

Qualities of horses.

*Indian
Horse*

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Their horses were mostly beautiful, spirited beasts; some were masked in a very singular manner, to imitate the head of a buffalo deer, (red) or cabbrie, with horns, the mouth and nostrils- even the eyes- trimmed with a red cloth. This ornamentation gave them a very fierce appearance. They were by far the best built and most active horses I had ever seen***superior*** in every respect, to those we see to the northward.

(Zhorse equipment)

Many had scalps suspended from the bits of their Spanish bridles or dangling at their horse's breasts, or (spears, & battle -axes)

Cheyenne horsemanship(1806)

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It was surprising to see what expert horsemen these people are the agility of the beasts & the dexterity of the riders were astonishing.

The women with the pack horses were placed in front the center, and a large body of men were stationed around them as guard.***07***push on with great speed*** Old men dispersed throughout the party, haranguing and encouraging the women to drive on fast, whilst young men were dispatched in every direction upon the hills to see that we were not surrounded.

horses

Racing and breeds & hardships

Parkman Oregon Trail

sun set crowd to see trial of speed of their horses.

These were of every shape, size and color, Some from Cal. some from the states, some from among the mountains and some from the wild bands of the prairie. every hue, white, black, red, grey, or mottled with a strange variety of colors. They all had a wild and startled look, very different from the sober aspect of a well bred city steed. These are most noted for their swiftness and spirit, were decorated with eagle feathers dangling from their mane and tails.*** a fine cream colored horse***
Shrew off high peaked saddle, and substituting a piece of buffalo robe, leaped into his seat & etc.

three dragoon horses***escaped or abandoned***one in good condition others much emaciated and bitten by the wolves.

Horses Small A. Henry jr. extraordinary small horse, 3 ft. 7 in.
The Piegans had a fine

high, and 4ft. 4in. from ear to tail. He was a stallion about 664\$ yrs. old, stout for his age/size, of a cream color, with a white mane and tail.