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Weaving a Life

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Dean of Handweaving

1878, ROCK ISLAND ILLINOIS

1897, CHICAGO ILLINOIS

1902, PARIS FRANCE

1909, BUTTE MONTANA

1914, BASIN MONTANA

1921, SEATTLE WASHINGTON

1923-1928, BOSTON MASSACHUSETTS

1928 -1947, BASIN MONTANA

1947-1956, SALT LAKE CITY UTAH

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1878

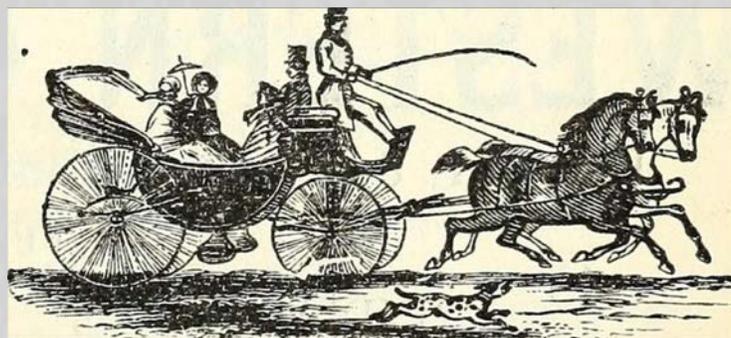
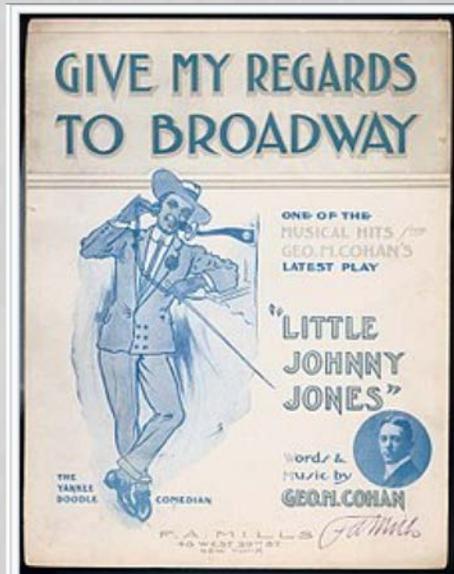
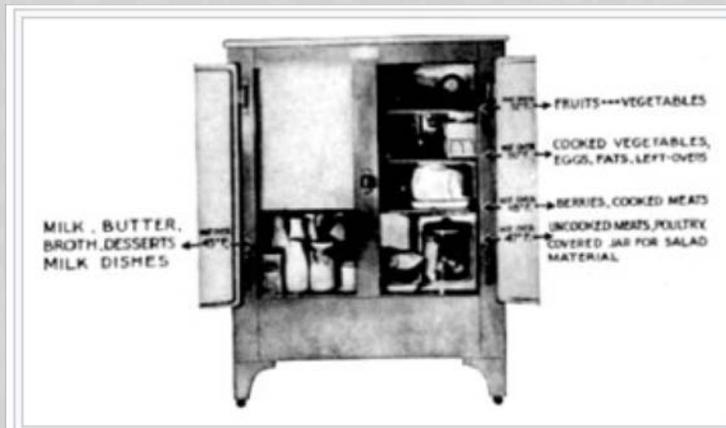


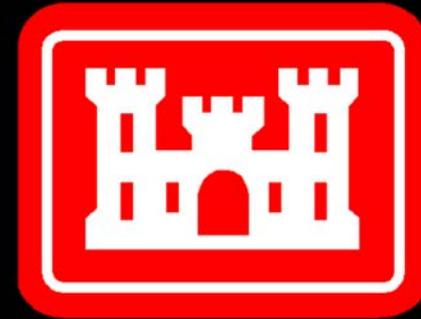
Historic Invention

Feb 19 **Thomas Edison** is granted a patent for his gramophone (phonograph)



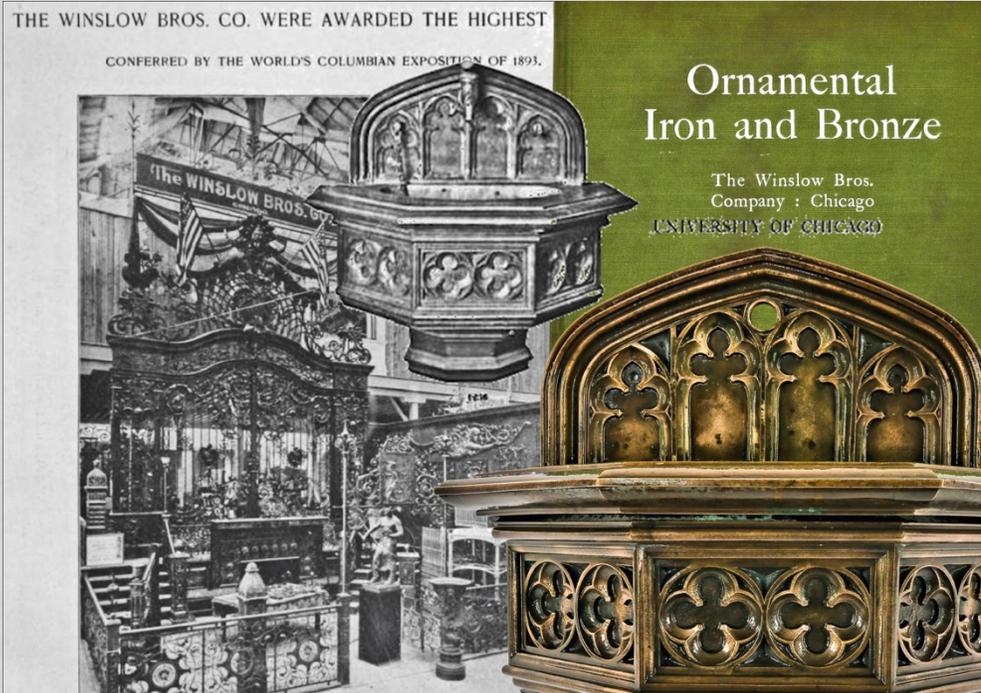
Inventor
Thomas Edison





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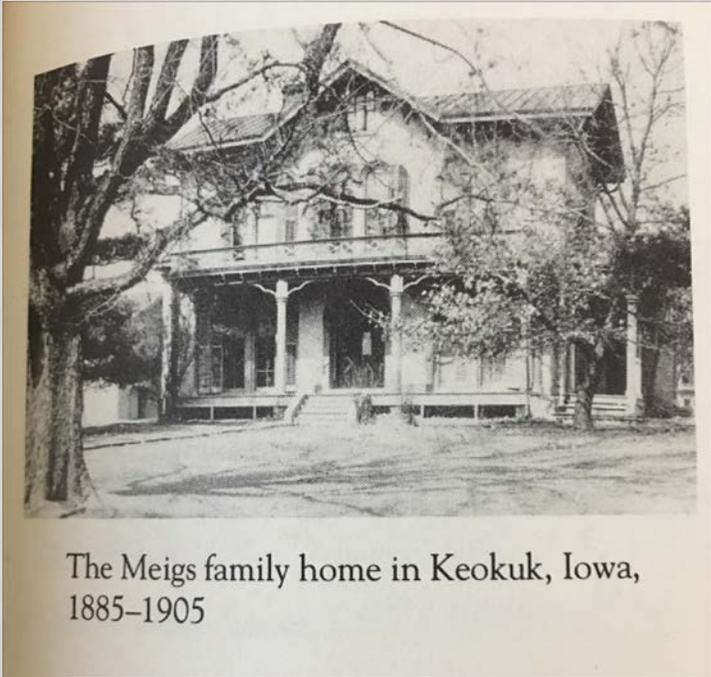
Romantic Paris



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Adulthood



Of Beauty and Service



Politics:

Carrie Chapman Catt(January 9, 1859 – March 9, 1947)

Catt served as president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association and was the founder of the League of Women Voters and the International Alliance of Women. She "led an army of voteless women in 1919 to pressure Congress to pass the constitutional amendment giving them the right to vote and convinced state legislatures to ratify it in 1920.



A place to call home; Basin, Montana



Birth of the Shuttle Craft Guild

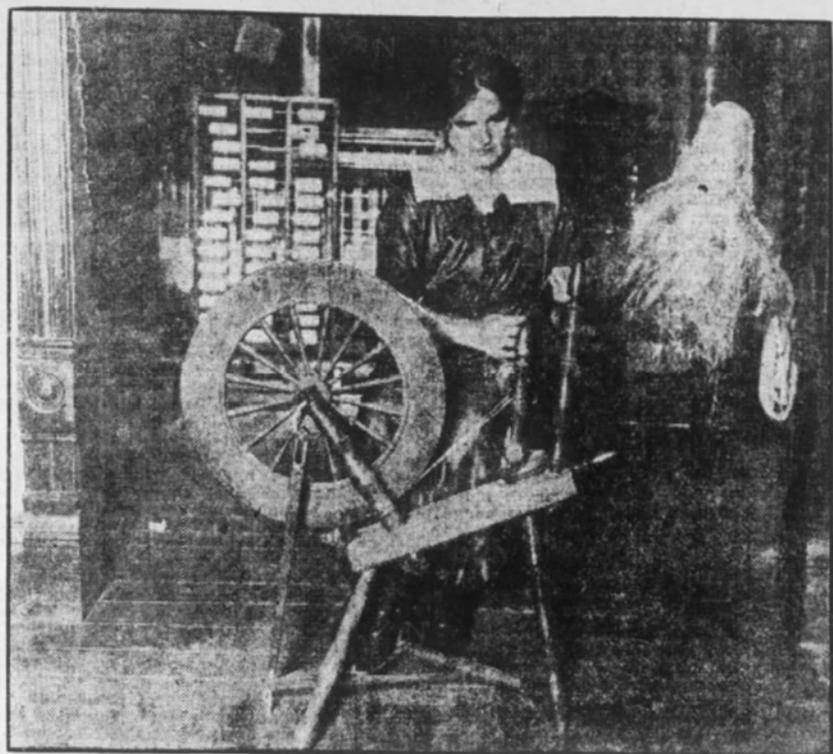
I began my study of handweaving, not only to find an outlet for my own artistic impulses, but also to provide social service...

For some time I had wanted to start something for the women of the community – a potential business.

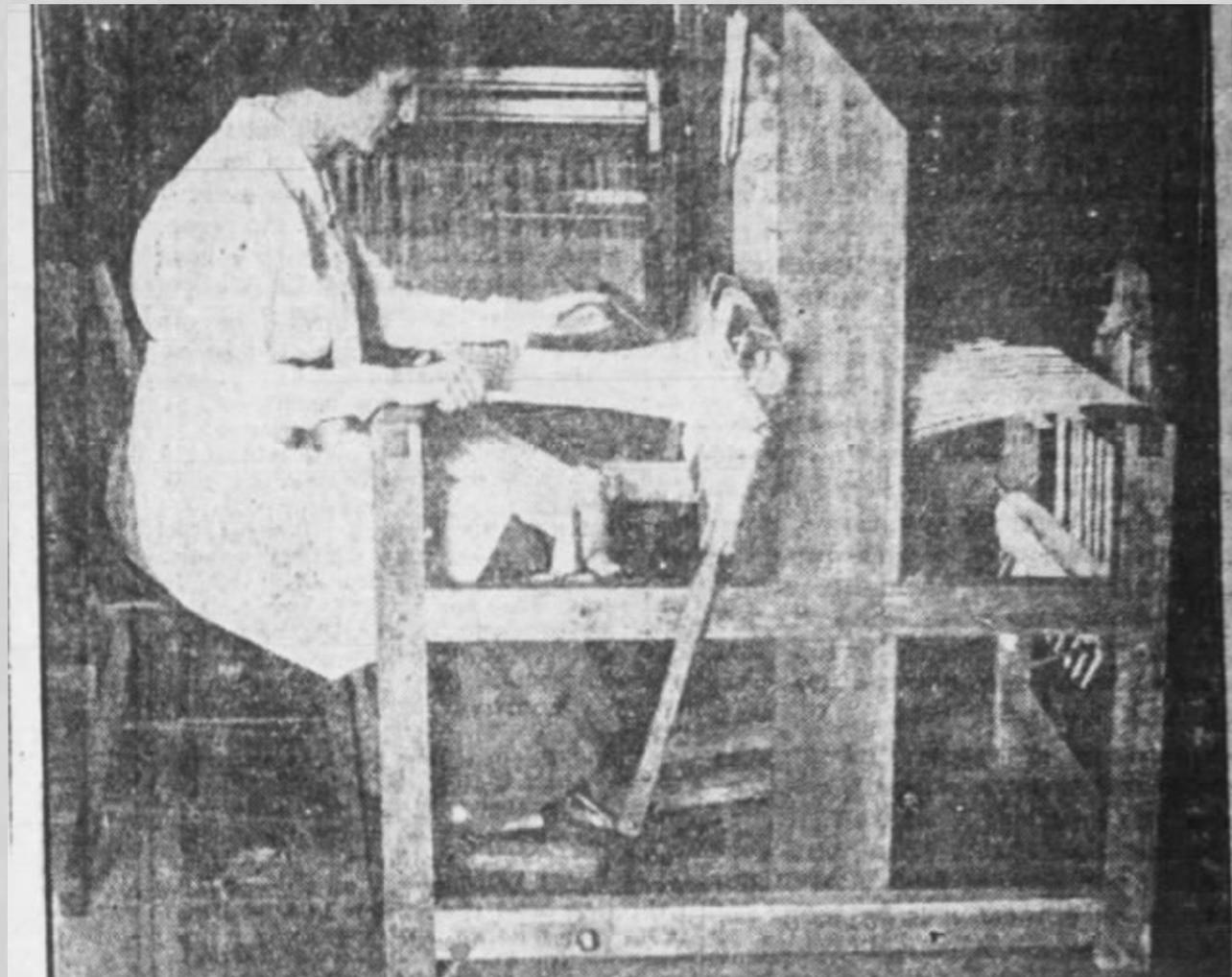
An active and intelligent woman can't keep busy enough for comfort keeping house in a three room shack.



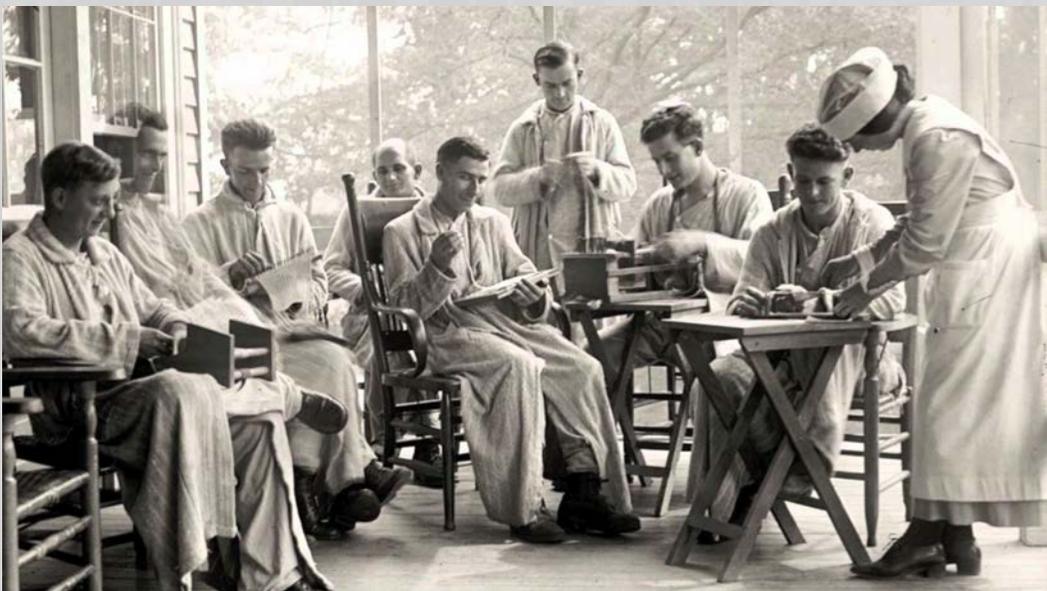
Mary at work



MRS. ATWATER AT THE SPINNING WHEEL.



War and Peace



The Real World



The Tough Transition Years: 1919-1923



The Shuttle-Craft Guild Bulletin

14 Ash Street in Cambridge

First issue appeared in September of 1924 – the initial subscription was \$5 per year. Mary started with 100 subscribers in the first issue, by the second issue the readership had grown to 200.

A viable business was born.



Mary as Rancher



BEAVER HABITS, BEAVER CONTROL, AND POSSIBILITIES IN BEAVER FARMING.

By VERNON BAILEY, *Chief Field Naturalist, Division of Biological Investigations,
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INTRODUCTION.

Only two centuries ago beavers inhabited the greater part of the North American Continent and were to the native people an important source of food and warm clothing. Their fur soon attracted the white traders and trappers, and traffic in their skins became an important factor in promoting the early settlement of the country. Through the generations of intensive trapping that followed, the beavers were greatly reduced in numbers and restricted in range until they have been exterminated over much of their area. For the last 20 years they have been given special protection in many sections of the country and after being long absent have been restored to some parts of their old range, where under favorable conditions they have thrived and increased rapidly.

As a great part of the original range of the beaver is now under cultivation, and fields and orchards replace the primeval forests, it is obviously unwise to restore the animals to aid of their original waters, but there are still many localities where they could be introduced without harm, and where, by storing water in the reservoirs along mountain streams, they would do great good in helping prevent

NOTE.—This bulletin discusses methods of dealing with beavers when their operations conflict with agriculture and other human activities, methods of transporting them to localities where they may be conserved as a valuable and interesting natural resource, and methods of utilizing them as an important supplement to the fur supply by establishing them in suitable climates, particularly in certain waste lands and other areas unsuited to agriculture.

The Great Depression

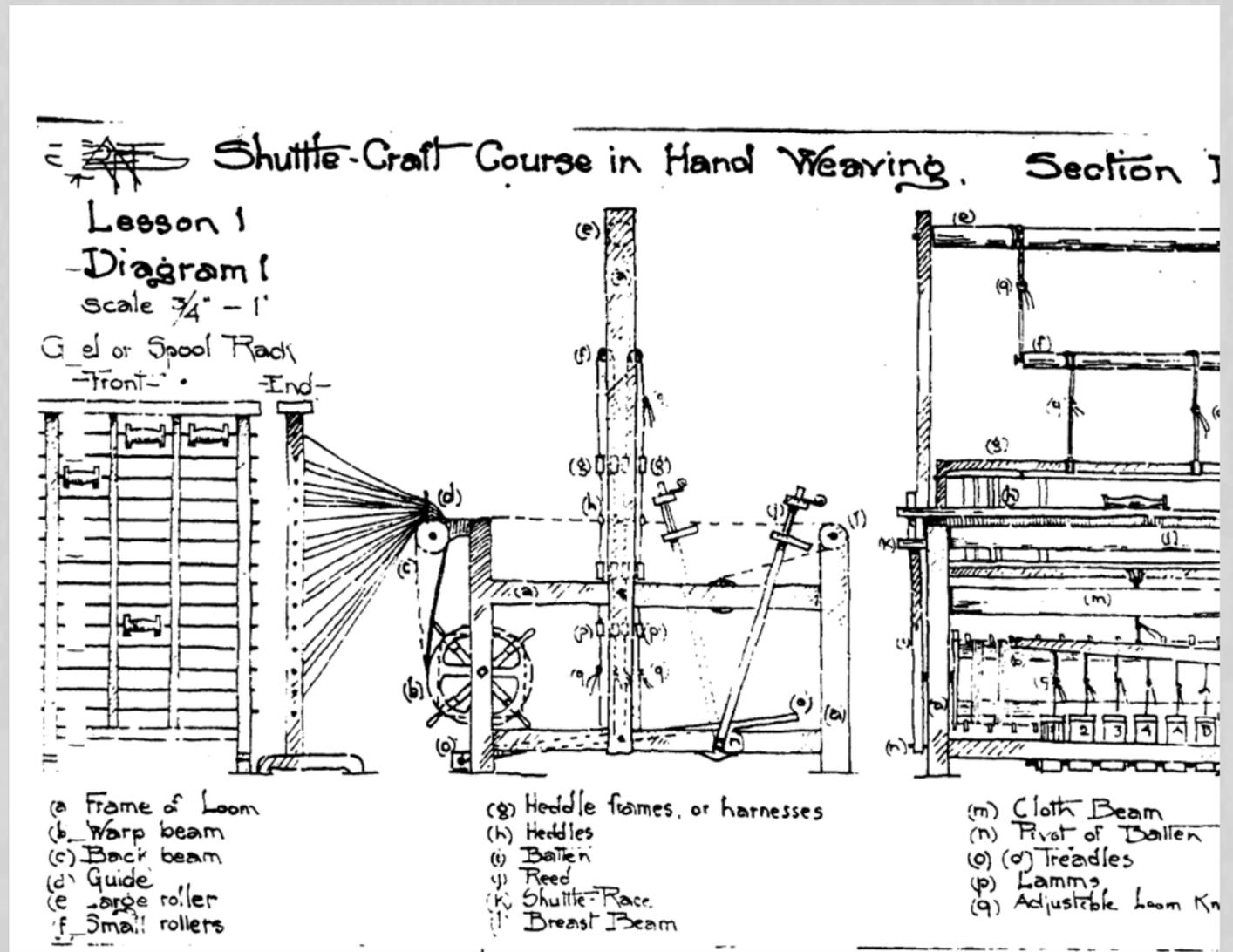
May of 1931 published – The Recipe Book

1931 – The Great Depression Hits

1932 – Daughter Betty graduated from High School

1935 – Wrote a mystery book, Crime in Corn-Weather while she was a resident of Bozeman and her daughter was attending MSU-Bozeman.

1937 – Attended the first of weaving conferences and institutes in which weavers would gather for education and the exchange of information. She began travelling for her weaving expertise.



World War II

Continued emphasis on weaving education

Support of Occupational Therapy for the war effort

Continues residence in Basin, Montana





Problem 1, to weave a square of the pattern "as drawn in" .

Problem 2: To weave a towel or a table runner in plain weave with colored borders.

Problem 3: To weave a sampler.

This pattern is capable of many variations.. Do not try to produce a piece of weaving for use in any way.

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Shuttle-Craft Course in Weaving
Section I, Lesson 2
Diagram 3.

Tie-up

4-Repeat - 26 threads - 4-Salvager

"Honeysuckle" Pattern
Threading Draft

Treadling - (a)			
3, 2 times			
2, 1			
1, 1	(c)	3, 3	
4, 1		2, 1	
3, 2-or 3		1, 3	(a)
2, 2-3		4, 1	
1, 4-6		3, 1	
2, 2-3		2, 2	
3, 2-3		4, 1	
4, 1		1, 1	
1, 1		1, 1	
2, 1		1, 3	
Repeat:		2, 1	
3, 2,		3, 3	
2, 1, etc.		4, 4	
		1, 12	(b)
		4, 3	
(b)		3, 3	
1, 3		2, 1	
2, 1		1, 3	
3, 1		4, 1	
4, 1		3, 1	
1, 2		2, 2	
4, 1		3, 1	
3, 1		4, 1	
2, 1		1, 3	
1, 1		2, 1	(c)
		3, 3	
Weave with		2, 1, etc.	
a tabby.			

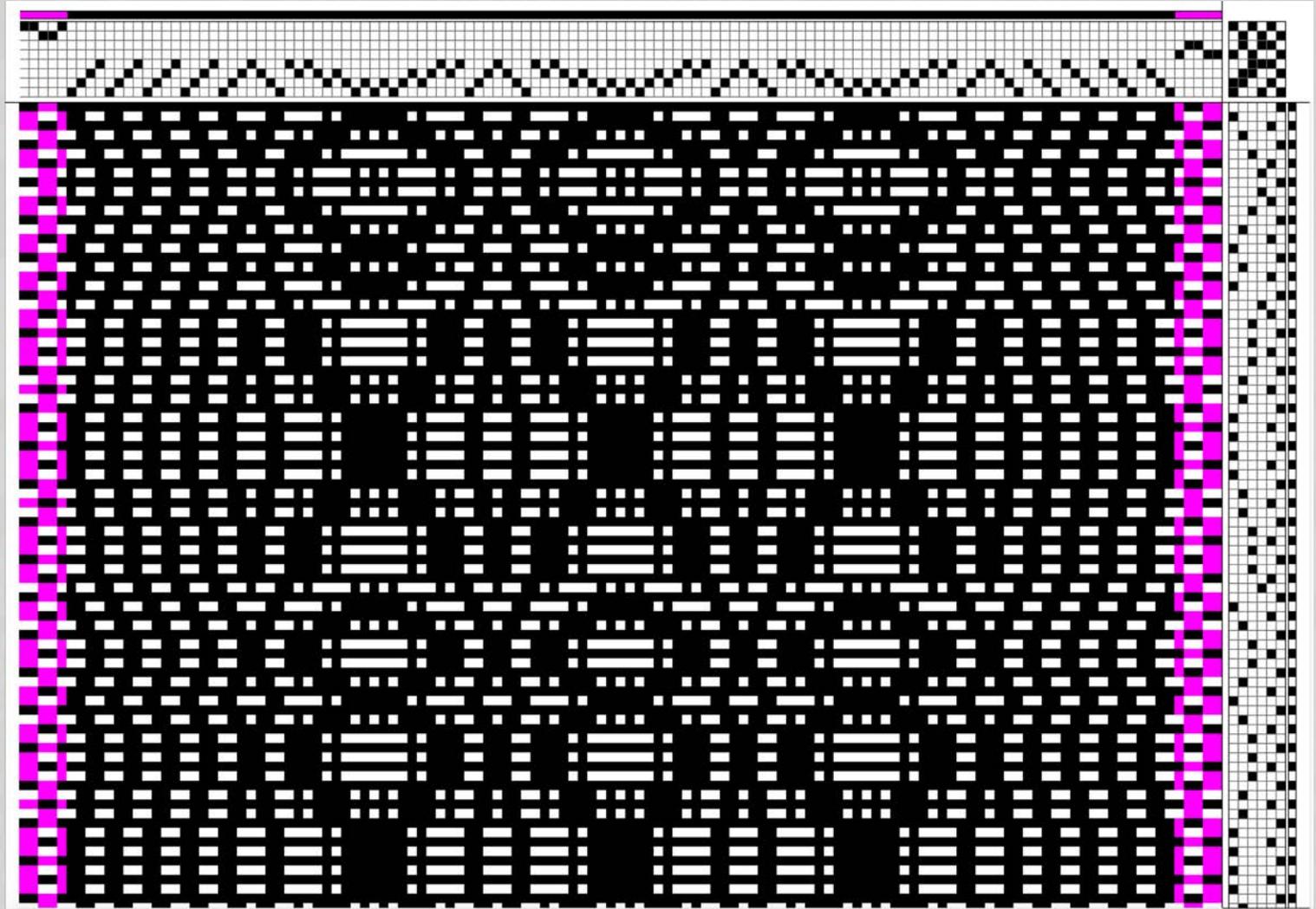
Four different plain stripes may be woven on this threading by using one or another pattern

Treadle over and over again.

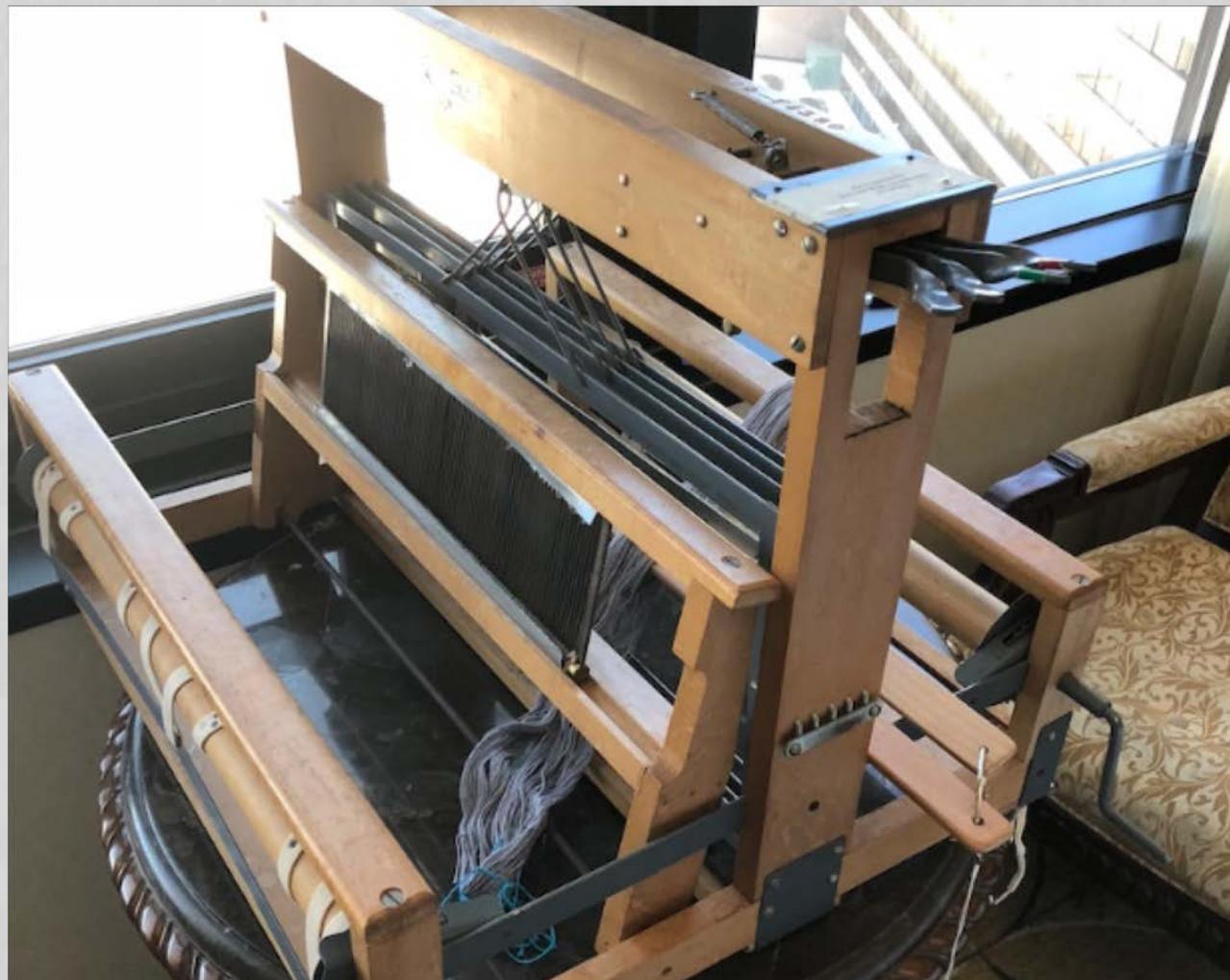
Treadle "3" gives the most pleasing one.

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