



Book: Whips of the West
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Whips of the West- is a small book in size but big and interesting in its content. It tells the story about the whips and a city's development in America. From a quite innocent start in 1808 by a man with name Joseph Jokes. He had some hickory trees on his property. And one day made he a whiphandle of a branch. As he fasten some leatherstraps to. And the first whip was made. And it was growing, as the time went, among others through the industrial revolution, to be several factories as was in operation up to our days. The biggest of them was perhaps the United States Whip Company as produced 15000 whips in the month on the top. It was the so called buggywhip as was central. And the town as grow up with this industry was Westfield in the state of Massachusetts. And even today continue the firm Westfield Whip a small production. More shall not be said about the content here. It's a book as also touch into parts of the general development in this region of America as is named New England. Something as is with on to make the book more interesting. It give some answers on much through the 7 chapters and 6 appendix it exist of. In all together 156 pages. And the book have also a relatively good older photo material of old factory interior, machines and gleams from the production. And not less, the appendix have gleams from the old commodity catalogues as show a impressive product selection. But after the undersigners opinion looks the books content little simplified around circumstances as have with the subject matter to do. It have probably nothing with the author to do. But if questions are asked about from where the english/european immigrants/crafters as come to New England had theyer knowlegde from concerning braiding as they brought with them to the new world, so are the author only pointing on that they had this knowlegde. This concerns still unanswered historical questions on the field what concern braidings. As in much originate, on different ways, in the *alleged knowlegde that the braiding was part of the moors knowlegde. As somehow looks to be lost in Europe?. The moors invaded Spain around 800 a.c. They was forced back over the Gibraltar Straight in the end of 1400's. In the time they was in Europe was they founding a civilization as developed a comprehensive trade with basic in a leather industry. And with Cordova as the capital city. According to Bruce Grant book Encyclopedia of Raw Hide and Leather Braiding and the introduction

chapter Romance of Leather Brading - was it Hernando Cortez and people as followed him when he conquered Mexico as brought the knowlegde about braiding, as originaly had been a part of the moors leather industry, with them to the new world. And as by the centuryes also resultet in Bruce Grants books.(is't a coarse thery). Gilt leather is well known in Europe to have its roots in the moors leather industry. But why is't not possible to find a braiding after the moors in Europe?. One theory the undersigner think on by reading the book Whips of the West is that the bradings as the english/european crafters brought with them hundred of years later to New England could have been spoils of war.**It was fore example english mercenaries with on the reconquest of Spain. The knowlegde about brading can have been robbed and taken with back to England?. And put out of sight , in a guild? Such knowlegde was in the right persons hands, quite attractive. And the possibilyes they had tells the book about the whips about. It makes it also interesting to think on that Cordova in Spain once was a center in a civilisation as developed a comprehensive trade based on a leather industry – and that Westfield in Massachusetts many hundred years later also became a sort of center based on a leather industry. But from where the knowlegde about the braidings come is unclear. At least from a idea historical/craft-ers point of viwe. It's a historical shadow on the book . Something as to a certain degree empahaizeds with the coverphoto of a rider in a dusty shadow. It's a mystery?.

- On one of the last pages is a mention about the author, Davis S. Morgan. He have written several book with related topics. And you also find a list over the publishing firm Cornell Maritim Press's publications in connection to the topics. All in all is't a little book with a great content as is to be glad over. And it's perhaps a little overlooked in the «rush» of books and information about whips the latest years. This book, Whips of the West has not been to see in the scandinavien dealers commodity catalouges. But perhaps have it been for sale other places in Europe?. But notwithstanding, so looks the book central about whips for the undersigner.

(* all knowlegde the undersigner have about the moors and bradings come from the book Encyclopedia of Raw Hide and Leather Brading by Bruce Grant. **unkown source.).

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