KIT BURN'S DOG-PIT.

Description of the Man and his Setab-ishment—The Beauties of Rat-killing. The N. Y. Tribune publishes the following graphic description of Kit Burns, and his popular doz pit, by Oliver Dyer, author of the Wickedest Man of New York."—

And now Providence has come and taken hold

of Kit Burn, and spett his name correctly, and inaugurated religious services in his dog-pit, and is leading him in a way that Kit knows not of.
And the Senators and ex-Senators of the State of And the Schators and ex-Schators of the state of New York, and the city magnates, and the twenty thousand vagabonds who have been Kit's patrons, stand aghast, and astrough inquire, "Men and brethren, what shall we do that our dop-pit may be saved?"

In hunting down the "Shady Side of Metropolitan Life," I came upon Kit Burn in due season, and found him to be a representative man, and one of whom (with his surroundings) these who might be smallerate the condition of second.

to ameliorate the condition of society should take note.

Kit Burn has been in Water street twenty-eight years. His sign reads:

SPORTSMAN'S HALL, KIT BURN.

Kit, when a youngster, used to run around bare headed and bare-tooled at Yankee Sailivan's, and similar places of resort, simply to ge a sight of the young quadrupeds that were kept at such establishments, and pat them on the head. He was passionately fond of dogs, and dogs were fond of him; and the mutual affection between man and dogs finally cropped out in the establishment of Kiva pit, which soon expanded into the present Sportsman's Hall, No. 273 Wa er street.

Kit is a stout, portly, muscular man, with a face as quiet, plucky, and good-natured as that of his best blooded bull-dog. It is claimed by certain scientists and philosophers that a man grows into a resemblance of that to which he ost devotes himself, and the theory holds true

in Kit's care, The bar-'com of "Sportman's Hall," which is entered from the street, is in harmony with the proprietor's individuality, especially as to its decorations. These consist of pictures of hunting scenes, and of parties "Camping awhile in the Wifderness," of lithographs of prize-fights, including the famous Heenan and Sayres
"mill," and of thirty-six of the most noted prizefighters who have ever lived. The prize-fighters are represented as stript to their work and in business attitudes—that is to say, in perfect readiness to punch any head or mash any "mug that Providence might send within their reach To hear Kit talk, when mellowed by his

favorite beverage to an oratorical mood, about these pictured prize-fighters, is equal to any treat that ever comes off in his bar room. 'Ab!" he says, as he stands contemplatively before one of his favorites, "he was a man. You couldn't count up his p'ints on your fingers.

And then he bandled bisself so tidy. Nothing fiebby about him. And sich a claret tipper!

He al'us sot the 'ruby' flowing."

From the bar-room you wind into the dog-pit, through a pass as easy of defense as that of Thermopylm. One determined man could hold this pass against a bost, unless he should be shot down. This is to guard against surprise by the police when a dog-fight or a ra-killing is in progress. But it would make sad work if the building should take fire when the amphitheatre was crowded from floor to root with worshipper at a prayer meeting or ruffians at a dog-dight. The greater portion of the audience, whether saints or sinuers, would be almost certain to be roasted alive.

The dog-pit or rat-pit-for it is used both for dog-fights and rat-killing—is near the centre of the room. It is surrounded by a solid lence about two feet high, and impervious to rats. It is oval in form, and about ten feet long and six feet wide at the widest part. From this pit the seats rise, in a circular form, as near to the celling as the endurance of those who occupy the topmost row will permit. The room will hold two bundred and fifty decent people and four hundred indecent ones, as indecency can always

be packed closer than decency.

The rats are kept in a large wire cage in the centre of the pit, and most of the dogs are chained around beneath the seats, care being taken not to give them sufficient length of chain to allow them to reach one another with their teeth. The choicest dogs are kept in what might be called canine boudoirs, up stairs, where they are surrounded with all the comforts of a home, and supplied with all the delacies of the scason in which the capine palate delights. They are fed on the most nourishing viands. Kit says his famous dog Beltcher has much better food than he eats himself. Beltcher has fought twelve battles, killing seven dogs out of the twelve, and, although now getting along in years, is still "good for his dog." A dog's best fighting days are between the age of two and

three years. three years.

The price of a rat at Kit's is twenty cents, which sum the etiquette of the place requires visitors to hand him for every rat killed for their delectation. What the rats cost Kit he does not say. They are caught for him by a young man who is reputed to have a "gift" and a "mission" for the work. This unusual young man is said to catch the rats with his hands in man is said to catch the rats with his hands, in the dark, or by daylight, with such tongs as are above described. He goes to slaughter-houses for them, and to other places where rats most for them, and to other piaces where rate most do congregate, taking a cage with him in which to bring them home. The trick of catching the rate is supposed to be a great secret, and not one to be revealed. "Lots of folks have tried to find it out," says Kit; "but 'tain't no use. It'll al'us be a secret." The 'secret' probably is, that the rat-catcher does not share that shrinking horror which rats inspire in the common human breast but picks them up as unconcernedly as he would

pick up links of sausage.

One of the most astonishing things which the curiosity seeker can see at Kit Buin's is his daughter Kitty brandishing her war-clubs.
Kitty is a small, fiagile looking girl, seemingly
about sixteen years old, and yet she will take a
pair of war-clubs, weighing sixteen pounds
each, and handle them with an ease and velocity which must be seen to be appreciated. In a sperring match with a friend, an ungallant accident allowed the gentleman's 'leit" to come down on Kitty's nose with a force which crushed the bone and spoiled the beauty of that organ; but when the girl becomes animated in whirling her sixteen-pound war-clubs, one's astonishment at her physical powers for the time makes him forget her broken nose, and when she totally sets down the clubs, the mas-culine beholder finds himself involuntarily hanking Heaven that the women of the land have not hit upon them as a means of solving the great question of "Womau's Rights." What could a husband do, cornered of a morning, with his triumpaant wife s'anding before him gracefully poising in each band a 16-pound wardlub, and affectionately suggesting to the trem-

bling wretch his programme for the day!

Kit says that Mr. Bergh, the prepressible President of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, is doing much injury to the sports of Water street. Mr. Burn does not charge Mr. Bergh with any malice. He ascribes his hostility to the recreations of the rat pit to ignorance. "Mr. Bergh," says Mr. Burn, "calls a rat an animal! Now, everybody of any sense knows that a rat is a vermin. Bergh takes up for the rat, and won't let us kill rats, because he thinks they're animals. Wouldn't he kill a rat if he found one in his cellar? Wouldn't he kill if he found one in his cellar? Wouldn't he kill a rat if he found one in his cupboard? Of course he would. But would he kill a horse if he found one in his yard, or even in his parlor? Of course he wouldn't. Why? Because a horse is an animal, but a rat sinf. I know rats. I know they're vermin, and they ought to be killed; and if we can get a little sport out of their killing, so much the better."

Such is the Water street view of Mr. Bergh, and of rats, and of ratkilling.

and of rats, and of rat killing.

The opening of Kit Burn's dog pit for noon-day prayer-meeting during the week, and for preaching on the Sabbath, has caused a deeper preaching on the Sabbath, has caused a deeper sensation among the population of the Fourth ward than either of the previous events in the same line at John Allen's or Tommy Hadden's. Kit's dog-pit was looked upon as the stronghold of the "fancy," the one citader of sin which could not be taken by the hosts of righteousness, either by force or persuasion; and now that it has capitulated, the conviction has become pretty general that no place is secure become pretty general that no place is secure against the inrosds of the *gcressive Gospel, which has come down on Water street. The opening of Kit's dog-pit for religious exercises

is due to the general influence of the revival upon the locality, and to Mr. Arnold's tact and popularity with all classes of human beings. The price paid for the occupancy is \$175 a month, which is about the cheapest rent paid in the city for Gospel purposes.

Kit does not profess to be religiously inclined. and, in fact, hardly knows what to think of the movement, or of his own conduct. He has gone into it under the impulsion of feelings which he cannot analyze, and which may lead him to unexpected results. It is a great thing, however, to have turned his dog-pit into a place of prayer and thanksgiving, no matter what may be the motives of its prepositor.

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