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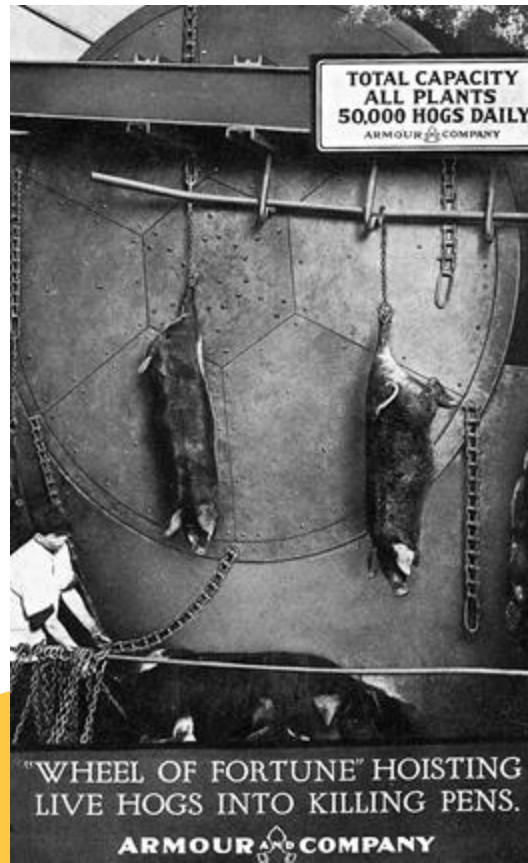
Visit the Chicago Stock Yards of the 1890s

Compelling Question:

“Would the food regulation laws of the early 20th century have happened without the publication of “The Jungle”?”



Longhorn cattle in the sales pens at
Chicago's Union Stock Yard, circa 1890



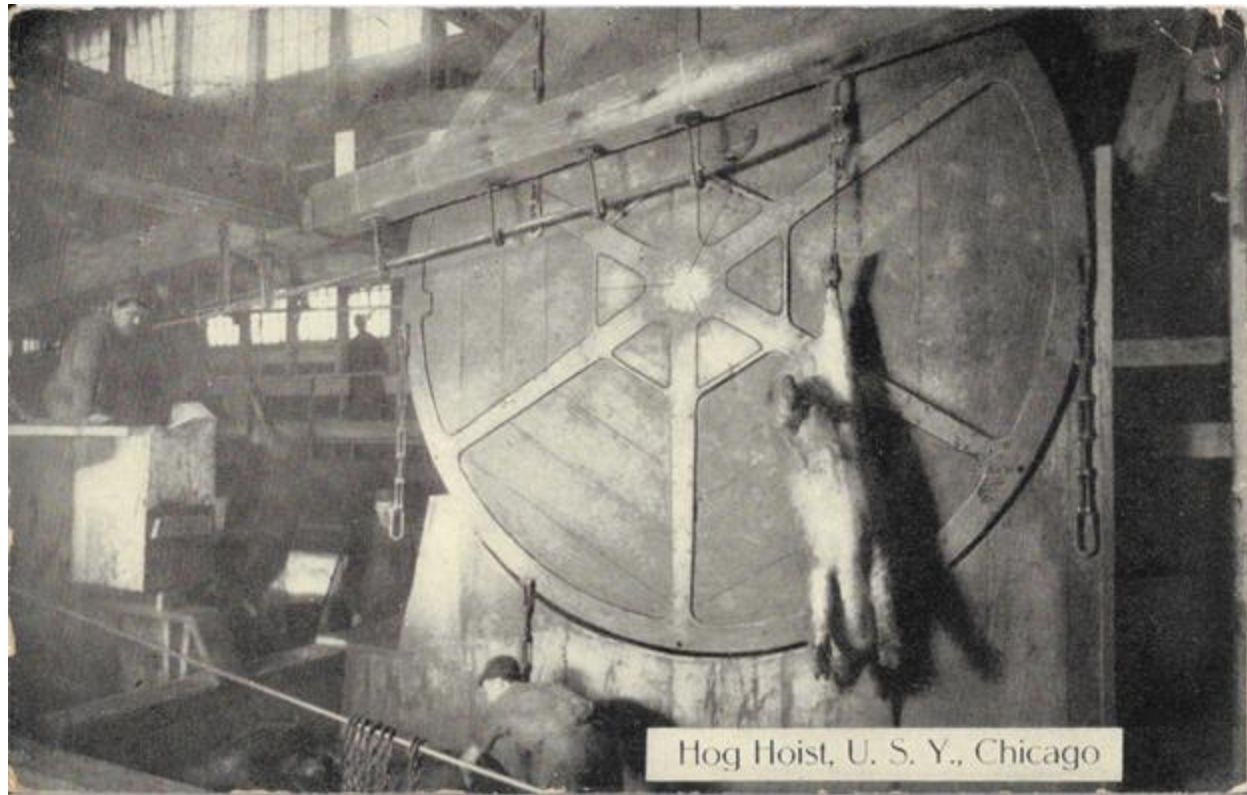
A device known as a Hurford wheel. The hog was chained to the wheel while still alive, and hoisted, to better prepare them for the slaughter



Boiling vats used to prepare hogs for hair removal, circa 1890



The view from the Union Stock Yard water tower looking southwest to the sheep house and Packingtown, circa 1890. Notice the smoke rising from the huge plants.



Front of postcard depicting the Union Stock Yard in Chicago, circa 1909

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[Sheep Run, Chicago Stock Yards, 1897](#)
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Supporting Question 2:	How accurate was Upton Sinclair’s “The Jungle”?
Source 2C:	Assorted photographs of real working conditions in stockyards across Chicago circa the early 1900’s.
<p>Slide 2: Unknown. (1920). <i>From the Kansas Plains, Union Stock Yards, Chicago, Ill.</i> photograph, Fort Worth, Texas.</p> <p>Slide 3, 4, 5: Pacyga, D. A. (2018). <i>Slaughterhouse: Chicago's Union Stock Yard and the World It Made</i>. University of Chicago Press.</p> <p>Slide 6: <i>Postcard Depicting the Union Stockyard in Chicago</i>. (1909). photograph, Chicago, Illinois.</p> <p>Slide 7: Thomas A. Edison, Inc. (July 31, 1897). <i>Sheep Run, Chicago Stockyards</i>. Retrieved from https://www.loc.gov/item/00694304/.</p>	