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Prize Essay on Cats.
A few weeks ngo the enterprising manager of Buoneli's Museum, tn Nev
York, reated the publict to the novelty of a Cal Sbow - or, "The Cat Congress, ns it was dignifiedly called.
 were offered for the oldeat cat, the blg
vest cat ( 35 pounds), the smallest cal gest cat ( 35 pounds), the smallest cat
$(3$ ounces), the best performing cat, Angores, Mnaltese, Tailiess, Black
White White, and Tortoise.shell cats, Beides, all of theese, a prize of ten dollars was awarded for the cat essany, to Walter . Quevedo, of Brooklyn, his effort be even. The essay was attached to common wooden thp.cit suth ns lithle
boys play with. It was ng followe: boys play with. It was ng follow:
The enclosed cat knocked at our offce wiudow a few years ago, and then came In without beligg introduced. Since
then it has never eaten anything nor then it has never eaten anything nor
shown an inclination to become acquainted with the back fence. It is perfectly doelle, but is apt to jump when rectly docile, but is apt to jump when
stroked upo the back. Beeides this,
there are two other kiuds of cats-the there are two other kinds of cats-the
cat of nine tails and the cat of nine lives. The cat proper and improper derive
his name from the manner in which you address hitm at night, thus-"Seat1" The eat is a cuss that mews and purre, be-cuss purr-haps it a-mew-ses him.
He is covered with fur, is flled with de. He is covered with fur, is filled with deceitfulness, abounds in cheek. I sald
that on purr-puss. He can place himthat on purr-puss. He can place him-
self outaide of a canary in full bloom. and then come and sit by your side and look up in your face with a smile that is "chllatike and bland," chuck fallo penitence and canary. Canary other ani-
mul do this? His fur is soft and plosay but what this is fur I cannot say. It isn't so sofl, however, but what it will break bricks. The cat is a smaller bird than the mule. As a general thing the eat can draw more than any other ani mal except a mustard plaster. I have
known him to draw two bootjacks, known him to draw two bootjacks, of a gun two or three swears out of a man, and other articles of bed-room furniture out of a third story window. This can also be sald of the average German band. In fact they are somewha
related, as the discoverer of the fiddle, listening to the music of the cat, cut him open to see where the noise came from, and thus laid the foundation for fiddle strings. Cats and fiddles thus became viol-instigators of suicides. They are unfeelne. I would say some is a painful subject ; another reason is I don't know anything about them. See Mr. Bergh. Please send the $\$ 10$ by any of my kind reportorial friends,
You mightalso send a polliceman with the reporter. Yours, categorically."

He Heard It.
Topnoody made up his mind that he was'nt going to be bossed any longer by dis wife, so when he went home at noon Malked in and; called out imperiously Trs. T. came out of the kit topnoody drop of sweat on the end of her noee dish-rag tied around her bead, and a rolling-pin in her hand. Well, sir," he said, "what'll you have?" Topnoody staggered, but braced up. "Mre. Topuoody, I want you to understand madam" - and he tappec his breas ramatically-"I am the engineer of
this entablishment." "Oh, you are, are you? Well, Topnoody, I want you to understand that 1 "-and she looked
dangerons-"am the boiler that will low up and sling the engineer clear over into the next county. Do you hear the steam escaping, Topnoody in
noody heard It, and he meekly inquired if there was any assiletance he could ender in the housework.

Had a good offer.
A Saloplan parish clerk, seeing a wo. man crowning the church-yard with-
bundle and a watering can, followed her curious to know what her intentions might be and discovered that she was a widow of a few monthe' standing. Inquiring what she was poing to do with the watering-pot, she informed him hat she bad begged some grass-seed to
sow upon her husband's grave, and had brought a little water to make it spring up quickly. The clerk told her tha there was no oceasion for her to take that trouble- the grave would be green In no time. "Ah, that may be," was the frank reply; " but my poor husband made me promise not to marry again
until the grass had grown over bis grave: and having a good offer, $I$ don't want to break ny word, or keep as I am longer ban I cas help,"

