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## **CAT LOSES EYE TO OWL.**

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### **Bitter Fight Between Bird and Feline Over Possession of a Rat.**

From the Philadelphia Inquirer.

As the result of a terrific contest with a screech owl just before dusk, a cat, having its home quarters on Lancaster avenue, west of Thirty-seventh street, had one eye torn out and patches of its skin removed. The owl escaped with an injured wing.

The fight, which attracted the attention of a number of passers-by, resulted when the cat made its appearance from a stable on Pearl street, below Thirty-seventh, bearing in its mouth a freshly-caught rat. The owl, which has for a number of weeks been roosting in trees in the neighborhood of Thirty-seventh street, attacked the animal and attempted to deprive it of its prey.

Witnesses declare that the owl clung to the cat's back until it dropped the rat and turned over on its back, fighting with teeth and claws. The owl then seized the rat, and although apparently lamed in one wing, succeeded in bearing it to a nearby branch.

The cat crawled into a neighboring yard, its full injuries not being ascertained till a neighboring physician was asked to put it out of its misery, when it was discovered that its right eye had been torn out. It was then chloroformed.