

“ than two or three hundred carp, between two
“ and three feet long ; and I was told by the
“ keeper they were between 50 and 60 years
“ standing. They were tame, and came to the
“ shore in order to be fed ; they swallowed
“ with ease a piece of white bread of the size
“ of half a halfpenny roll.”

We shall only add, (not certainly for the gratification of the epicure, but to ascertain a curious fact in natural history, of which we, and possibly others, may have hitherto doubted) the author's testimony concerning the possibility of the carp's not only living for a considerable time out of water, but of its growing fat in its new element. The author has seen the experiment successfully tried, and attended to the whole process, in a nobleman's house where he then resided, in the principality of Anhalt Dessau. “ The fish being taken out of the
“ water, is wrapped up in a large quantity of
“ wet moss, spread on a piece of net, which
“ is then gathered into a purse ; in such a
“ manner, however, as to allow him room to
“ breathe. The net is then plunged into wa-
“ ter, and hung up to the ceiling of a cellar.
“ At first the dipping must be repeated every
“ three or four hours ; but afterwards the carp
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