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Subject: Re: More on old instruments

Posted by [hurdy\\_gurdyman](#) on Thu, 12 Jan 2006 23:31:03 GMT

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Wayne, The shorter neck and lower pitch was because of the very soft tension strength of pure gut strings used at the time. Today's strings are much stronger and can be made tighter. Tighter means louder, with brighter being a side effect. BTW, I stated today's standard pitch as 450Hz. That was a typo. It should have read "440Hz". Dave

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