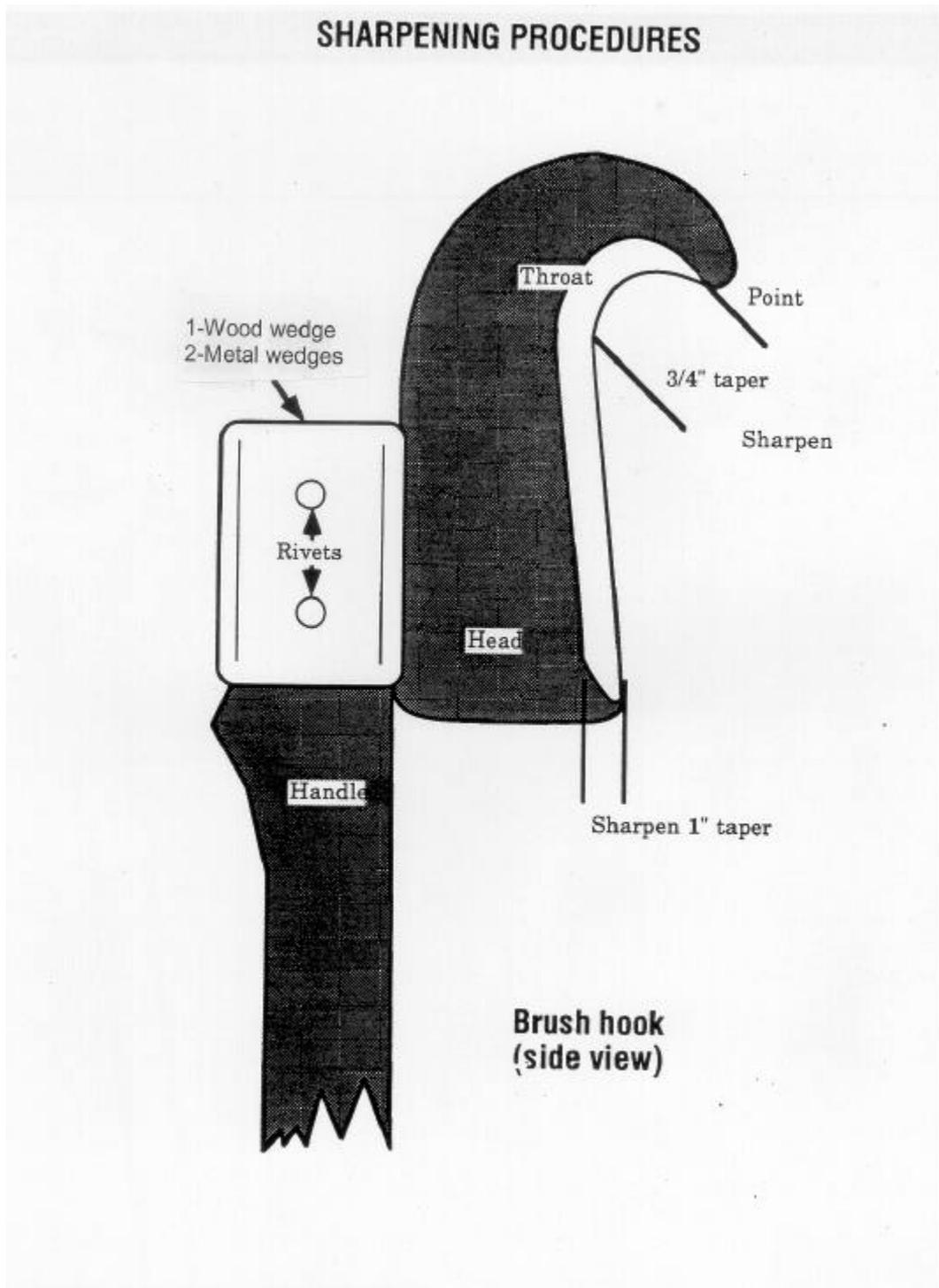


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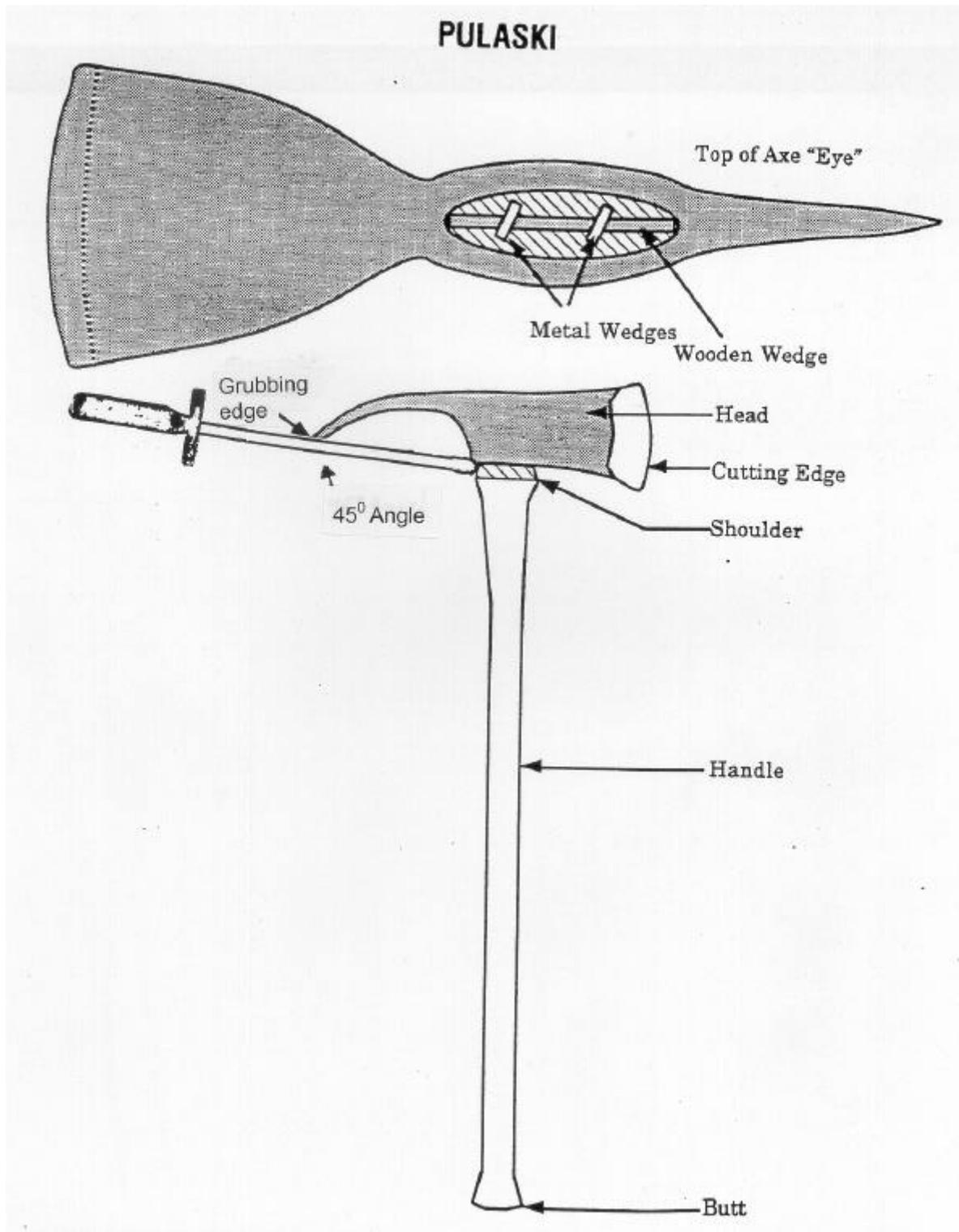


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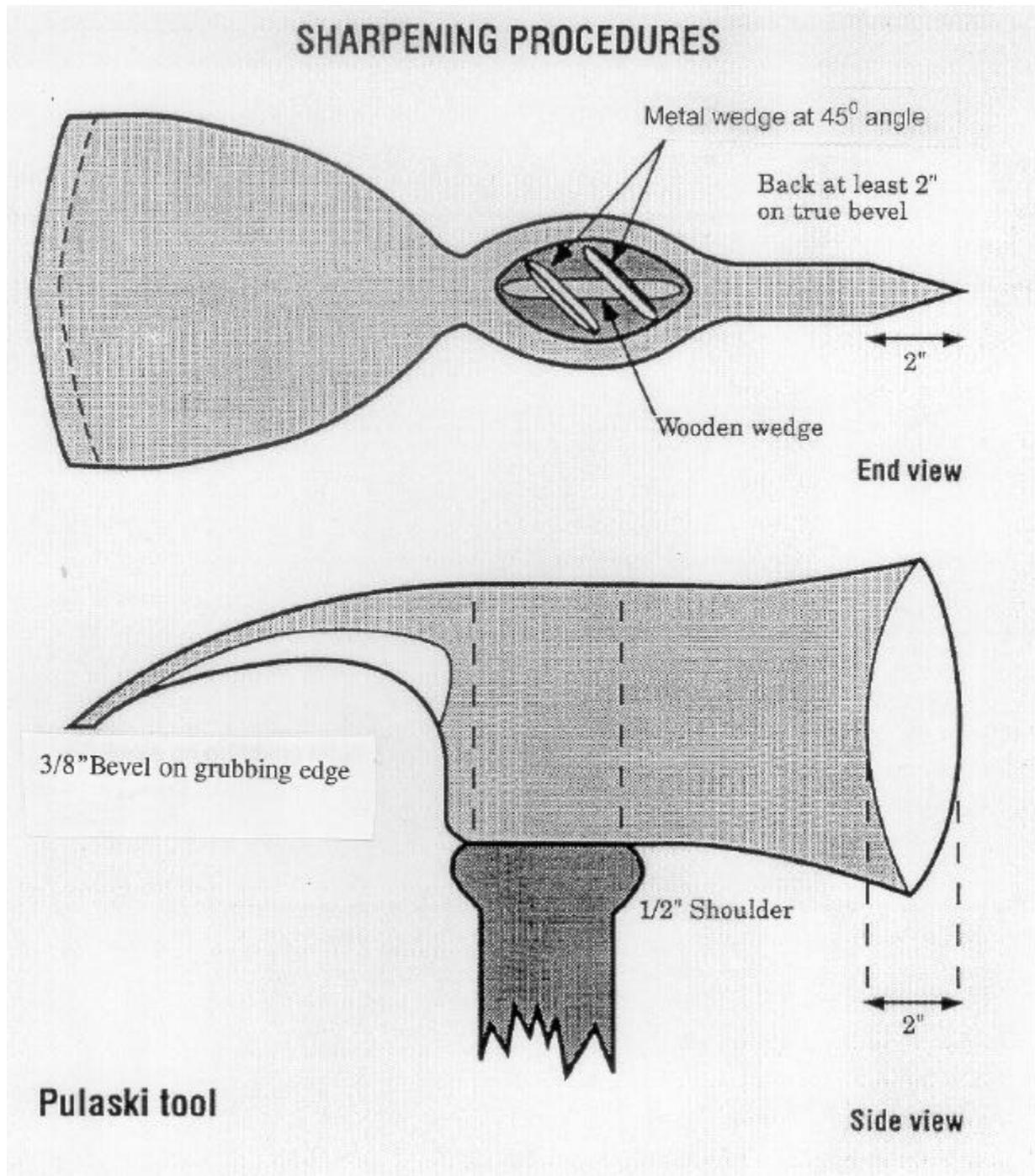


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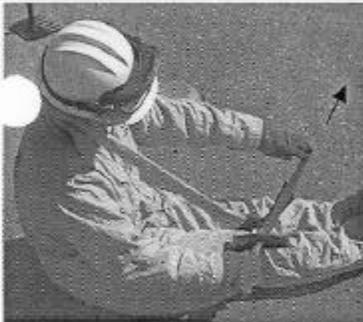
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Taper on cutting edge should be 1 ½ to 2 inches. The file stroke should be a sweeping/pushing motion that removes equal amounts of material from the corners of the blade in order to maintain the shape of the cutting edge.



The Pulaski should be held securely when sharpening the cutting and grubbing edges. This may be accomplished by bracing the tool in various ways against the body. The grubbing edge should be sharpened to a 45° angle. This can be checked by placing one end of the file against the base of the head, and allowing the rest of the file to lay flat against the bevel of the grubbing edge.

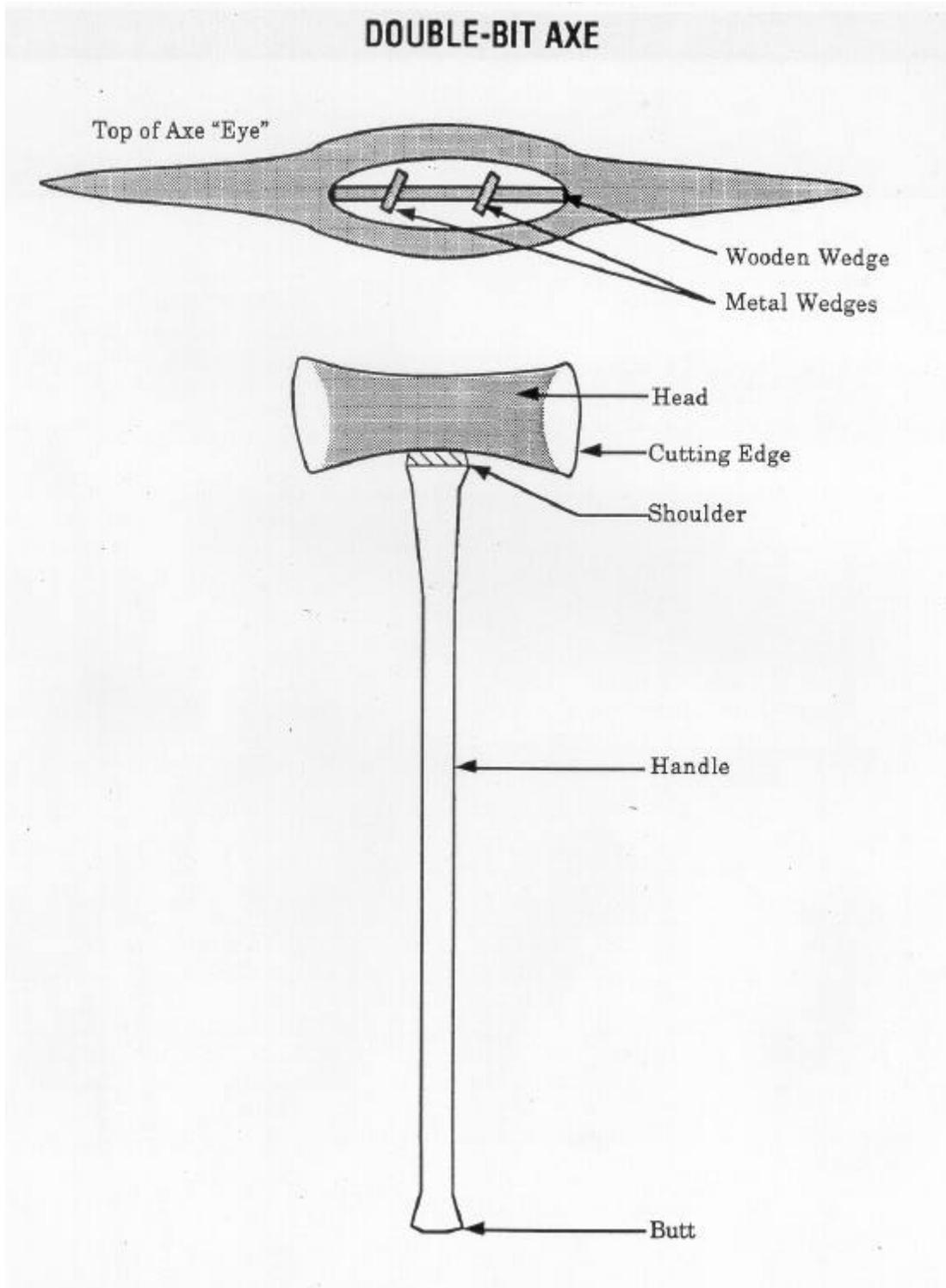


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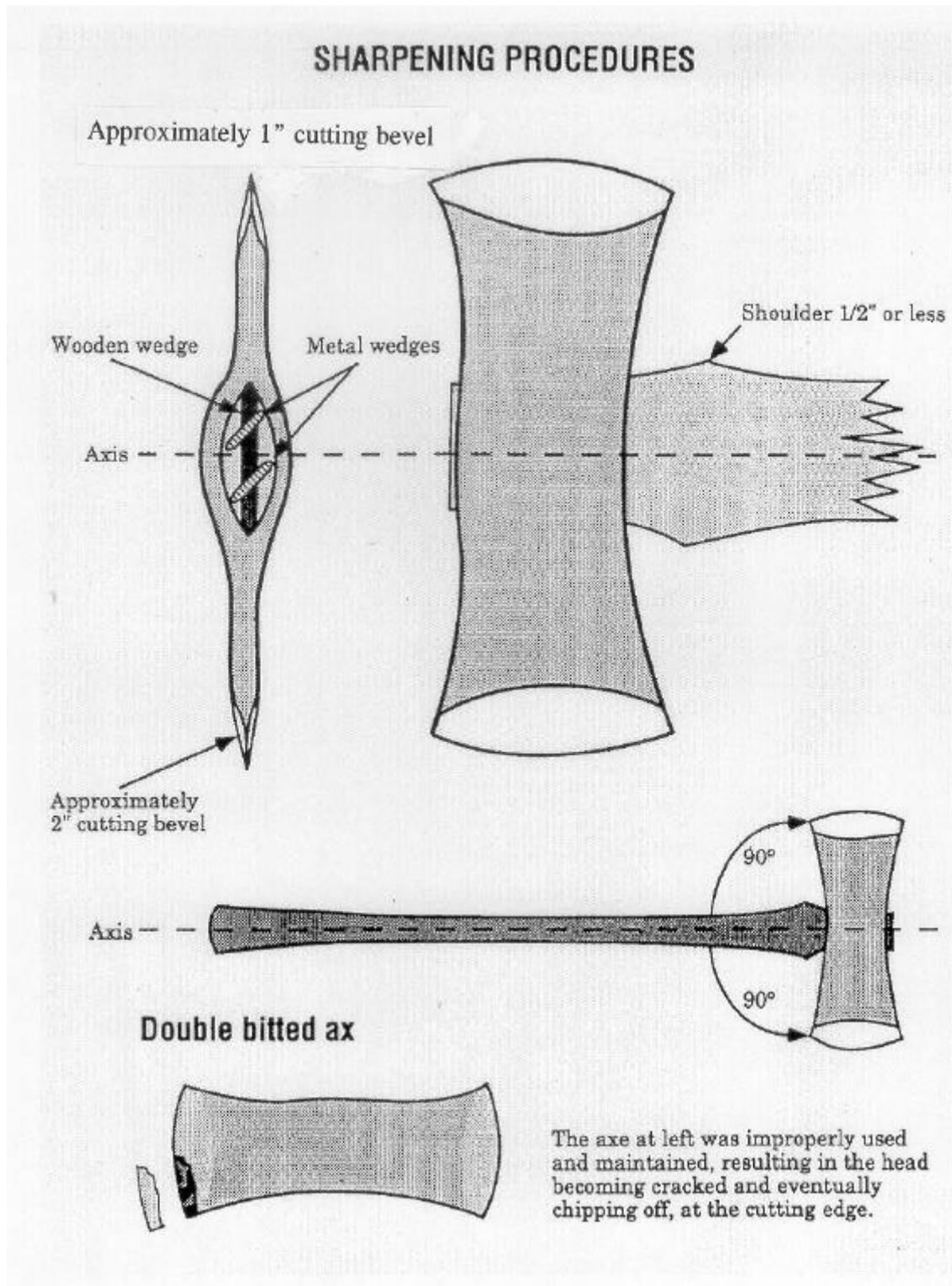


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Carry hand tools at the balance point.



When walking side hill, the tool should be carried on the downhill side.