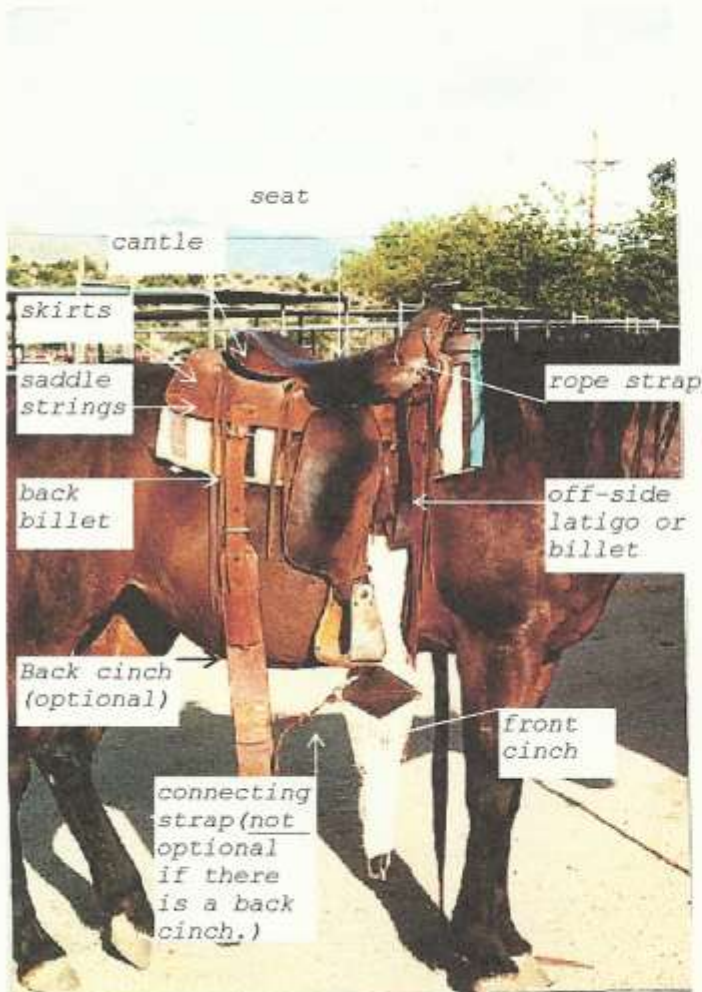


EQUIPMENT.



The saddle--right side



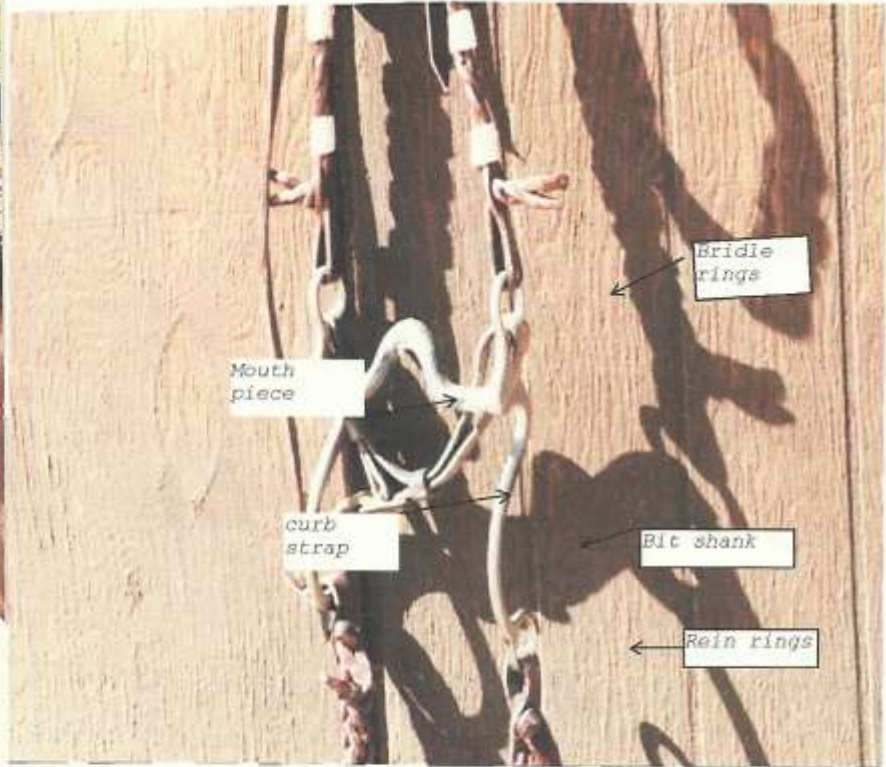
The saddle--left side.

Most of the equipment shown is standard, or necessary.

Some of the equipment is optional. The optional equipment I have shown, I'll try to explain to the best of my ability. There is much more optional equipment than what is shown here. Some of it you may want to use--some you may not. Learn what it is supposed to do and how to use it before you use it.

The back cinch (optional) is used to stabilize the saddle, especially if riding in rough country or roping.

The connecting strap between the front and back cinch is necessary if you don't want the back cinch so slip back into the horse's flank, causing him, or her, as the case may be, to try to buck you off out there in front of God and every body.



bit.

The bridle

Some widely used optional equipment is shown in the picture on the right. The nose band is used in conjunction with the tie down strap to stop the horse from carrying his head too high or throwing his head. The tie down strap, in this picture, runs through the breast collar and is fastened to the front cinch--a shorter tie down strap can be fastened directly to the breast collar.

The breast collar is used to stabilize the saddle when riding in rough country, or roping. It also holds the saddle in place on a round-backed horse, or a slim-gutted horse.



Some optional equipment.



The horse, of course, is the most important part of the operation. Most of them do not come with optional equipment.

The above is not by any means a complete description of everything a person needs to know about a horse and horse equipment, nor was it intended to be.

It was intended to be an equipment check to see if my camera, computer, printer, etc., were all compatible. What it turned out to be was a reality check--old cowboys shouldn't be messing around with this electronic stuff.

As you go on with the horse business, you will collect more and more stuff to work with, and more and more knowledge of how the stuff works, or don't work.

You will definitely learn more and more about a horse--you can not be around horses very long without learning something about them. Which, for all practical purposes, is nothing to be ashamed of.