Cheese for the Holidays

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is carried over a peg when it should go under, the whole thing has to be done over.

After the warp is made, it must be beamed. The beam is a large roller, around which the warp is wound so that every thread is smooth and even and of the same tightness. The beam may be wound from the back or from the front. The beaming of a warp is one of the most difficult problems in weaving and should never be attempted without ample practice to help.

The next step is to run the threads through the heddles. The pattern you wish to have in your cloth is made by the hanging and threading of the heddles. From the heddles the threads go through the eyes of the sley. There may be one or more threads through each eye. At last, when everything is done and the threads have been carefully counted and re-counted to make sure there is no mistake, you are ready to begin the actual weaving. Now comes the thrilling work. That before has been slow, hard and trying on your patience, but now you get to stand by the spinning wheel and wind your bobbin. You have some of the thoughts your grandmother must have had—

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