

Deadly Encounter Between a Cat and a Wolf. "Hobbing" for cats, says the New York Times, is the favorite winter pastime of Mr. John Carver, who lives between Highgate and Fairview, N. J., and breaks the ice that has formed on the streams of the blackish water...

Last Tuesday, however, he pulled an act nearly three feet long out of the hole. The creature had probably been tempted by the warmth of the water to eat of its torpidly farther than usual, and it awoke ravenously hungry. It had taken a "hob" or two, and was now in a bad mood. Mr. Carver carried it home and feeding that he was to all appearance helpless when he laid it down on the kitchen-cabinet, he proceeded to dissect it. He made a circular incision around the neck and drew the knife some inches down the body. Then he changed his mind and decided not to slit the eel until morning.

About midnight Mr. Carver was aroused by his wife vigorously pinching him and telling him that robbers were in the house. He attempted to argue with her as to the improbability of burglars and cautious burglars in the presence of his calling making such a racket as was in progress down stairs, but she replied emphatically and with reason directed for greater: "It's not robbers, what is it?" And so he didn't know, he partly dressed himself and went down to find out.

The noise evidently came from the pantry, and thither Mr. Carver went, trembling with cold, but firm of purpose and carrying a lamp in one hand and the kitchen stove-lifter in the other. As he opened the door he saw something that frod his blood and caused him to stand quite still and watch the spectacle before him with eyes bulging from amazement. The big eel was engaged in a deadly combat with the cat. The noise evidently came from the pantry, and thither Mr. Carver went, trembling with cold, but firm of purpose and carrying a lamp in one hand and the kitchen stove-lifter in the other.

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