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THE ROTHESAY RANT
Scotland

This dance is a modern 32 bar jig dances in a 4 cpls square set. The dance was devised by Anna Holden, one of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society's leading teachers and examiners. It was published as part of a collection by the Birmingham* Branch of the R.S.C.D.S. in celebration of the Society's Jubilee in 1973. (*England)

RECORD: Tassound TAC002, Don Bartlett and the Scottians Play Favourites

FORMATION: 4 cpls in a square set

STEPS: Bars 3-4; 7-8: Set (pas de basque)*
Bars 25-32: Slip Step*
During the rest of the dance use a Skip Change of Step*

FORMATIONS USED: 1/2 Rights & Lefts*

1/2 Ladies chain: For this formation ptrs are usually standing side by side. The W give each other R hands and cross over to the opp M with 2 traveling steps. They turn the opp M with L hand for 2 traveling steps.

*Described in Scottish Steps, Terms & Styling

METER: 6/8

PATTERN

Bars.
Chord

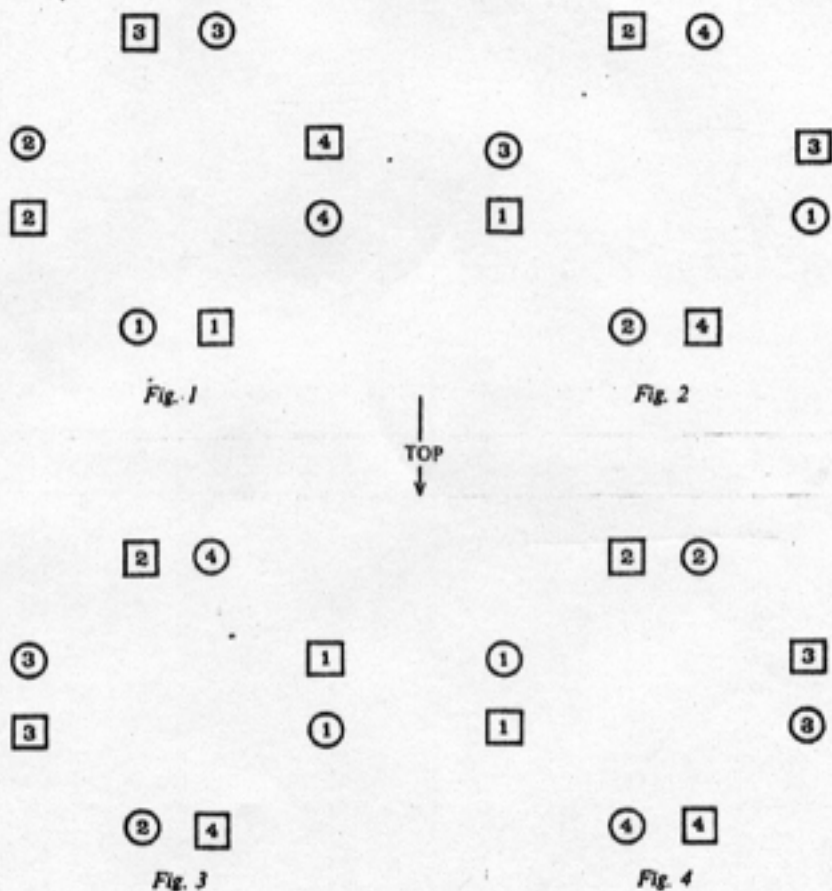
INTRODUCTION: M bow, W curtsy ~~across the set.~~ ^{TO PTR.}

- DANCE:
- 1-4 Giving R hand to ptr, change places with 2 skip-change-of-steps (2 bars). Retain hold and give L hand to the next person so that all are joined in a circle, W facing in, M facing out, all set (2 bars).
- 5-8 Release R hands and change places with L hand person to form a circle again, M facing in and W facing out (2 bars). Set, W turning R to face ctr on bar 8 and form a square set. (Fig. 2)
- 9-12 1st cpl with 3rd cpl, ^{Now on side of set} 1/2 Ladies' Chain, to finish as in Fig. 3.
- 13-16 1st cpl with 3rd cpl, 1/2 Rights and Lefts ^{TO PTR.}
- 17-24 Similarly, 2nd and 4th cpls dance 1/2 Ladies' Chain, followed by 1/2 Rights and Lefts, to finish as in Fig. 4.
- 25-32 Join 8 hands in a circle and slip 8 to the L and 8 R.
Repeat from new pos, having progressed one place CW.

Note: 1/2 Ladies' Chain is started each time from the sides of the set, as in bar 9.

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(A Jig for Four Couples in a Square Set)



Each couple has progressed one place clockwise at the end of every 32 bars.