

point of rest for the sudden jirk he takes : the left hind foot moves the first, and rests the first on the ground ; then the right hind leg is lifted up conjointly with the left fore leg, and both rest on the ground together ; and lastly, the right fore leg is raised instantly after the left fore leg and right hind one, and rests last on the ground : thus in the gallop there are three beats and two intervals ; in the first interval, when the movement is made with haste, the four legs are, for an instant, in the air at the same time, and the four shoes may be seen at once. When the horse has supple limbs and haunches, and moves with agility, the gallop is the more perfect, and the cadence is made in four times ; first, the left hind foot, then the right hind foot, next the left fore foot, and, lastly, the right fore foot.

Horses usually gallop on the right foot, in the same manner as they carry the fore right leg in walking and trotting ; they also throw up the dirt in galloping first with the right fore leg, which is more advanced than the left ; and the right hind leg, which follows immediately the right fore one, is also more advanced than the left hind leg, from whence it results, that the left leg, which supports all the weight, and forces forwards the others, is the most fatigued ;
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