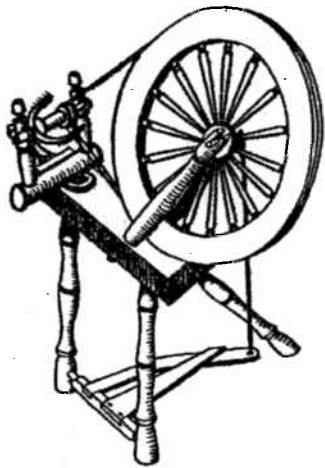
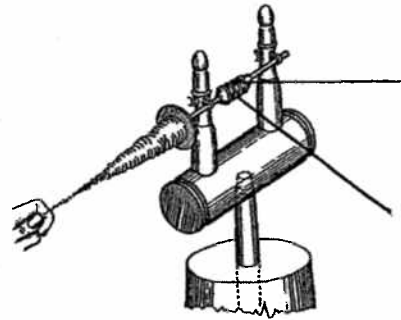
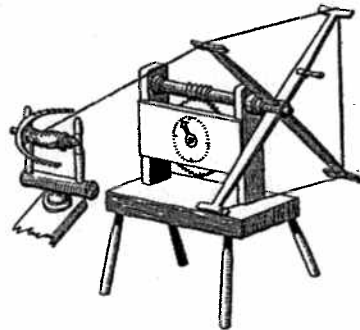
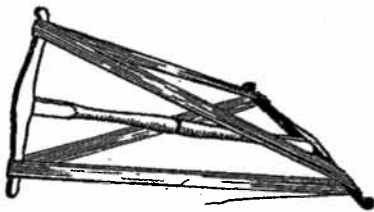


Wool wheel



Flax wheel



Reels

Figure 10. The long fibers of flax and the shorter wool fibers required different amounts of twist, making it desirable to have specialized spinning wheels for each. Reels wound the spun yarn into skeins for knitting or weaving. From Marion L. Channing, *Textile Tools of Colonial Homes* (Marion, Mass., 1969), 10-21, 28-29.