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bred horse you can train to rush at anything : his being timid at first, or apt to shy, has nothing to do with any absence of courage. By patience and perseverance, you will teach him to charge any animal, not excepting a grisly bear ; while a common, badly-bred brute will not even pursue a bison. Mules, for packing, are, in some respects, superior to horses ; but they cannot support intense cold nearly so well. I strongly advise especial and constant attention to saddles. Go where you will, and all over the world, you will find nothing to equal the English saddle. Provide yourselves with them at any cost, and transport them at any inconvenience. When on the prairie, travel with a blanket saddle-cloth. You will find it a comfortable addition to your bed ; but be careful before putting the saddle over it on the horse, that there is no crease in its folds ; for a sore on your horse's back is a serious inconvenience to a long journey. It is a good plan, before fastening the girths, to pass your forefinger under the saddle-cloth, and lift it slightly off the horse's withers.

For clothing, I think there is nothing like Scotch woollen stuffs ; leather, after all, is but an inconvenient substitute for these ; for though it has its advantages in point of wear, it is horribly uncomfortable in wet weather, and dries as hard and stiff as parchment.

Keep your gunpowder in air-tight packages ; exposure to the atmosphere weakens it. Do not burthen yourselves uselessly by trying to forestall a thousand imaginary necessities. Beyond your guns and horses, with their several appurtenances, you will absolutely