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To save ourselves from the problem of kittens in the house, we gave our cat away. Now it looks as if she isn't pregnant after all. She was a nice, docile critter, and a good companion.

Something very unfortunate in this country is the manner in which people treat animals. Sometimes they are quite ruthless. Young children, without any reason, will chase after dogs, cats, donkeys, or sheep and clobber them with sticks and stones. Most of the horses and donkeys harnessed to pull carts are so scraggly and weak that they can barely stand upright, yet their masters whip them until they move. Where the ropes rub against the skin usually breaks through and bloody sores form. These become quickly infected by flies and other insects and the animals get sick. Consequently they usually trot around dolefully or stand forlornly, hanging their heads, a dazed look in their eyes.

The dogs also have a bad lot. The flies usually attack their ears and head and eat away all the skin in order to suck the blood. The dogs become so sick that all they can do is lie around, spaced out, panting all day.