

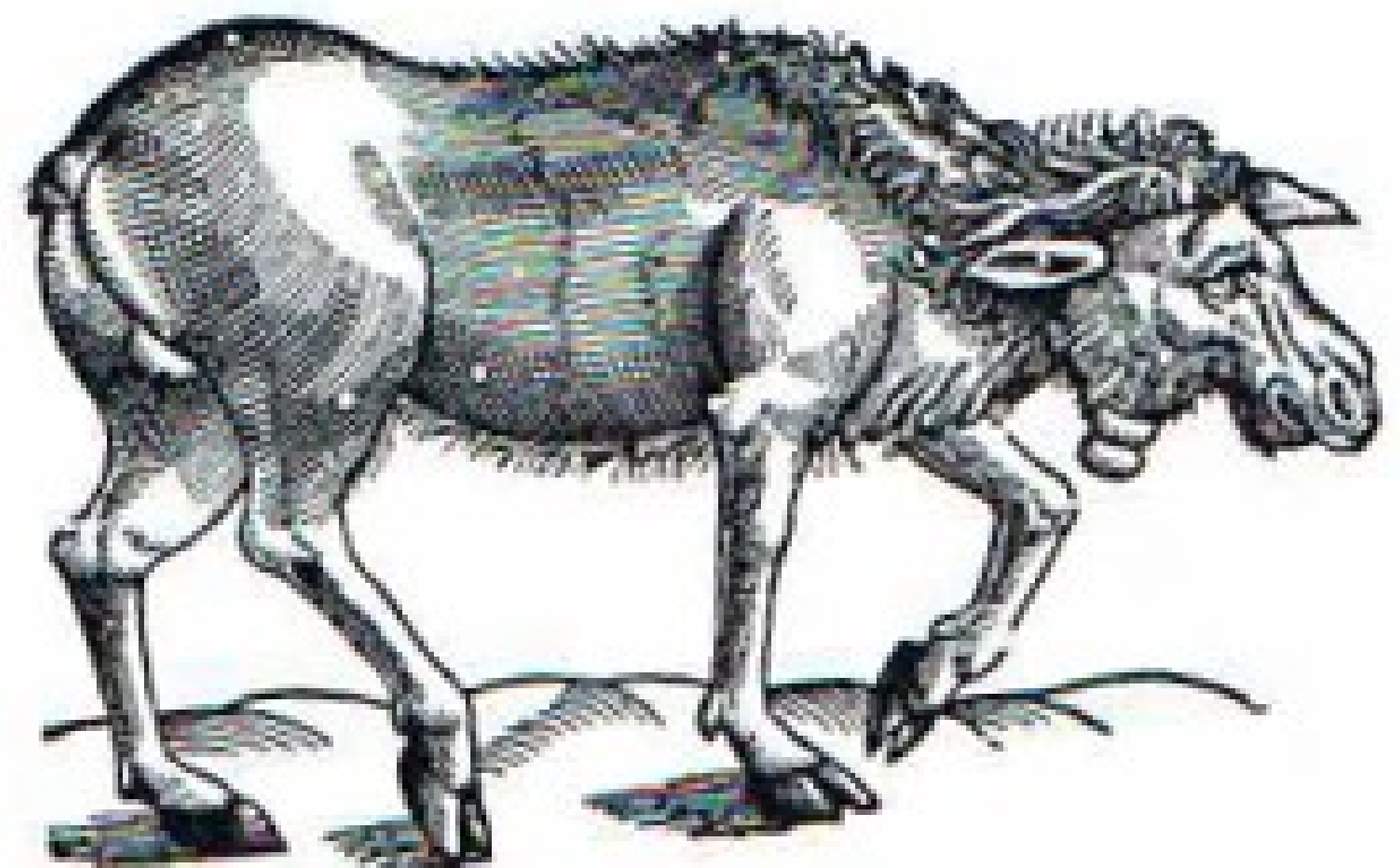
The elk's nail treating the epilepsy between Classic Age and Modernity Age

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INTRODUCTION

Any disease has not considered as a both God's will or a devil's will. "Corpus Hippocraticum" removes that magic-religious assumption on any disease underling that the epilepsy is located in the brain so as some other diseases. But it has due to some supernatural phenomena; thus, it is called "sacred disease". The nail of the elk has known by European people in the Middle Age and in the Renaissance, too. It has a great importance and its success within the boundaries of the official Medicine in XVI century and during the next two centuries, too. From Tissot words: "in the ancient pharmacopoeia as well as in the modern pharmacopoeia, many specific remedies against the epilepsy have no any virtue. The nail of the elk united with other specific remedies likewise loathsome, without any effect, and without any virtue, that are unworthy to have called as specific remedies , for example scraping of the vertebrae of a dead man due to a his violent death, a human brain, a human blood, a not buried human skull, some fresh jaundice from a black dog, dung from a peacock or a lion". The learned Tissot's words begin to have a large following many years later when the traditional social-popular elements related to the medicine give way for the Modernity Age



The elk
From: Conrad G. *Historiae animalium. Liber I. De quadrupedibus viviparis.* Zurich: Christoph Froschauer; 1551.

Pliny prescription against the epilepsy - the donkey's brain must be given united to water and honey after its blackening within the leaves for half of one ounce during seven days; two spoons of a drink made by the ash of the donkey's clog must be given for a whole month; so as, the testicle stored within the salt must be given as a poulder within a drink in a special way within the milk of the ass. The placenta of the ass, particularly after a masculine birth, must be sniffed to stop an epileptic attack. The donkey's liver made into a past united with a little of panacea must be given to the children preventing the affection by epilepsy and other disease

Tissot prescriptions against the epilepsy - a) mistletoe of the oak; not buried human skull; nail of the elk; seed of the basil; seed of the peony; betony flower; flower of the linden; amber powder; pinkish sugar; gold leaves. b) mistletoe of the oak; ivory scraping; nail of the elk; burnt unicorn; red coral; white coral; arranged pearls; gold leaves

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