In nearly every large city in Japan there is, or was, a large castle, in which the prince of the province or his soldiers lived in time of peace, or fought in time of war. In Nagova,in the province of Owari, in the central part of the main island, was seen the largest, and finest of all the castles in Japan. They were built of thick walls of stone masonary from twenty to one hundred feet high, and divided from the outside land by moats filled with water. At the angles were high towers, built of heavy beams of wood covered with lime to make them fireproof, and roofed with tiles. They had many gables like a pagoda, and port-holes or windows for the archers to shoot out their arrows on the basiegers These windows were covered with copper or iron shutters. At the end of the topmost gable of the tower, with its tail in the air, was a great fish made of bronze or copper, from six to ten feet high, weighing thousand of pounds. It was a frightful monster of a fish, looking as if Jonah would be no more in its mouth than a sprat in a mackerel's. It stood on its lower gill like a boy about to walk on his hands and head. It always reminded me of Near PENN'A R. R. DEPOT, HEATING PARLOR and COOKING oid-fashioned candle-sticks, in which a glass dolphin rampant, with very thick lips, holds a candle in his glass tail. In Japan, however, the flukes of this bronze fish's tall, instead of a can dle, were usually occupied by a live hawk, or sometimes an eagle, cormorant, or falcon. Half the birds in Fukui solemnly believed the castle towers to have been built for their especial perch and benefit. I often have seen every fish-tail of the castle occutheir toilet, enjoying an after-dinner nap, or making speeches to each other, observing the rules of order no better than some assemblies in which several persons talk at once.

We sometimes say of a boy having wealthy parents, that "he was born with a silver spoon in his mouth." Now, as the Japanese eat with chopsticks, and use their silver for other purposes, they express nearly the same idea in other words.

In Japan, the better class of people -those who enjoy the privilege of wealth, education, or position-live either within or near the castle. One of the first things a well-born Japanese baby sees and learns to know out doors is the upright bronze fish on the castle towers. Hence a Japanese is proud to say, 'I was born within sight of the say, I was born within sight of the MONEY RECEIVED ON DEPOSIT. this fish). The princes of Owari were very proud, rich and powerful; and they determined to erect gold instead of bronze fishes on their castle. So they engaged famous gold and silver smiths to make them a shackihoko ten feet high. Its tail, mouth, and fins were of black glass. It cost many thousands of dollars, and required about twenty men to lift it.

This was at Nagoya, a city famous for its bronzes, porcelain vases, cups, and dishes, its wonderful enamel work called cloisonne, and its gay fans. Thousands of these Japanese fans with which we cool our faces in summer were made in Nayoya. Well, when, after much toil and the help of great derricks and tackling, the great object was raised to its place, thousands of persons came from a distance to see the golden wonder. The people of Nagova felt prouder than ever of their handsome city. In all kinds of weather, the golden fish kept its color and glittering brightness, never tarnishing the city. Street cars within one square every five minutes to all the depots of both cities. Terms or blackening like the common shack on the horo on other castles. Morning and evening, the sunbeams gilded it with fresh splendor. The gold and the sunlight seemed to knew each other, for they always kissed. The farmer's children, who lived miles distant in the country, elapped their hands with joy when the flashing flukes on the castle towers gleamed in the air. The they mounted a hill, knew when the city was near, though they could not see anything but the gleam like a star of gold.

Alas that I should tell it! What was joy to the many, was temptation to some. They were led to envy, then to covet, then to steal the prize. A man whoes talents the industry might came a robber-first in heart, and then in act. He began to study how he might steal the golden fish. How was he to reach the roof of the tower? Even it he could swim the most and scale the wall, he could not mount to the top story or the roof. The gates OLDRELIABLE "ÆTNA" were guarded. The sentinels were vigilant, and armed with sword and Ebensburg. Sept. 22, 1876-1y.* spear. How should he reach the golden scales?

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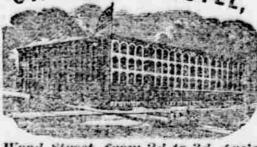
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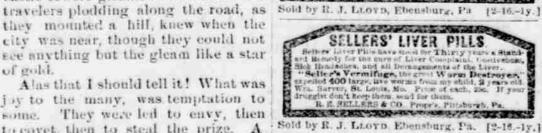
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ANIMAL CUNNING.

rested a fine old cat, the pet of household, with some new titles.
One of the kittens looked upon the chickens and loved them-lovels so well that it abandoned mother brothers, and sisters, and went to the old hen and asked to be admitted; her family circle and become anents thereof. Biddy, clucked assent a thenceforward hen, chickens, and he ten mingled together in multiple by pathy and sweet accord. It asters ed the Deacon, yet did his heart and to see chickens and kitten miles against each other and lying close is gether, and his favorite hen brooks them all with her wings and the stire family acting all day as if kits in spite of her four claws and her to had been hatched from an area. had been hatched from an egg. Is curious affiliation has been kept a until this day. The kitty of to

from kittenhood to the present his lived and roosted with the charge There are several witnesses to the truth of another story. The affiliates in this case was between a cate ga Highland House barn and four an pigs. It commenced last same and continued for some weeks, on the grounds and street adjoining to Highland Horse The cut say to pigs, went to them made friends with them, and became their constant and panion until they were shut uplayers When they are, the cut was alraw present, and they followed it show, running when it ran and walking when it walked, and each night the cut sal pigs slept together in the straw.

years ago is now a grave old est |-

Just after the last heavy fell of snow, a man in West Sparta while is his barnyard, feeding cattle begin noise among his geese, close by he turned around and saw a fox takeon of them by the neck sling it over his back, and start across the fields sin it toward the Hartman gully squar-ter of a mile away. The man ched the goose was, dropped, the dogwhoped, and then a forward moreness with the goose. The fox finally gas safely into a gully with his goose at probably never had a better oping satisfying his hunger on the choice meat that he had secured with some

About five weeks ago a qual fer into one of our village yards, and was picked up by a hindly hand and give to Thomas O'Meary, who put his it a parge eage in his store. In the sans response; and so much recipracity feeling was manifested that afters time, Mr. O'Meary transferred the canaries to the eage of the quail. The quail received the songsters with stident deligh, and, when night and seeing them place themselves et perch in the top of the cage, a hope to another perch just below and sink there. This it has done each les since, although before in accurled with quail customs the world over its roost was the bottom of the cige.

risk and courage

CURIOUS EXPERIMENT -We may tioned some months ago as experment exhibited in Professor Lelies class room, in which a fields into sphere was balanced on the top of a jet of water, and made to play up and down, in a manner very striking sail beautiful. We saw the Professor & hibit subsequently an experimental the same kind with air, but of a mer novel and singular description. Two or three atmospheres of common at were condensed into a close coppe vessel, of a size which might be out veniently carried in the hand A stopcock, with a very minute spense. fixed on the top of the vessel, beig opened, the condensed air rushes of If a wooden ballot the size of a school boy's marble, or larger, is placed by the hand in this current of sizes

not blown aside or suffered to fall, a

we would expect, but continues to influence

up and down some inches above the orifice, generally performing at the same time a vertical revolution total AVING recently enlarged our stock we are its axis. Though the air and water a the two experiments perform the safe office, they act in a very aitherent mate ner. The water, thrown up by prethe thickness of a slender rod, to the height of twenty feet or more; but the air being greatly condensed, the me ment it escapes from the tube its po-ticles exert a lateral repulsion, and in stead of stead of pouring upwards in a uniform slender stream, it spreads out into 9 form of an inverted cone, in the sta of which, where the rarefactor's great, the ball plays up and dent So securely is the ball confined by the conical shell of air which invested that the vessel may be inclined at \$ angle of 30° or 40°, or carried shed freely in the hand, without the lal falling off. The experiment ha fact, something of a magical effect for, when viewed at a distance of that or four yards, so that the which noise of the air is not heard, the la

seems to leap and play, and stack it

self by some secret and invisible per-