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**Debs is well aware of people "kicking" and otherwise resisting. This article is a polemic to incite further resistance.*

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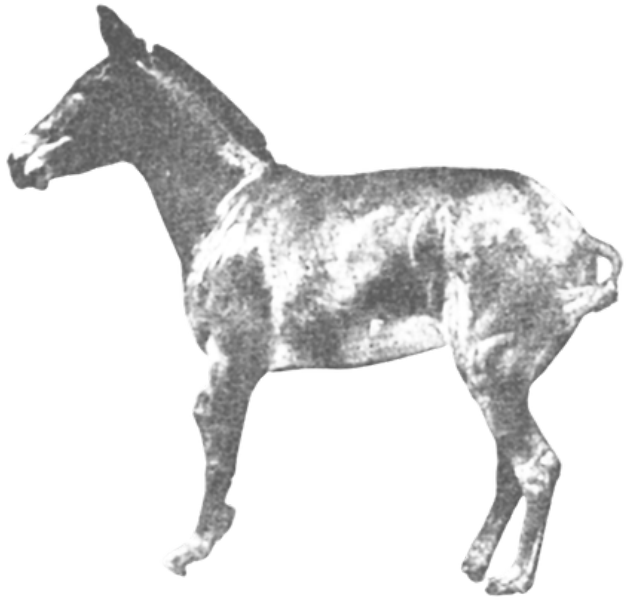
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Brutal Mule Driver.

Evansville, Ind., Nov. 27.—Will Neal, a driver in a local coal mine, becoming enraged at one of the small mules he was driving, picked up a coupling pin and beat the animal over the head with it until it was dead. He then left the mine, mounted his bicycle and escaped.

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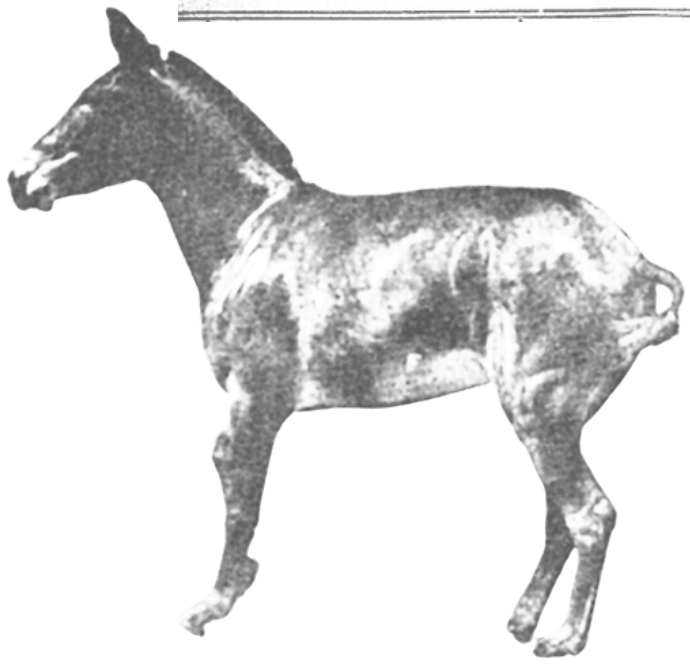
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MULES ON STRIKE TIE UP THE MINE

Because Leading Mule was Sick, A Fake Mule was Substituted

Pittston, Feb. 24.—The mineworkers are telling of the clever way in which the strike of four mules at the Diamond shaft of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company was broken by Jack McAnaney, the mule boss, on Friday. It is not often that mules strike, but when they do there is trouble.

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1937, Fort Totten, NY

Jack, Army's Best Mule, Strikes For Afternoons Off

NEW YORK, April 7.—(AP)—Things went all right during the morning, but when it came time to resume work in the afternoon Jack, the Roman-nosed army mule, refused to budge.

He just stood there with his hairy upper lip trembling and his tail threshing back and forth like a pump handle. Private Robert J. Dickenson, 62nd C. A., could not do anything about it.

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Army Mule Retired



(By Acme)

Capt. J. H. Madison reads orders retiring army mule Jack.

FORT TOTTEN, N. Y.—With plenty of fanfare, the U. S. Army mule, Jack, was retired after twenty-seven years of faithful service in ceremonies featured by a dress parade. Happy days are here for Jack . . . he will not be called upon again to perform work of any kind.

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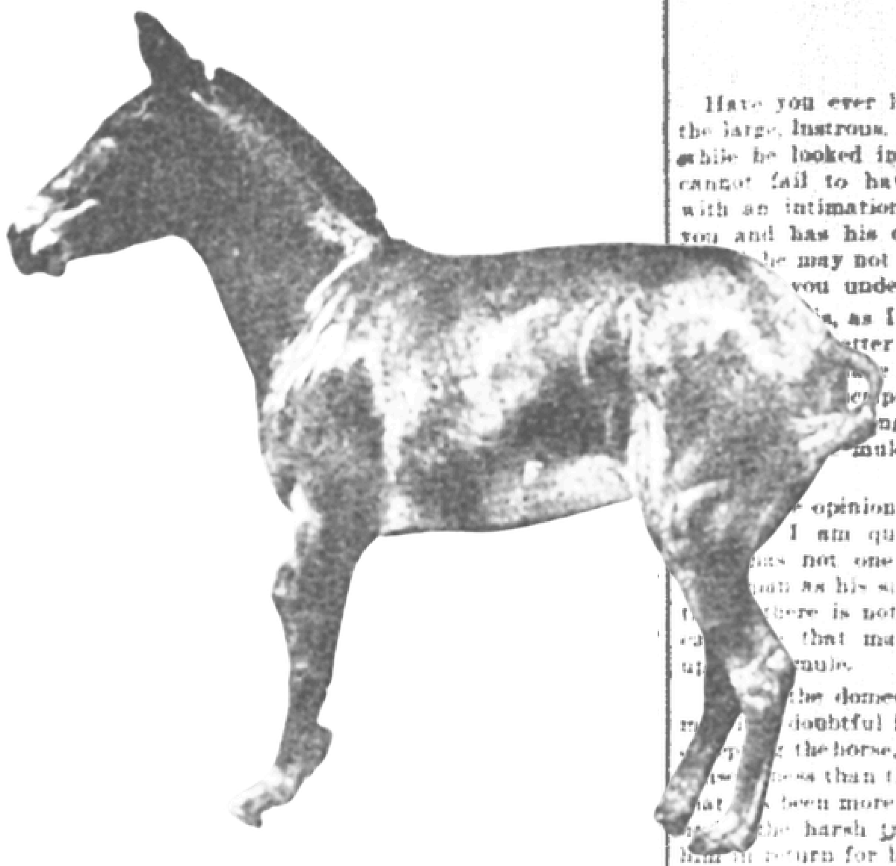
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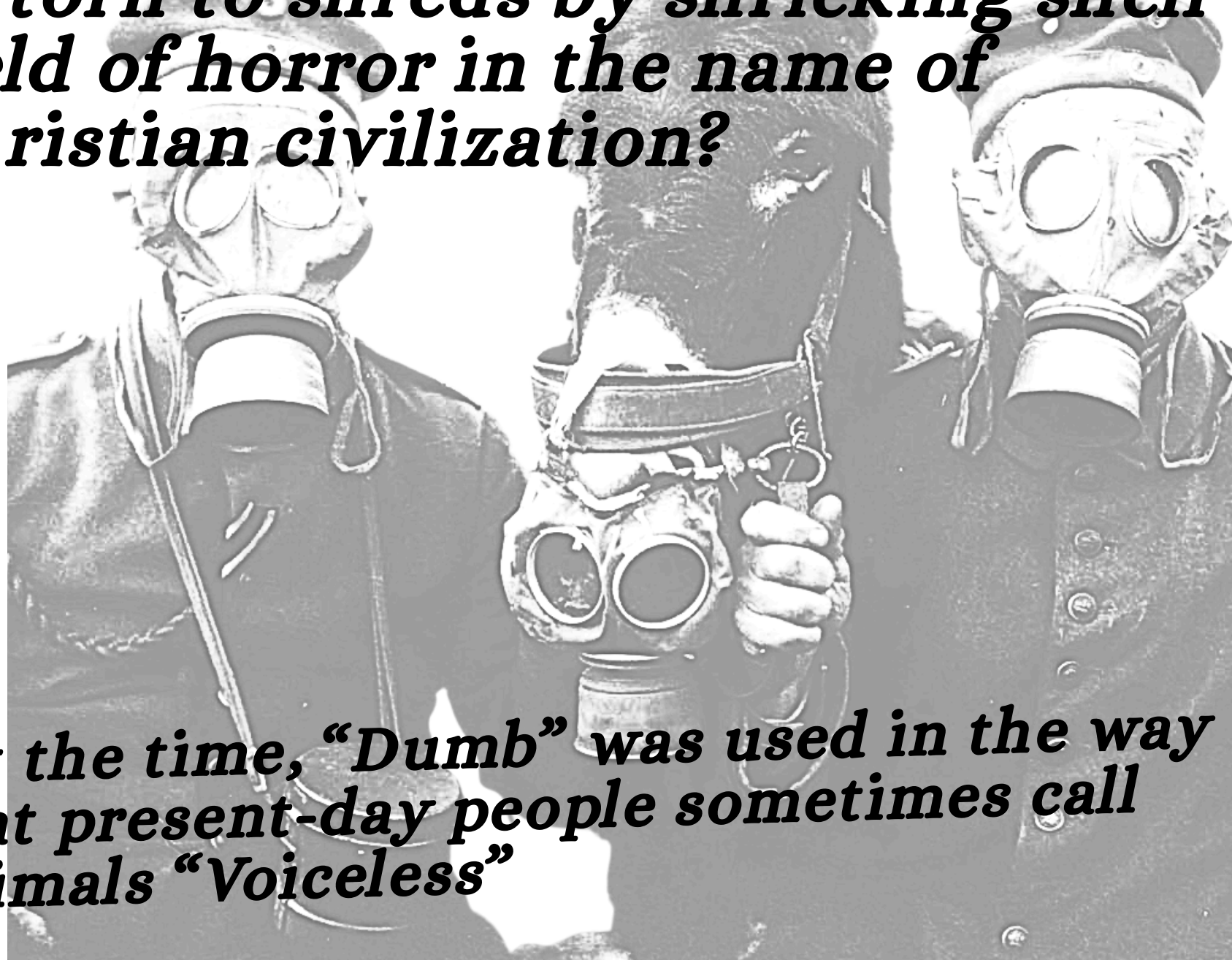


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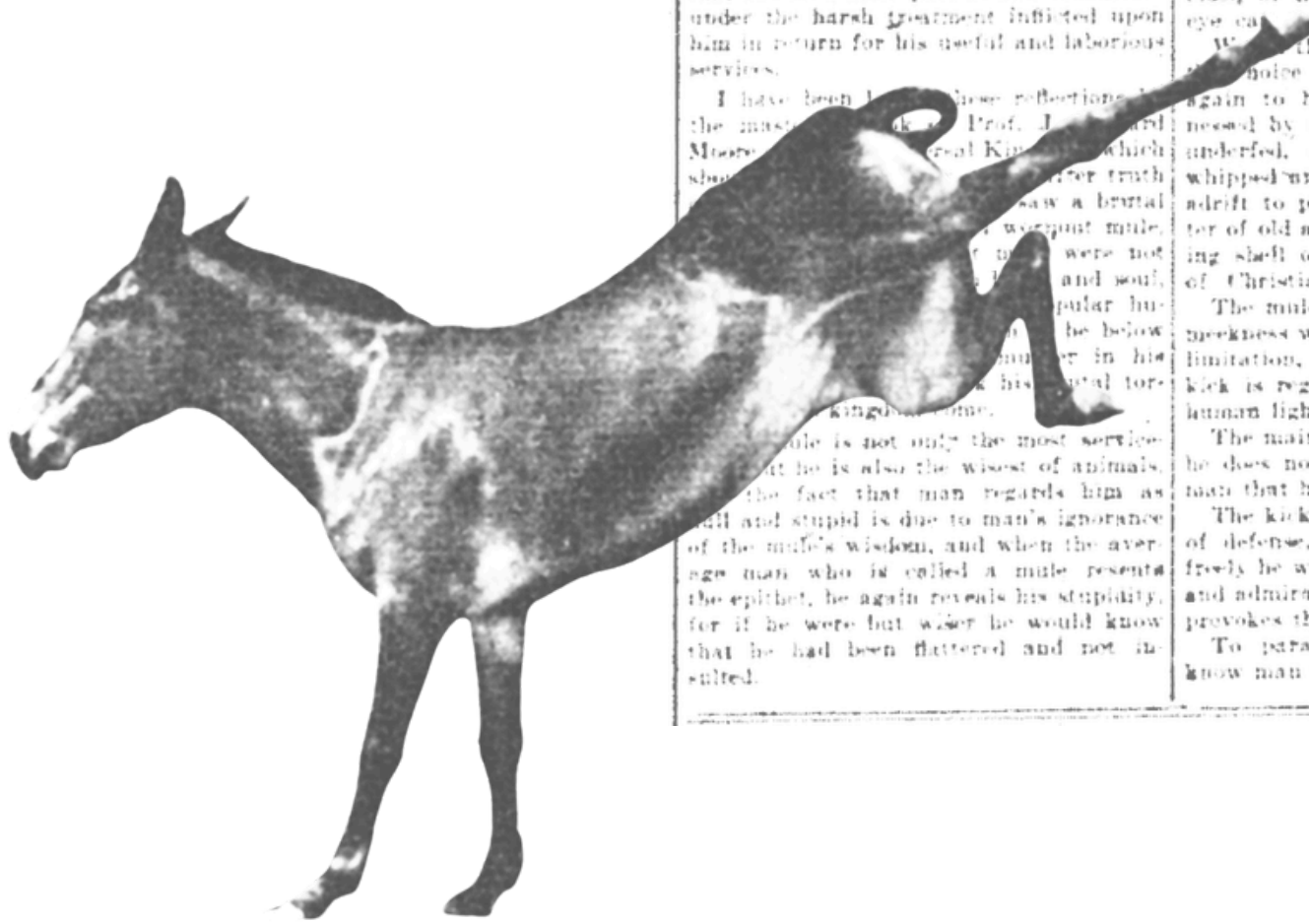
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That the opinion would not be a flattering one I am quite convinced, for the mule has not one single reason to look upon man as his superior. On the contrary, there is not a crime known to the [illegible] that man has not perpetrated [illegible] mule.

[illegible] domestic animals that serve [illegible] if there is one, not even [illegible], that has been of greater [illegible] the mule, nor is there one [illegible] so patient and submissive [illegible] treatment inflicted upon [illegible] his useful and laborious [illegible]

I have been led to these reflections by the masterful book of Prof. J. Howard Moore on "The Universal Kinship," which should be read by every seeker after truth and light, and to-day, as I saw a brutal human lash a starved and worn-out mule, I said to myself, if that mule were not as far above that man in heart and soul, in sense and conscience, as popular human ignorance supposes him to be below him, he would have but murder in his heart and hoofs, and kick his brutal tormentor into kingdom come.

The mule is not only the most serviceable, but he is also the wisest of animals, and the fact that man regards him as dull and stupid is due to man's ignorance of the mule's wisdom, and when the average man who is called a mule resents the epithet, he again reveals his stupidity, for if he were but wiser he would know that he had been flattered and not insulted.

That the mule is "foolish," that is to say, stubborn and slow going, apparently lazy, eminently to his credit, and these [illegible] are properly [illegible] tues which adorn the nature and character of our four-footed comrade.

[illegible] wage slave, and if there is any difference between him and the mule it is all in favor [illegible] season, for but [illegible] provender, and when at last this usefulness is impaired by age he is cast adrift to starve in the highway with but the scars of his master's lash to show for man's humanity to the mule.

What must be the mule's reflections when in the feebleness of age he stalks blind and halt toward his pathetic doom as the vultures circle lower to offer the tragedy of his life?

What must be think of man when at twilight he surveys the field of battle and sees the mingled and mangled flesh and blood of man and mule scattered far as eye can reach?

Would this dumb patient brute, had he the choice by ballot vote over and over again to have himself hitched and harnessed by another brute, overworked and underfed, exposed to heat and cold, whipped and lacerated and finally turned adrift to perish from neglect in the winter of old age, or torn to shreds by shrieking shell on field of horror in the name of Christian civilization?

The mule is meek it must be said, but meekness with the mule is not without its limitation, and when that is reached a kick is registered that may snuff out the human light.

The main trouble with the mule is that he does not kick often enough, and with man that he does not kick at all.

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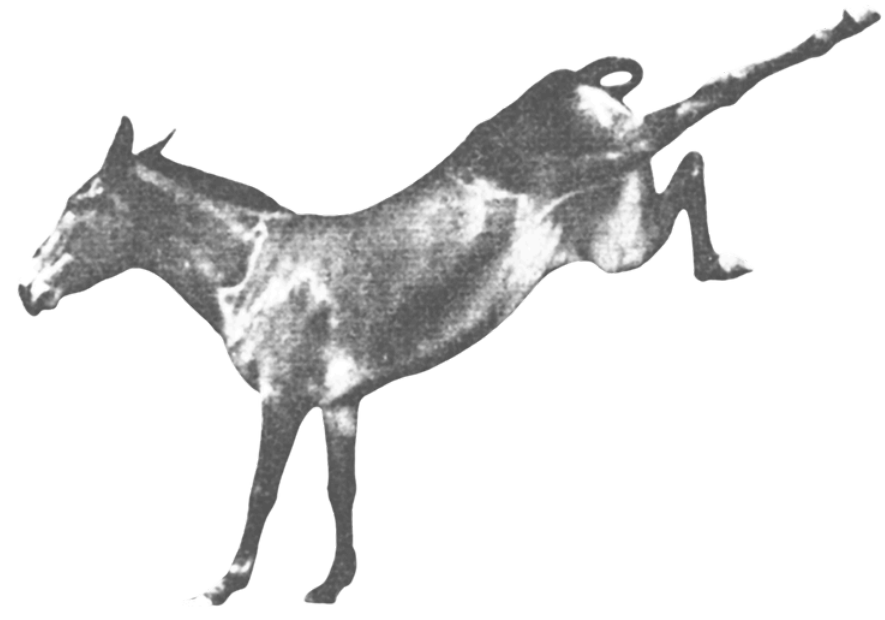
****Debs is well aware of people "kicking" and otherwise resisting. This article is a polemic to incite further resistance.***

Mine Mule Aids Pickets, Kicks Deputy

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Aug. 1.—Even the mine mules appear to have joined the coke region strike. Deputy Sheriff Rock Cain attacked by pickets at the Edenbarn Strip Mine, fled into stable to escape a barrage of ocks.

A mule kicked him back into he stable yard, where he was ack on the head by a ston

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The fact is, as I suspect, that the mule knows man better than man knows the mule, and I have often wished I might have the transcript of a mule's mind, or understand his tongue, that I might know just what the mule thinks of his human master.

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That the mule is "unpolish," that is to say, stubborn and slow going, apparently lazy, is eminently to his credit, and these qualities, properly understood, show the mule to be possessed of the highest virtues which adorn the nature and character of our four-footed comrade.

Who would not be stubborn and lazy who had man for a master? Look at the wage slave, and if there is any difference between him and the mule it is all in the mule's favor.

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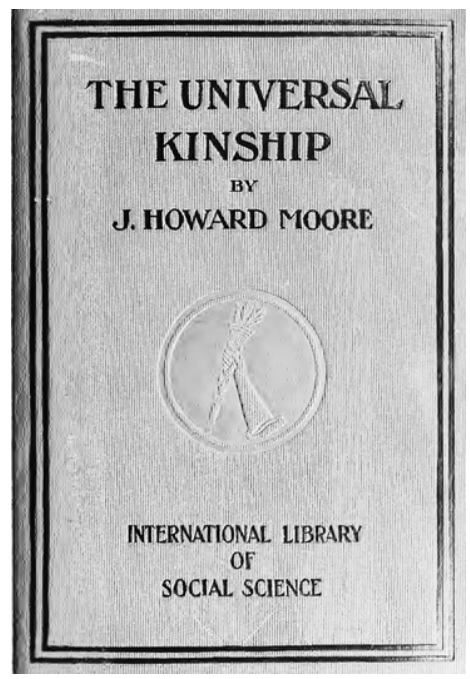
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There is, in fact, but one crime in the universe and all varieties of impropriety whatsoever are aspects or phases of this crime.

It is the crime of exploitation – the suppression of the interests, lives, or welfares of some beings for the whim or convenience of others–the neglect to recognize the equal or aproximately equal rights of all to life, consideration, and happiness–the crime of doing unto others as you would that others would not do to you.

WHY
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I am a vegetarian because I believe in justice.

There is injustice in the universe, because there are beings in it who monopolize its sweets and opportunities.

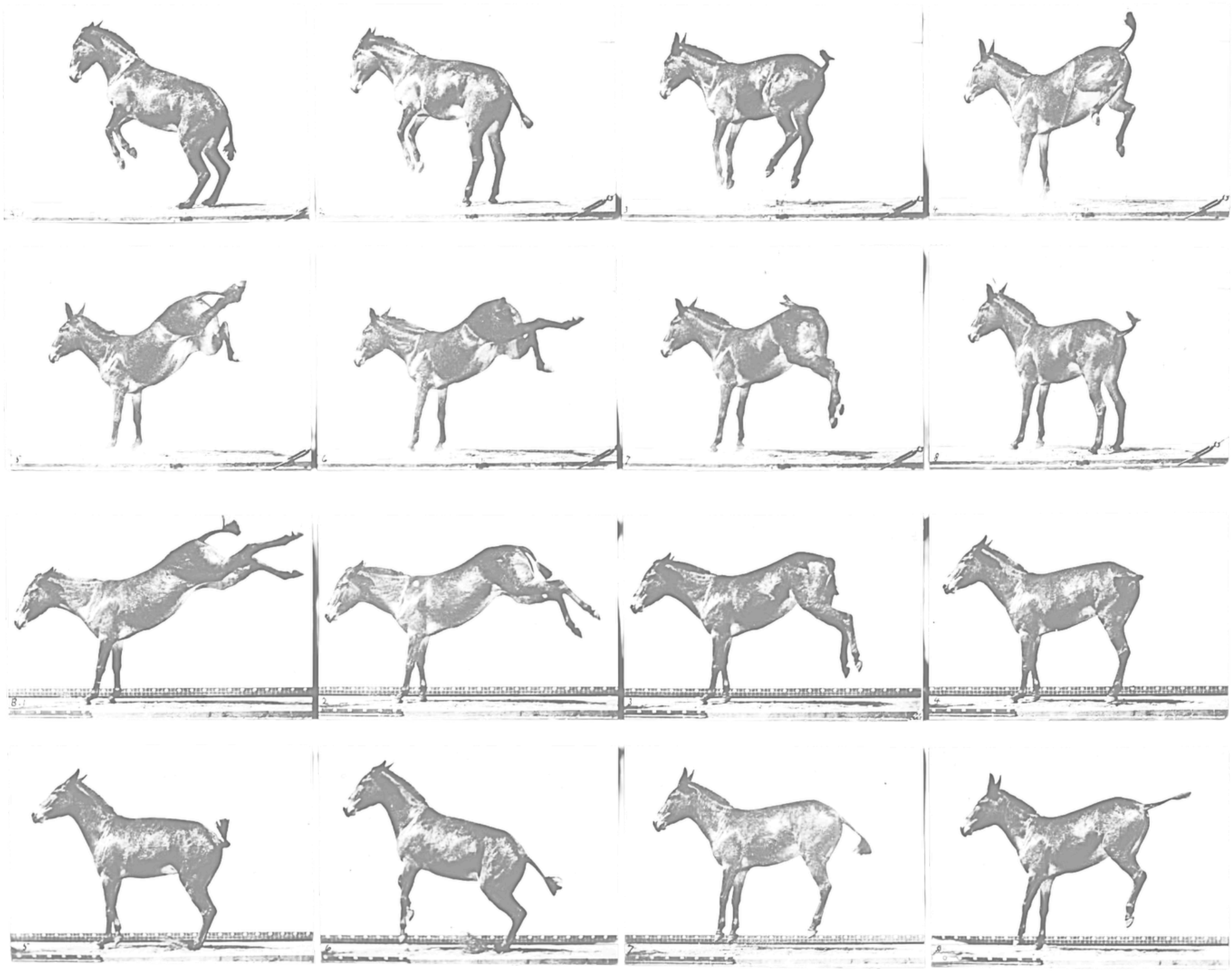
They want their own pleasures and also the pleasures of others.

They suffle upon others their bitters, and at the same time rob them of their sweets.

Others live, not as ends, but as means and convienences.

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This kicking mule was named Ruth.

Leland Stanford, the White Supremacist genocidal Freemason railroad tycoon / shipping magnate / Wells Fargo director / Pacific Life founder / California Senator & Governor / Stanford University founder commissioned the photos.

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