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**THE BIRD-FANCIER.**—[From the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph, October 28.]—For about ten years past, on Coates street, above Eleventh, north side, a funny old man has kept a sort of fancy birds and dogs' bazaar. The one-story shanty, for it is nothing more, was originally a carpenter's shop, but the bird man had it changed to suit his peculiar business. The interior was filled with cages and kennels, and the yard was roofed over to form one immense coop, in which was kept the pigeons. In this den of his he had every variety of dogs, pigeons, rabbits, and fancy game fowls.

The passer-by could not but pause in curiosity and gaze into the place at the novel sight. There were about two hundred pigeons on hand, and a score or two of choice Maltese cats, in addition to the other feathered, grunting, and barking inmates. The place has long been a nuisance to the neighborhood, owing to the immense amount of vermin generated, and frequent complaints have been made about it, but until yesterday did no opportunity offer of bringing the old man to account.

Besides his passion for birds and dogs, the old man who presides over this menagerie has a fondness for rum. A week ago yesterday he undertook a tremendous journey into the domains of Bacchus, and has not been seen up to this writing. Of course, he safely locked his key treasures up, when he started and took the live with him. Yesterday as Officer Gilbert, of the Eighth District, was patrolling the street at that point, he heard a most satanic and hair-raising wailing time he was in doubt as to whether the fearful din came, but at last he discovered that it emanated from the bird-fancier's shanty. He walked rapidly to the spot, the noise becoming louder every moment, and peered through the dirt berried and cobwebbed window. The sight that met his eyes was a fearful and sickening one. He could discern dead bodies of birds, dogs, cats, and guinea pigs, lying around, while the dogs and cats that were alive were screaming with agony and fighting each other like demons.

The Maltese cats that survived had become lean and gaunt, and their eyes burned red with the fires of madness. The dogs, gaunt and famished and rolled upon the floor in all the horrible suffering of starvation. He saw at once what had happened, and burst the door open. The stench that issued forth was horrible. Dead bodies in a high state of decomposition lay in the cages and over the floor, over which crawled and writhed a horrid mass of vermin. Wishing to do all he could to save the animals and birds not yet dead, he purchased meat and cabbage from the grocery store and fed them. It was the first they had to eat since their master's disappearance.

A warrant has been taken out for the proprietor, and the case will be placed in the hands of the Board of Health.

**A NEW ILLUSTRATION OF AN OLD PROVERB.**—A friend who has recently returned from Chicago related to us an incident of his visit which is good enough to find a place here. He was riding in a horse-car down State street from the post office, surveying the rains, along with a number of gentlemen whose long, rueful faces told unmistakably that they belonged to the numerous class of "sufferers," when suddenly a man at his elbow gave utterance, without having previously vouchsafed a single word, to the old Eastern proverb, "There is no great loss without some small gain," his face lighting up with a smile at the apparently happy thought which suggested the exclamation. Our friend's curiosity was aroused, and he blandly inquired of the stranger what assurance he had for his faith, in view of the blackened ruins all about them. "Why, you see," replied the beaming countenance on our friend and speaking in a loud tone, which attracted the attention of every one in the car, "you see, stranger, I lost my house, six thousand dollars' worth of furniture, and just about every cent I was worth, but I got rid of an infernal old cook stove which always smoked and would not bake at all, and which compelled my wife to send our bread to the neighbors to be baked. Well, sir, that stove was done for in the great fire, and now I feel more than ever there is no great loss without some small gain. Just think of it, I might have had a new stove, and then there would have been some small added to my loss." And, with an audible chuckle over this comforting reflection, he pulled the bell rope, stopped the car, and with a graceful wave of his hand at our friend, disappeared among the ruins—possibly, in search of the remains of that "infernal cook stove."

**UP IN A BALLOON.**—Prof. Wise a few days since completed his four hundredth and forty-sixth balloon ascension, and in speaking of his passage through a dry fog, which was two miles in thickness, says:

There is a meteorological interest revealed in this fog. It would seem to be the cause of "Indian Summer." It was dry and warm. It acted like a tympan in the conduction and propagation of sound. At two and half miles of elevation the sound of cow bells and barking dogs could be distinctly heard. I suffered no disagreeable sensation in the ears and the base of the brain in this congenial temperature, which is usually the case in going into a high, cold atmosphere. The view from the greatest altitude was remarkably unique. Vertically, it was clear, growing misty as the area of vision was extended. Towards the west the fog was orange-colored, and the ponds of water on the earth reflected the sunbeams with dazzling brilliancy and rainbow colors. To the east, above this ocean of fog, mirage was visible on a grand scale; the whole eastern circle of the horizon revealed a belt of prismatic bands, slightly veiled with a murky curtain, but well defined. This faded away with the setting sun. A disposal of ten pounds of ballast brought the balloon to view a second time, and with its rising in the west came the concomitant fresh air of a regular October morning, as I had now risen above the warm dry fog.

**A SINGULAR CASE.**—An Austrian surgeon has got into trouble in a singular way. A burgomaster named Klym was gored in the side by a wild bull, and the doctor who was summoned to attend the injured man, wore a gold ring, which slipped off his finger during the operation and remained in the wound. The loss was not noticed until after the thought had been dressed, and it was in greater danger of endangering to remove the ring. The burgomaster died, and the surgeon has since been arrested on a charge that death had been caused, not by the wound, but by inflammation produced by the ring.

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sep 11-1f

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