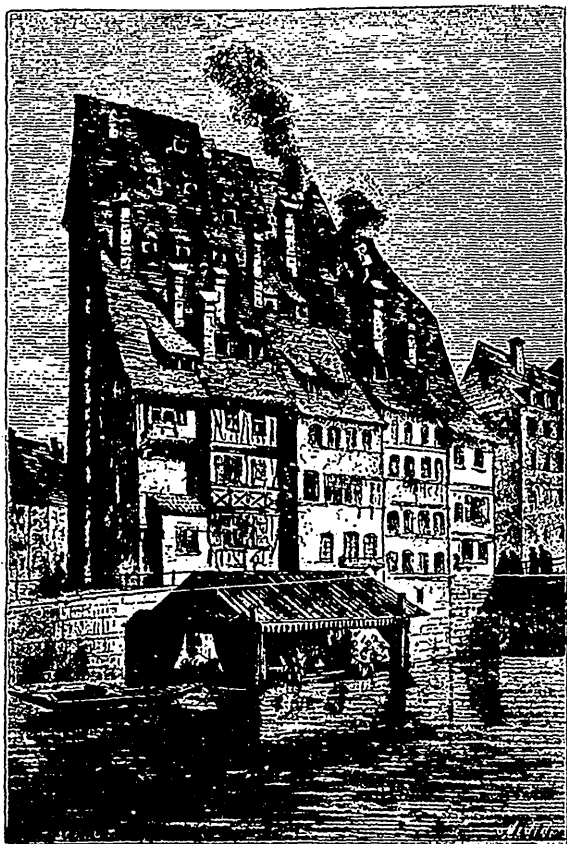


of the buildings, the storks, almost as much an institution of Strasburg as its Münster, put a crowning touch, by building their nests on the highest points and chimneys. Certain it is that in Strasburg, as in many other parts of Germany and in Holland, the storks suffer no injury at the hands of man, who, on the con-



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trary, has a reverential respect for them. The building of a nest upon a house by a pair of storks is considered as a presage of good fortune to the inmates, and a man would suffer great inconvenience rather than drive away the tutelary fowl. One gentleman, to our own knowledge, gave up the use of one of his rooms during the winter rather than destroy a nest which two storks had built right over the aperture of his chimney, and thus prevented his making a fire.