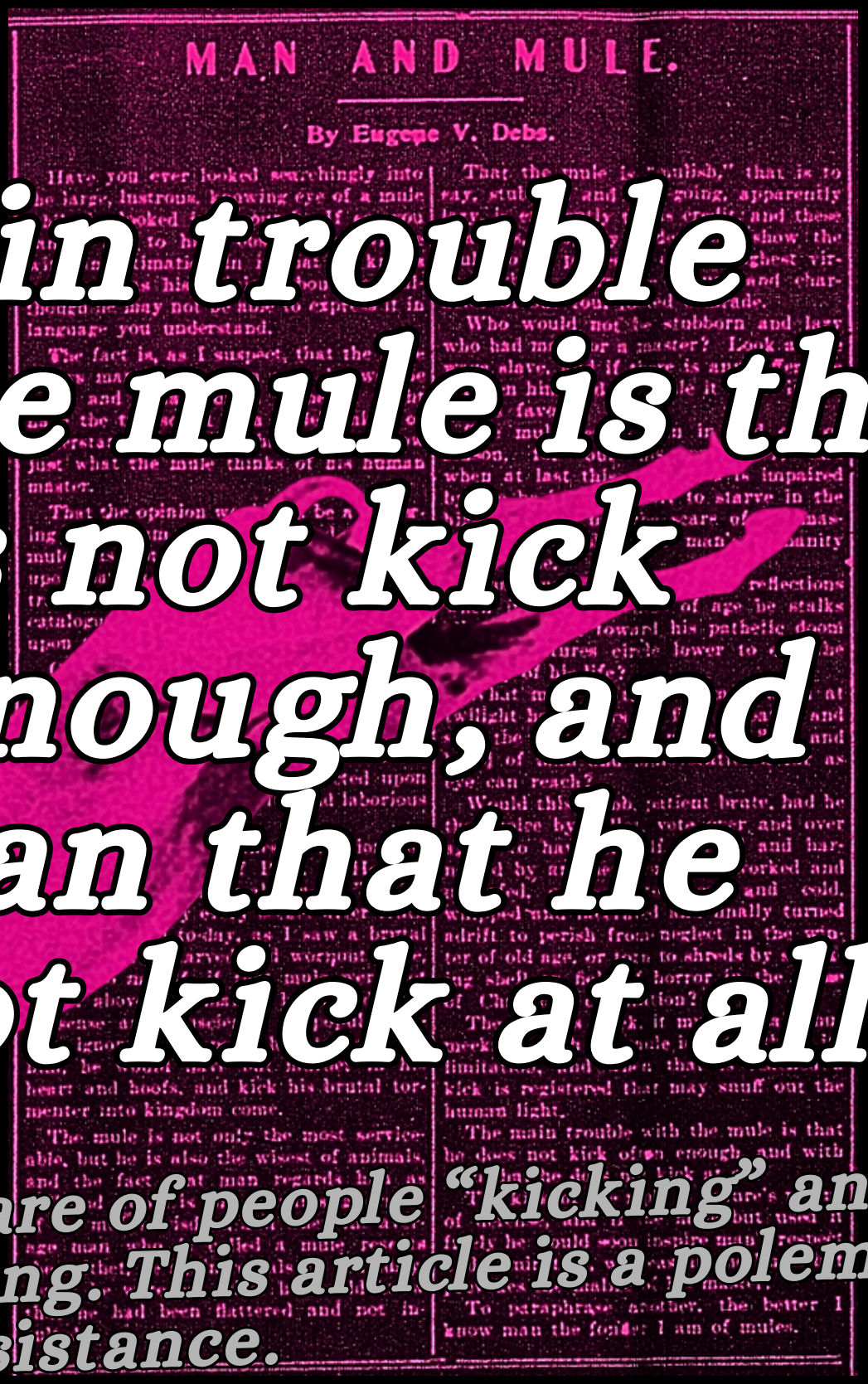
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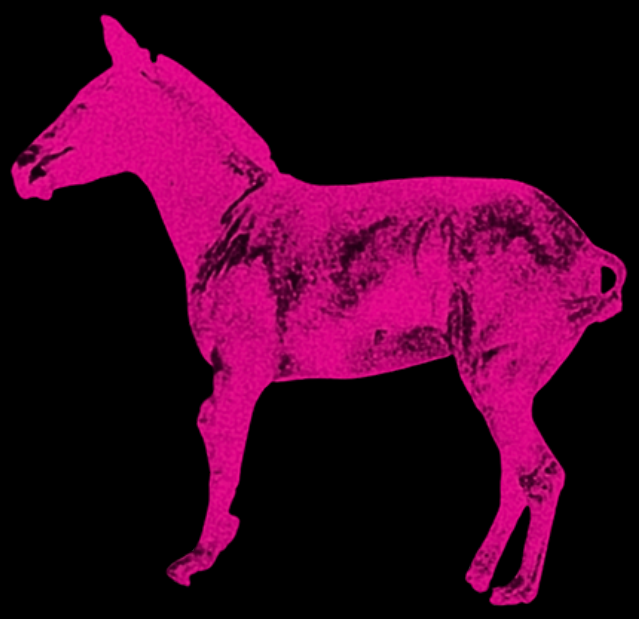
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Brutal Mule Driver.

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.



There is not a crime known to the catalog that man has not perpetrated upon the mule.

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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.

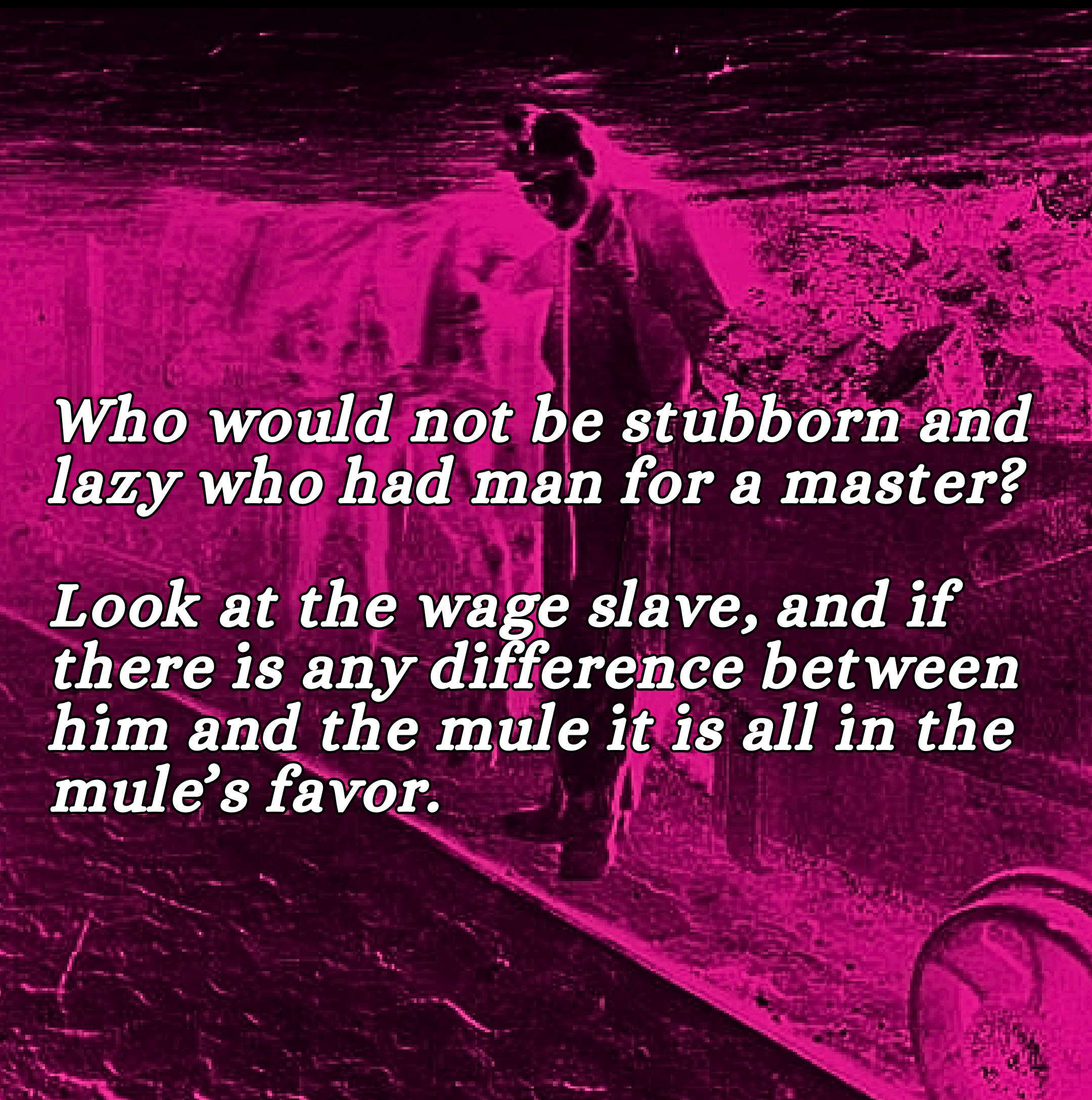
Mule Stages Strike

Johnstown, Pa.-(U.P.)-Prospects are good for opening a coal mine closed for a week by a one-mule strike. Edgar Robb, the owner, found the mule grazing in a field eight miles from the Robb farm. It ran away last Monday when some one left the barn door open.

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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.

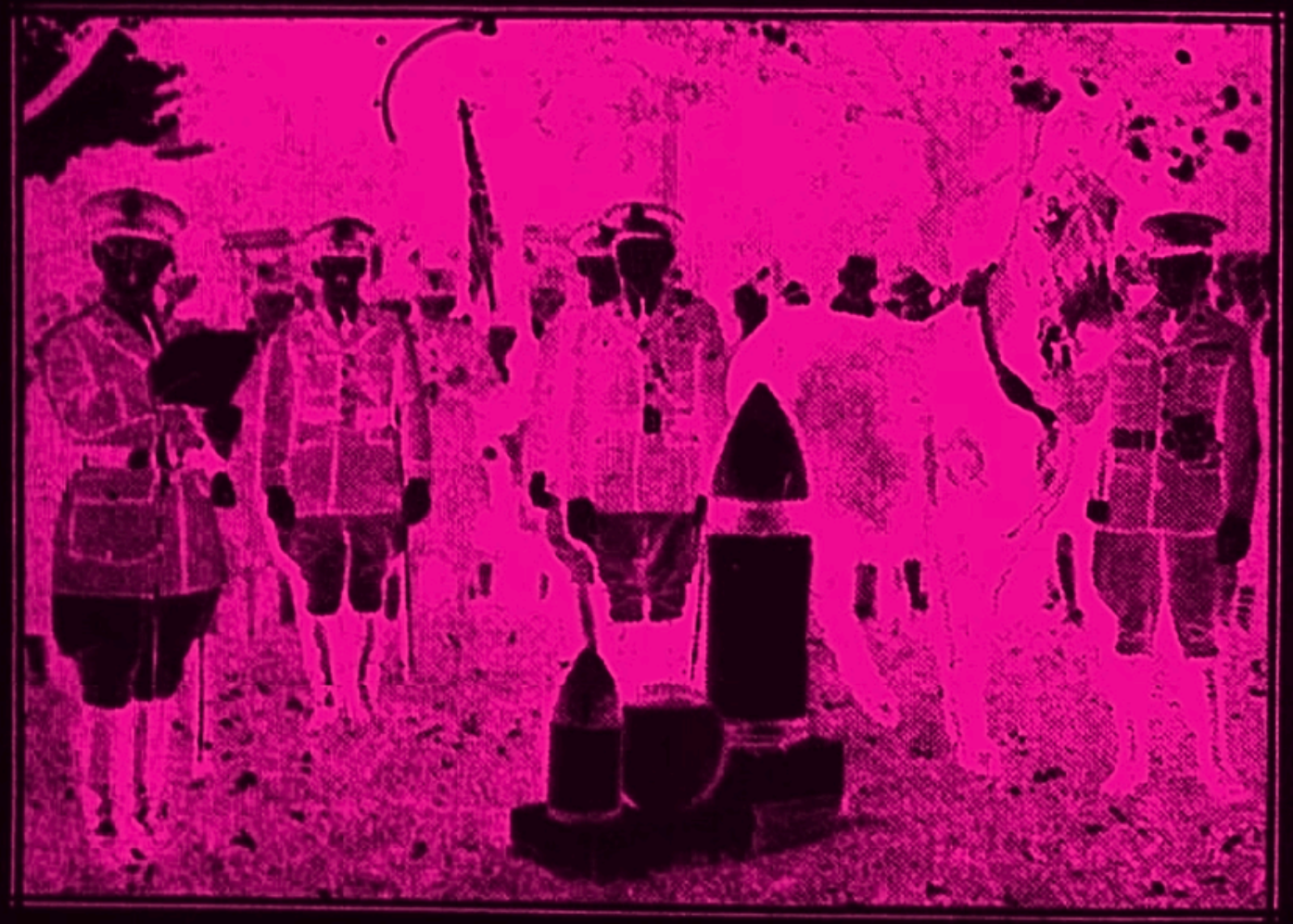
He just stood there with his hairy upper lip trembling and his tail threshing back and forth like a pump handle. Private Robert J. Dickenson, 62nd C. A., could not do anything about it.

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superior, a corporal, "very
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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.

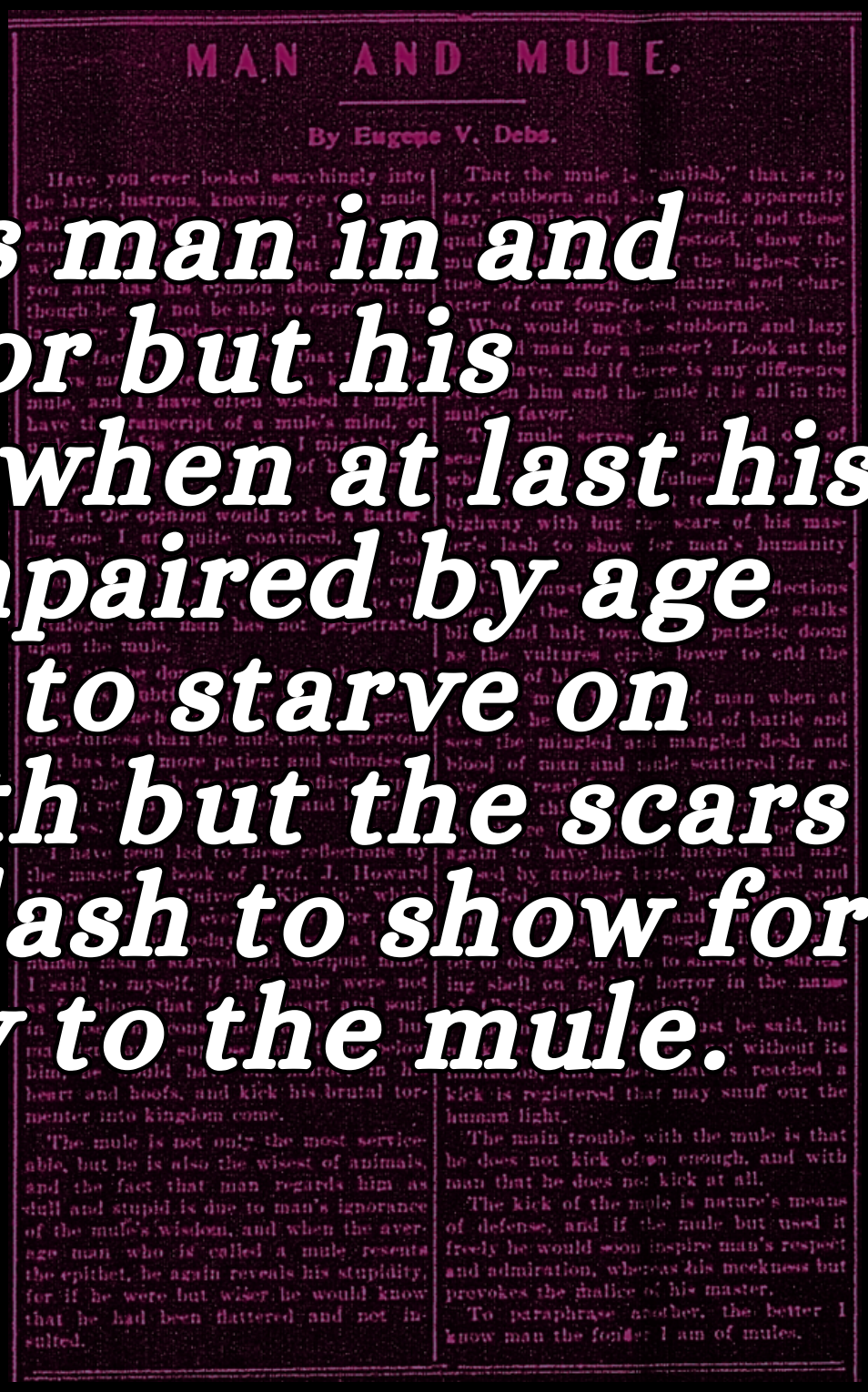
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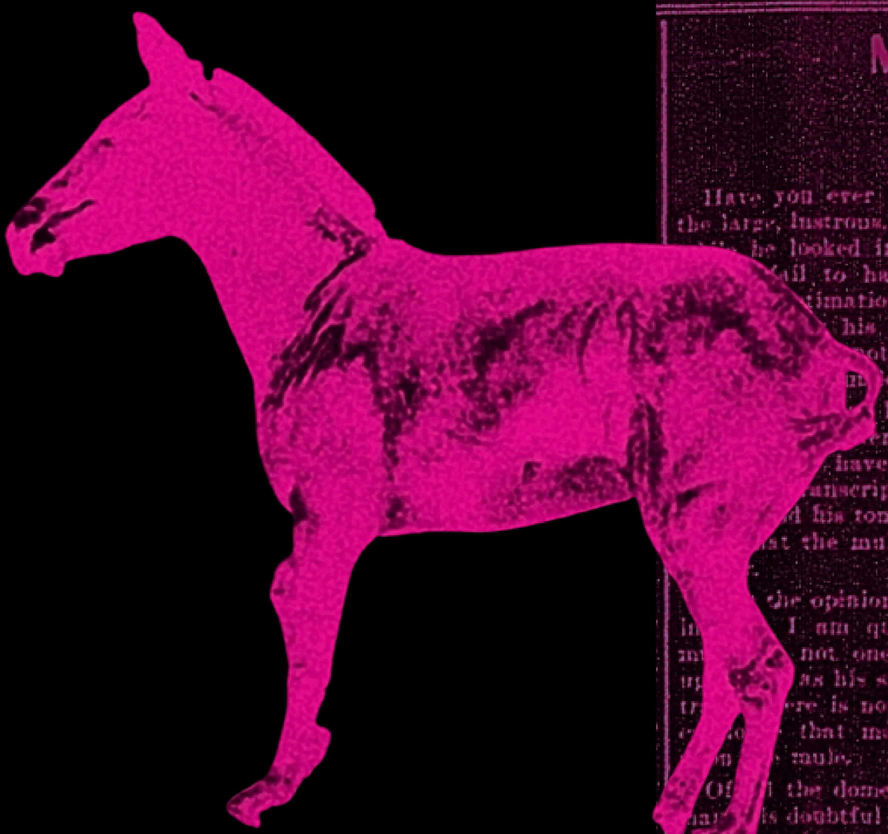
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THEREFORE BESS

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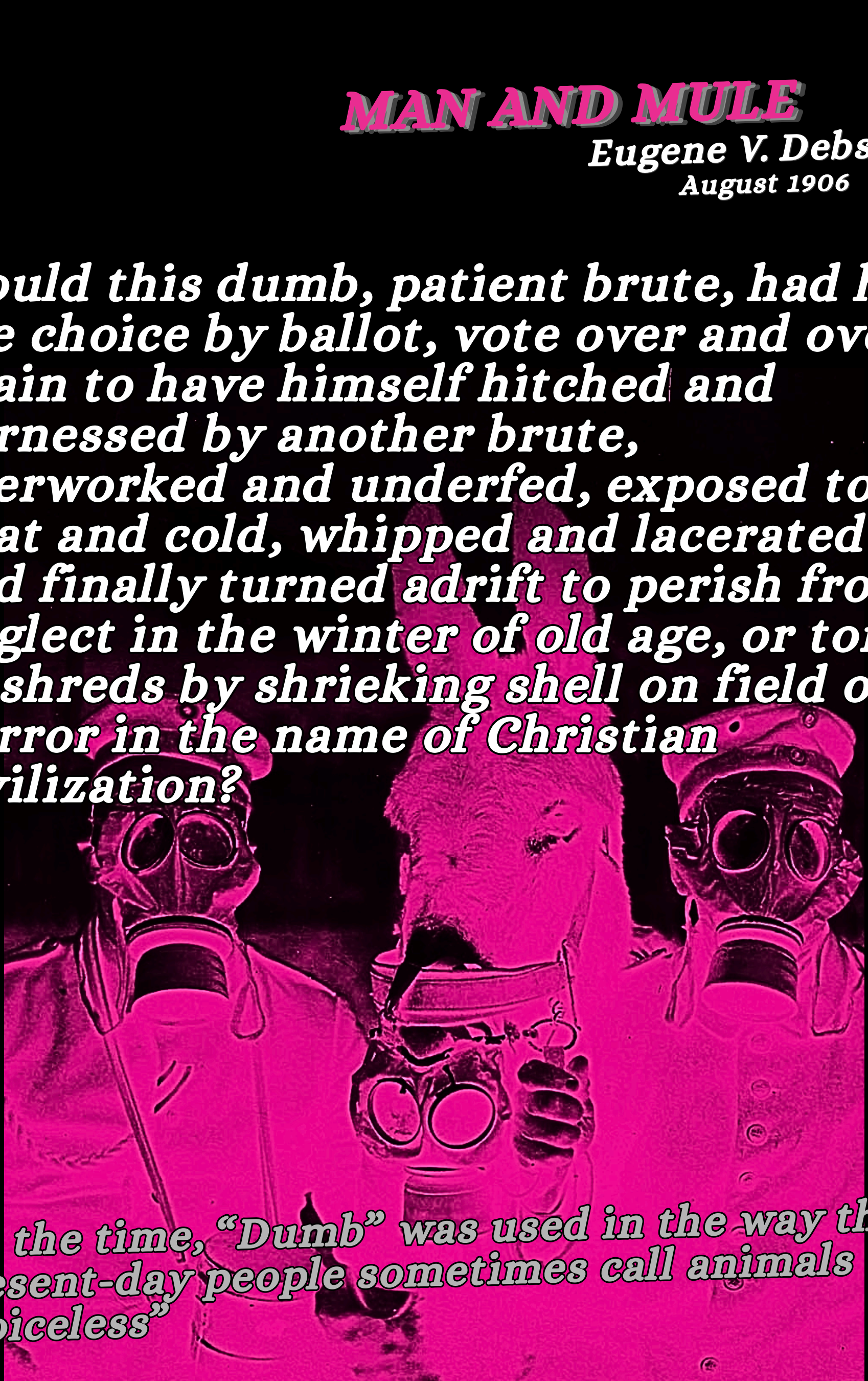


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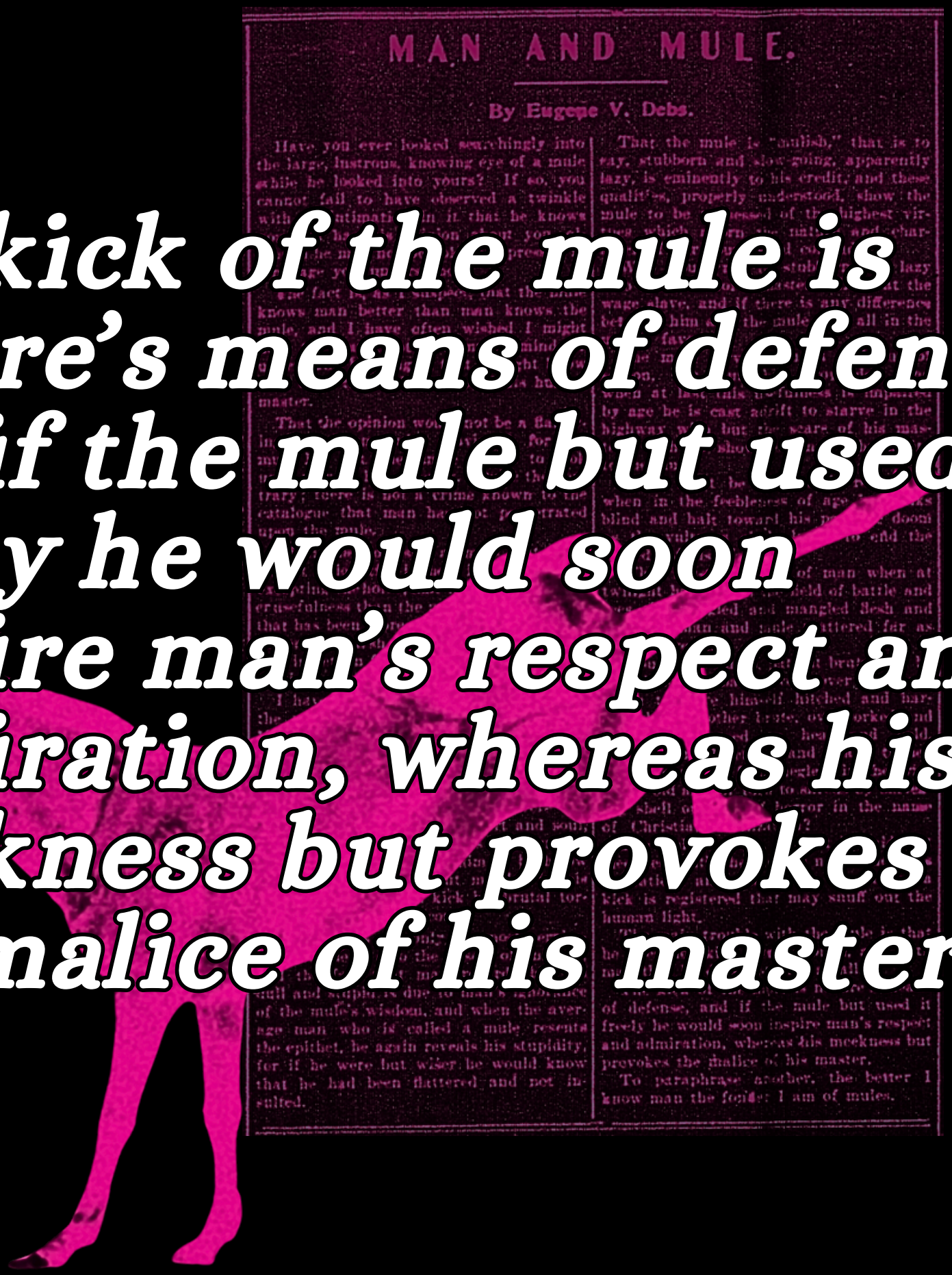
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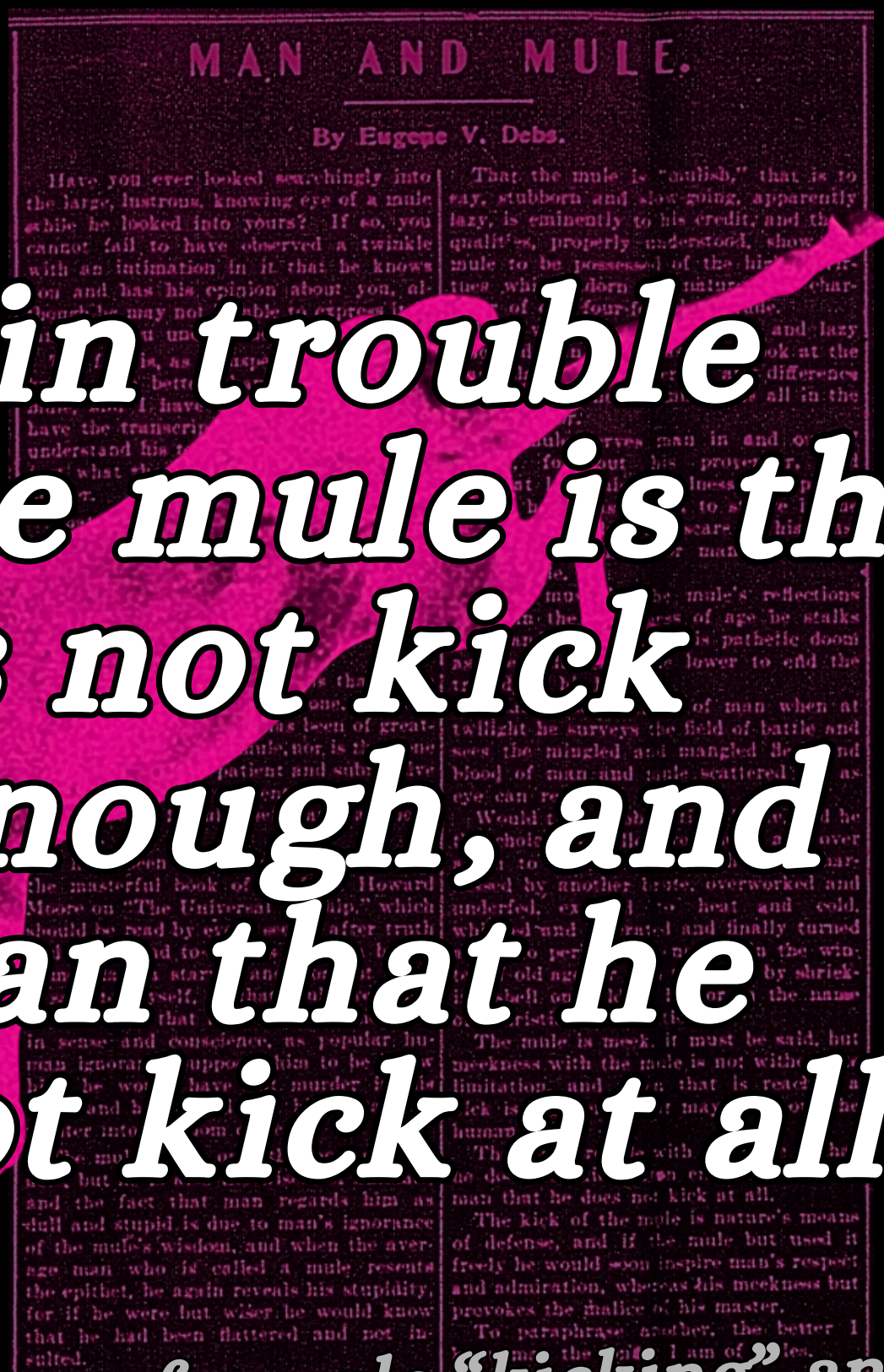
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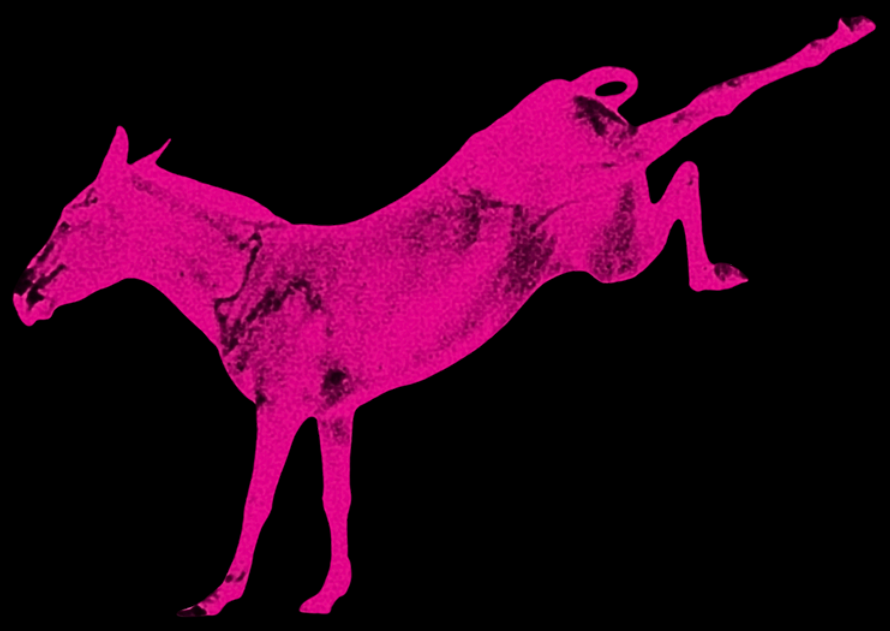
*Debs is well aware of people "kicking" and otherwise resisting. This article is a polemic to incite further resistance.

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 stone

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Have you ever looked searchingly into the large, lustrous, knowing eye of a mule while he looked into yours? If so, you cannot fail to have observed a twinkle with an intimation in it that he knows you and has his opinion about you, although he may not be able to express it in language you understand.

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.

That the opinion would not be a flattering one I am quite convinced, for the mule [illegible] not on[illegible] reason to look upon the mule.

Of all the domestic animals that serve [illegible] that has been more patient and submissive under the [illegible] treatment inflicted upon it [illegible] less. [illegible] have been led to these reflections by the masterful book of Prof. J. Howard [illegible] on The Universal Kinship, which [illegible] should be read by every seeker after truth and light.

That the mule is "mulish," 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.

The mule serves man in and out of season, for but his provender, and when at last this usefulness is impaired by age he is cast adrift to starve in the highway with but the scare of his master's lash to show for man's humanity to the mule.

[illegible] marks as the vultures circle lower to end the [illegible] blood of man and mule scattered far a[illegible] brute, had he over and over again to save himself lynched and harnessed by another brute, overworked and [illegible] ter 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.

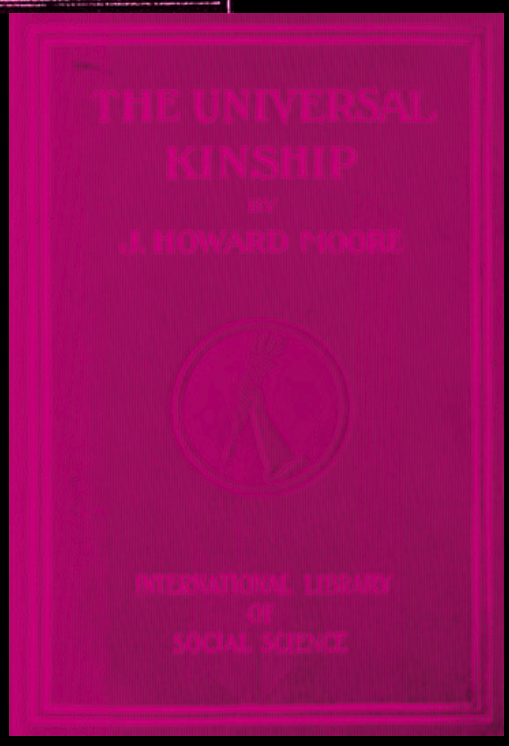
The kick of the mule is nature's means of defense, and if the mule but used it freely he would soon inspire man's respect and admiration, whereas his meekness but provokes the malice of his master.

To paraphrase another, the better I know man the fonder I am of mules.

Debs cites fellow Socialist author-activist J. Howard Moore for raising his consciousness on the shared oppression of humans and animals:

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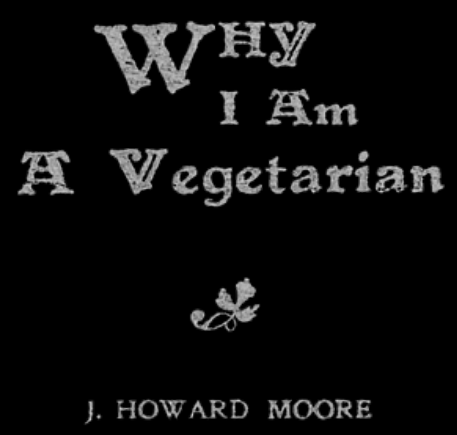


J. Howard Moore

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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.



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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.

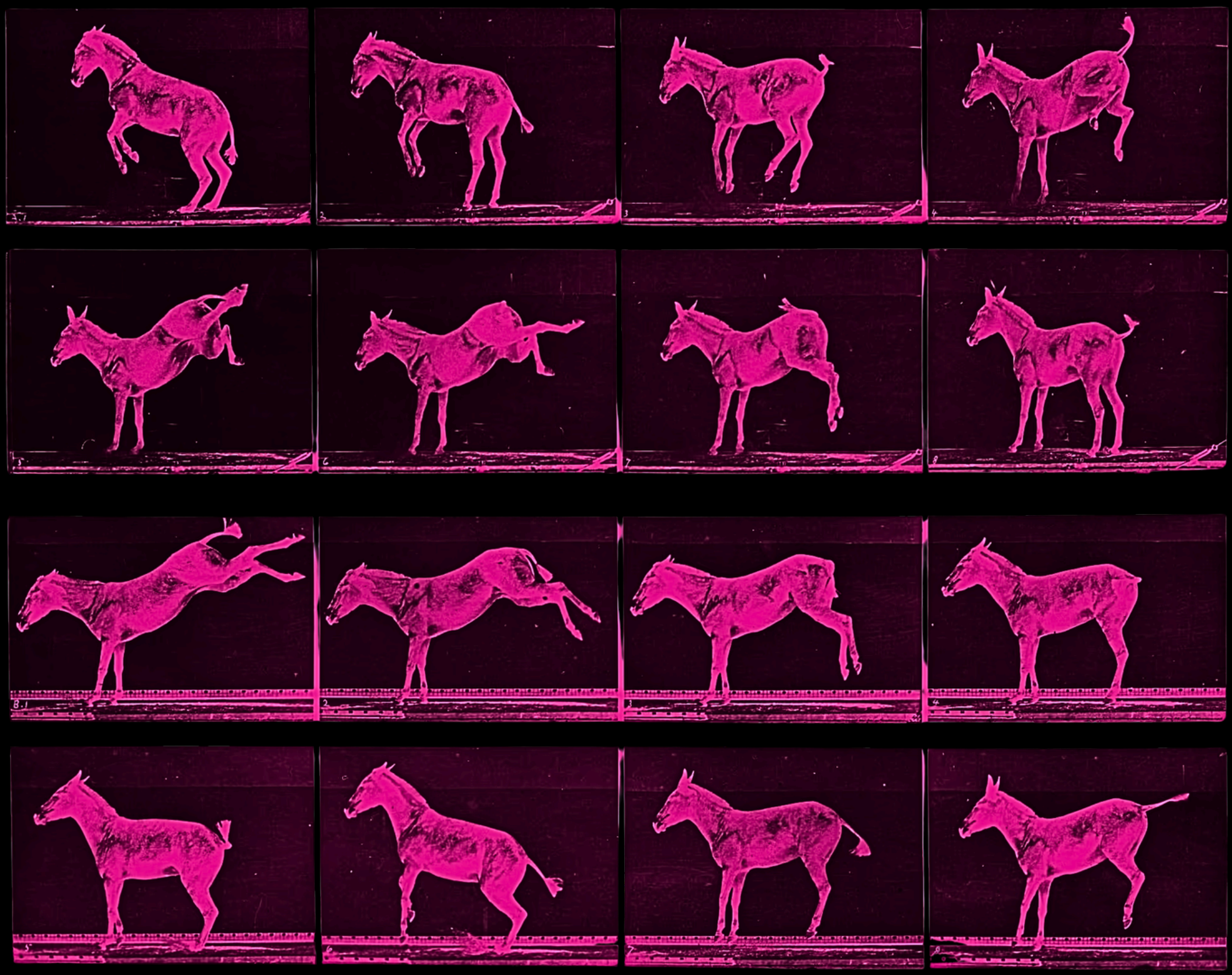
They want their own pleasures and also the pleasures of others.

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.

WHY
I Am
A Vegetarian

J. HOWARD MOORE



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.