### Notes on Weaving Terminology

(from the "Encyclopedia of Hand-Weaving")

**Harness** - (fr.Fr. "harnais" = set of heddle-frames, or leaves)

Originally the word designated all heddle frames with the upper tie-up i.e. with rollers, pulleys, or horses, and all connecting cords. It is still used in this meaning in Britain.

In the United States the word "harness" acquired quite a different meaning, and designates a single heddle-frame (leaf). This change took place probably towards the end of the last century. Even in books printed as late as 1918, the word "harness" is used in its present meaning only occasionally. The mistake occurred most probably when interpreting old drafts marked: "4 leaf harness" equivalent to "4 leaf harness".

The synonyms for our wrongly used "harness" are: heddle-frame (artificial but clear), or just "frame", "shaft" used in commercial weaving, "leaf" (obsolete), "heald" - in English hand-weaving, and such ambiguous terms as: heddle-stick, shed stick, and Leash Rod (not Lease Rod). In our articles we shall use the term: Heddle-frame, or just Frame, but it would be rather logical if we could return to the old "leaf". Please, comments!