

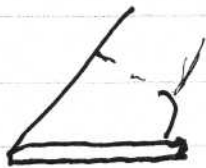
## A SHORT TREATISE ON SHOERING ICELANDICS.

- NAILING LINES, TRIMMING ETC. SHOULD FOLLOW ACCEPTED RULES OF GENERAL FARRIERY.
- I TEND TO LOWER THE ANGLES OF THE BACK FEET TO SLOW BREAKOVER. THIS IS NEVER EXTREME.
- HIND SHOES SET (WHERE HOOF CONDITION PERMITS) BACK  $\frac{1}{4}$  INCH MORE OR LESS TO MITIGATE FORGING AT TROT. FORGING IS ALMOST UNAVIDABLE SINCE HORSES DO A "STRONG" OR "ROAD" TROT. RIDERS DO NOT PUT HORSES IN "FRAME" AT TROT OR INSIST ON RHYTHM AS IS CUSTOMARY IN COMPETITIVE DRESSAGE.
- OBVIOUSLY SQUARING OF TOE MAY HELP WITH SETTING SHOE BACK.
- MANY HORSES MAY REQUIRE WEIGHT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN (F) AND (B) FEET TO BALANCE THEM IN GAIT. TROTTY (DIAGONAL) ANIMALS REQUIRE MORE WEIGHT BEHIND. PACY (LATERAL) ANIMALS REQUIRE MORE WEIGHT IN FRONT. ANIMALS THAT HAVE NEITHER TENDENCY ARE SHOD WITH VARYING EVEN WEIGHTS. AGAIN MORE WEIGHT MAY CAUSE HIGHER ACTION AT SLOW TOLT BUT BALANCING A SMOOTH WAY OF GOING IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ACTION HENCE SOME REQUIRE REAL LIGHT SHOES. THESE ARE JUDGEMENT CALLS.
- TOE LENGTHS, HEEL ANGLES WILL VARY DUE TO CONDITIONS AND DILIGENCE IN HOOF CARE ~~SO~~ MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO USE A SET PRESCRIPTION AS IN STANDARD BRED OR OTHER GAITED BREED SHOERING.
- WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS WEIGHT DIFFERENTIAL I HAVE FOUND ADEQUATE WOULD BE OBTAINED WITH.

## II

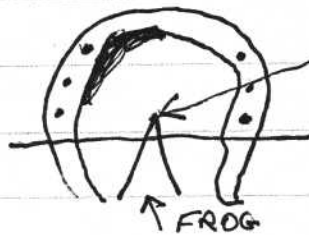
THE USE OF  $3/4" \times 3/8"$  AND  $5/8" \times 3/8"$  BAR STOCK EASILY AVAILABLE FROM SUPPLIERS. SOME EUROPEAN COMPANIES HAVE BEEN PRODUCING "ICELANDIC" SPECIFIC PLATES. AVAILABILITY OF SAME AND THE FACT THAT MOST REQUIREMENTS CAN BE ATTAINED WITH COMMON STOCK ENCOURAGES ME TO USE AVAILABLE STOCK. I DO PERIODICALLY MAKE SHOES FROM HEAVIER OR LIGHTER MATERIAL. WEIGHTED BELL BOOT OR ALSO USED.

- FITTING IS DIFFERENT THAN ACCEPTED PRACTICE DICTATES. A GENERAL RULE OF THUMB WOULD BE TO USE A SHOE ONE SIZE LARGER THAN THE FOOT. EXPANSION AT HEELS OF  $1/8"$  TO  $3/16"$  IS COMMON. HEELS ARE GENERALLY EXTENDED (NOT SPOONED)  $3/8"$  TO  $1/2"$ .



- THIS WILL SEEM UNSAFE TO MOST OF US AT FIRST BUT THE ICELANDIC WAY OF MOVING ALLOWS IT. AT ANY TIME OF THE YEAR I MAY KEEP AROUND 30-40 HEAD ON SHOES. THESE ANIMALS ARE PASTURED. IF A SHOE IS LOST IT IS DUE TO A "WRECK" OR SHOES BEING LEFT ON LONGER THAN EIGHT WEEKS.

- NAILING - I USE SIX NAILS COMMONLY E4 OR E5 SLIM. NAILING ORDER AS FOLLOWS



APEX OF FROG.

ALL NAILS TO EXTEND NO FARTHER BACK THAN  $5/8"$  FROM APEX OF FROG. AS PER MY LINE.

FITTING THIS WAY AND NAILING IN THIS MANNER HELPS PREVENT "HOOF-NAIL" BINDING WITH ACCOMPANYING CONTRACTION. CAUDAL SUPPORT (EXTENDED HEELS) IS ALSO IMPORTANT SINCE THIS BREED GENERALLY EXCEEDS ACCEPTED

### III

RULES OF RIDER TO ANIMAL WEIGHT RATIOS. THEY ARE OFTEN RIDDEN AT WARP SPEED IN 4 OR 5 GAITS. UNSOUND ICELANDICS ARE ALMOST UNHEARD OF. THE METHODS I USE ARE A RESULT OF CONSULTATION - TRIAL AND ERROR, COMBINED WITH COMMON SENSE AND EVALUATION OF SHOING ICELANDICS FOR OVER 30 YEARS. I SHOULD MENTION THAT MY PROFESSIONAL CAREER BEGAN IN 1959. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DISCUSS, ARGUE OR EXPAND AS WELL AS ENLIGHTEN ME. IF A THOUGHT OR QUESTION COMES TO MIND. CAN'T LEARN IF YOUR MIND IS CLOSED. HOPE THIS IS OF ASSISTENCE.

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