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The spinning wheel is a machine designed to transform fibers into continuous thread. Appearing in various forms across Eurasia during the Middle Ages, this invention profoundly transformed textile production capabilities. Before its development, spinning relied primarily on the hand-held spindle. The spinning wheel significantly speeds up the process through a wheel driven by the hand or foot, providing the motion needed to twist the fibers. The spinning wheel thus bridges the worlds of textiles and mechanics. It also holds an important place in European folklore, as evidenced by several famous tales. Its image evokes domestic labor, artisanal patience, and technical innovation.