National Board of Control Favored by Mr. Valvet Pillowfeet, So Well and Widely Known.

Mr. Velvet Pillowfeet, the widely known burglar, returned from Europe yesterday on the Pelumphic. When asked about the business situation he

enid: "There is no need for worry over. the burglar business. In spite of the disturbance of recent months, underlying conditions are sound and resources are plentiful. And yet, although I am thoroughly optimistic, I want to say that no noticeable revival of burglary can be looked for at once. So long as the authorities continue their meddling, and so long as the people are willing to listen to inflammatory agitators, our solidest burglars will not undertake new commitments. The public mind has been stirred up until they think burglars are much worse than they really are. It is actually coming to the point in this country where a man who is good to his family cannot turn a dishonest penny without having to undergo annoying investigations by congress and the police and muckrakers.

"I do not deny, of course, that burglary should be regulated, nor do I object to a medicum of government control, which might even go so far as to limit the amount which a duly licensed burglar might make at any one haul, but I do think that burglary should be taken out of politics. For this purpose I favor the creation of a national burglary board, to be appointed by the president and composed of leading respectable burglars."

#### QUAINT NAMES GIVEN CLUBS

London Institutions Seem to Have Been Designed for All Sorts of Queer People.

The title "Cave of the Golden Calf" bestowed on London's first cabaret theater club, which opened its doors recently, recalls other curiously named clubs which have flourished in this country at different times.

For instance, there was the "Calves" Head club,' founded in "ridicule of the memory of Charles I."

"The Everlasting" was a purely social club, with a membership of 100

"The Little club" was a distinctly original institution. It was intended for those not five feet high. The door was made high enough to admit a man five feet and no more.

There were many others, eccentric in name and tradition, which flourished during the eighteenth century, such as "The Great Bottle club," the "Je Ne Sais Quoi club," "The Sons of the Thames" and the "No Pay No Liquor club," whose members on the first night of joining were obliged to pay an entrance fee of one shilling and wear a hat shaped like a quart pot.-London Tit-Bits.

American Shopping. A New York letter in the Munich Gazette speaks of the pleasures of shopping in the great cities of the United States, and lays particular stress on the "fairness" of the rules. under which all stores seem to work. "It. makes no difference," says the writer, "how unfamiliar one is with the language and the currency-he has the same place in the line of patrons with the natives. Polite salesmen and saleswomen show the goods, which are seldom urged upon the customer; the prices are fixed, and one knows that he buys at the same figure without bidding less, as his neighbor who tries to pinch the price. In one place I purchased goods to the value of 7 marks, listened to a fine concert, took tea at a small price, wrote several letters in a beautiful room at no cost save the postage, and found the goods at my home when I reached there a few hours later."

Why It Has a Hump. Keepers of the soological gardens are expected to know all the facts and theories of natural history, and, as they do not, they sometimes have to manufacture explanations.

One of the men in the Philadelphia 200 was asked, by a visitor, what the hump on the camel's back, was for. "What's it for?" repeated the keep er, in a dazed way.

"Yes, of what value is it?" The keeper thought real hard for a

minute, and then said, gravely: "Why, sir, do you suppose folks would come miles to see this animal if it didn't have a hump? Sir, a camel if it didn't have a hump might just as well be a cow. That's the use of the hump!"

Something Like It. "Will you have some mocking bird

soup?" A new waitress in a family hotel on the hill startled the diners last evening by asking this question.

"I'll not eat at this hotel again. I'm a member of the Audubon society. The very idea! Making soup out of mocking birds!" indignantly remarked

woman. "I'll take a chance on it just once," said her husband. The waitress went to the kitchen

and returned.

"I made a mistake," she said. "Ik was mock turtle soup."

But That Was Long Ago. Hewitt-Times have changed. Jewett-Right you are: I remember when a pedestrian had an even chance for his life when he tried to cross

#### AFRICAN PYGMY AT ZOO

New Yorkers Soon to Have Opportunity to See Bare Animal Captives.

New York .-- For the first time on record visitors to New York soo will shortly have an opportunity to inspect what is probably the rarest animal that has ever been made a part of any such collection—that is, the pygmy hippopotamus.

These pocket editions of the "bloodsweating behemoth" were discovered in 1884 in Africa, and it has taken nearly thirty years to secure these first live specimens, although a few mounted bodies have been shown, since their habitat so far as known is confined to a remote territory peopled. by bloodthirsty cannibals. The two specimens which have now been acquired, a male and a female, cost the soo \$12,000, a figure which indicates

According to descriptions that have crossed the Atlantic ahead of the pair, the male is 30 inches high at the shoulders, 70 inches long from the end of his nose to the base of his tail, and his tail is 12 inches long. He weighs 419 pounds. The female, believed to be only two years old, is 18 inches high and weighs 176 pounds.

In comparison, Caliph, the enormous male hippopotamus who now stands in a mounted state in the American Museum of Natural History, stood 4 feet 91/2 inches high at the shoulders, was 12 feet 4 inches in length from end to nose of root of tail. his circumference was 11 feet 8 inches and his weight has been given as close to 6,500 pounds.

Beside the enormous bulk of a full grown male hippo of the common species, the pygmy is like a six months' old human infant of thirteen pounds weight beside a man of 180 pounds. In bulk one adult Nile hippo weighing 6,000 pounds is equal to fourteen adult male pygmy hippos.

#### CANNIBAL RACE IN THE WEST

Evidence Found by R. F. Gilder to Prove Traditions of the Omaha indians.

Omaha, Neb.-Traditions among the Omaha Indians to the effect that a tribe of cannibals once\_lived in the Valley of the Missouri have been verified apparently by discoveries made recently near this city by persons operating under the direction of R. F.

Gilder, a well-known archaeologist. The Omaha Indians came to this region from the Ohio river about 300 years ago. These pioneers heard from other Indians who then lived here of the former existence of a tribe that ate human flesh. Inquiry among other tribes that had formerly been in the valley showed that they had the same tradition, and persons interested in uncovering the history of the early inhabitants of America undertook to learn if there was truth

in these tales. The search has been going on for eight years. At the beginning it was found that some race had lived on the bluffs of the Missouri in dugouts. which at times were 10 feet deep and were roofed with poles over which were laid twigs, grass, and earth. In the floors of these were caches in which were stored property and food. These from time to time have yielded evidence of cannibalism, but nothing that appeared conclusive was unearthed until this summer, when in a small dugout, one of eight, were found bones which Mr. Gilder believes show absolutely that human flesh was cook-

ed to-be esten. "In all there were found parts of at least 16 human skulls ranging from the smallest infant to the senile subject," said Mr. Gilder in announcing this discovery. "Many showed the peculiar color which bones assume on being boiled. In my possession there is a vast assortment of food bones of quadrupeds and birds.

# AGED HEN STILL LAYS EGGS

Owner Vouches for "Belva Lockwood's" Years and Productiveness.

Boston, Mass.-Mrs. Hall of Norwell has a hen that is 21 years old this

summer and still lays eggs. "I know she is 21," says Mrs. Hall, because she was one of a sitting of eggs that was set by my mother, and she's been dead 21 years this sum-

Beiva Lockwood has laid eggs regularly up to this year. Last year she laid 11, and when she was at the coy, age of 16 she was producing 250 eggs a year with the enthusiasm and industry of young broilers of two years. "The only trouble with her." says Mrs. Hall, "is that she's a little blind. She seems to feel her way, but if I

#### I keep her locked up." **BOLT MELTS PICTURE WIRES**

let her out she's likely to get lost, so

Lightning Twists Child About and Cuts Up Other Didoes in New Jersey.

Williamstown, N. J. - Ligtning performed some weird antics in the home of Albert Eldridge. The current entered by way of a chimney and blew out every chimney stop in the house. It melted picture wires by the dozen, tore off picture frames, smashed a bureau to pieces and cut carpets in several rooms. The current penetrated every room in the house except the parlor, and in the sitting room seized a grandchild of Eldridge, who was playing in the middle of the floor, and turned her completely around without doing her any injury.

# SWIMS ACROSS BAY

Young Girl Makes Half a Mile in Record Time.

Bix-Year-Old Covers Long Distance at . Dover in Nineteen Minutes-Cuts Hier Way Though Waves Like an Expert.

Dover.-Visitors to Dover and promenaders on the harbor piers were astonished recently to see a little mite of a girl, barely more than a baby, take the water with all the ease and aplomb of a channel swimmer, and proceed to swim haif a mile across the bay in the record time of 19 minutes.

And the sight was in truth a remarkable one. The diminutive swimmer, looking the merest speck on the sunlit waters, cut her way through the waves with a businesslike, sturdy breast stroke that would have done credit to a Wolff or a Holbein.

Swimming by her side with watchful eyes was Mrs. Jack Weldman, the channel swimmer. But the little record-maker neded no guardianship. Instead, the little girl finished her half mile as fresh as a cricket without aid of any kind, and this although the sea was anything but smooth. By some people it would have been considered choppy.

The plucky little girl who achieved this novel performance is Freda Pickett, a six-year-old pupil of Miss Jarvis, sister of the English champion

The part of Dover bay covered by the child is that which lies between the Prince of Wales pier to the Promenade pier, a distance of half a mile, which she covered in the extraordi-

nary time of 19 minutes. The child's parents belong to Market Harborough (Leicestershire). Jack Weidman is enthusiastic about her

prowess. Little Freda is a merry-looking child, just over three feet high, and

slightly built. In a chat which I had with the little swimmer she said: "I love the water and always look forward to my swimming lessons. I swim at Market Harborough and go over to Leicester once a week for my lesson from

"I wanted to do this swim from pier to pier, but when I was out a little way I felt lonely. Then Mr. Weidman came along "He has swum with me in the bay

for several days past, and I feel all right so long as he is near. "He is so big, you see," added the

mite, "and he takes me on his back when I feel tired." Asked if she meant to try and swim the channel when she grows up, the

little fairy responded with enthusi-"I should like to," she said, "but 1 should want Mr. Weidman to come

with me." Little Freda mainly relies on the breast stroke in her swimming, and her head is well out of the water. She changes to the side stroke at times, and when she is tired she turns on her back and floats.

She was as merry as could be throughout the swim. When she had got about half way and was asked how she felt, she laughingly replied: "I feel fine."

## CATS AGENTS OF DISEASE

Massachusetts City's Health Board Believes Household Pets Caused Epidemic.

1 50 TO 1 1 ... Springfield, Mass.—Officials of the local health department believe they have traced the source of infantile paralysis to the house cat. The health inspectors have discovered several well-developed cases in cats and will send several of the affected animals to Boston for observation.

The disease was epidemic in various cities two years ago, and the number of cases reported in Springfield approximated the figures of New York

and Philadelphia. San Diego, Cal., Aug. 14.-To prevent a spread here of infantile paralysis, now prevalent in Los Angeles and other northern ports, the board of health of San Diego has declared a quarantine, restricting children from attending public places.

# WERE LOST ON BERRY HUNT

Washington Attorneys Are Finally Found With the Ald of Bloodhounds.

Walla Walla, Wash.-Wilbur Toner and Frank Crowe, local attorneys, lost in the Blue mountains, were found on Salmon river, fifty miles from Walla Walla. They were trailed by bloodhounds. The young men, almost exhausted, were making their way slowly down the river through the wildest

country in the range. Toner and Crowe left their camp to hunt huckleberries. After they had been absent 36 hours other members of their party notified the police. They had wandered 25 miles from their camp. Sheriff M. Toner, father of one of the men, led the searching party.

Returns Fat Wallet and Gets Dime. Germantown, Pa.-Leonard Cholerton found a pocketbook containing \$261, hopped on a street car and returned it to the owner. The man thanked the boy and gave him a dime for his honesty. Young Chelerton walked home so that his profit would to five cents.

# CAN'T BUY MARITAL BLISS

Felicity is Not to Be Measured by Money or Bulk Like Commercial Products.

Salem, Ore.-Declaring that "connubial bliss is not to be estimated at a price of so much per ton, or yard, or acre," the supreme court, in an opinion by Justice Burnet, has affirmed the lower court of Multnomah county in the case of Lizzie C. Davison, appeliant, against John H. Davidson, respondent.

Mrs. Davidson brought suit to set aside deeds to groperty in Portland amounting to \$22,050. She alleged that she, as a milliner, and he, as a policeman, started on their wedding journey together, deciding not to keep house, but each to assist in promoting the financial welfare of the family. She alleges he was peevish, irritable, and that married life was not harmonious. To promote harmony, she deeded to him property valued at more than \$23,000, and that it was done with the sole hope that the husband would discontinue his "mental oruelty," as she alleged his actions

constituted. The court holds that connubial happiness "cannot be made a subject of barter between the two spouses, and that as far as that is concerned, if she, of her own free will and accord, although with the hope of inducing a different course of conduct toward her on the part of the defendant, freely gave him her property it must stand as the court finds it. We cannot relieve her of the consequences of her own deliberate acts and deeds."

#### NEW STEEL DEFIES YEGGMEN

German Chemists Discover Alloy That Cannot Be Drilled, Blasted or Cut.

New York.—The day of the scientific safe burgiar is about over. A kind of steel that cannot be drilled. exploded or cut by the oxy-hydrogen fiame has been discovered by German chemists.

Prof. Carl Duisberg, one of the chief foreign delegates to the International Chemists' congress here. brought news of the discovery. He says it is a question of only a short time before the yeggman will have

to turn to new fields. Dr. Duisberg brought with him two specimens of steel. One was of the ordinary kind and had been cut in 51/2 minutes by the oxy-hydrogen flame and in six minutes by the oxyacetylene flame.

The second specimen was of the new alloy, which had withetood the heat of both the oxy-hydrogen and oxy-acetylene flames for 11/2 hours.

#### M'GEE HAD HEAVY BRAIN

Organ of Noted Washington Scientis Weighed 49% Ounces-Above Normal.

Philadelphia, Pa.—The brain of Dr. W. J. McGee, Washington scientist, who died was weighed by Dr. E. A. Spitzka of Jefferson Medical college, to whom it had been bequeathed.

The organ weighed 49% ounces. which is above the normal weight. Dr. Spitzka removed the brain at midnight and placed it in a vault upon a shelf with that of Dr. John H. Musser, Persifer Frazier, a criminal's and

Dr. Spitzka deferred complete examination of the brain until September 20, when he will return from a vacation

Before he departed he declared that the refusal of the family of Dr. Horace Howard Furness, the Shakespear ean scholar, to surrender the latter's brain to him had been a big disappointment to him and to scientists generally.

# SINGS GIRL TO FREEDOM

Jury Quickly Acquits Woman Wher Lawyer Sings Song Which Gave Offense.

Ossining, N. Y.-Stuart Baker, an Ossining lawyer, sang Miss Grace Williams, a Newcastle schoolgiri, free when she was arraigned before Police Judge William J. Chodeayne at Millwood, charged with disorderly

conduct. Miss Williams was arraigned on a charge by "Squire" Bradley, who testified that she passed his house every night singing "Everybody's Doin' It." He also said she danced what he heard was the "Turkey Trot."

Mr. Baker insisted on a jury trial. Six men were called, and after Baker had sang the first verse and chorus of the song they promptly acquitted Miss Williams.

### EXPLORERS LOST SUPPLIES

Government Engineers May Have to Abandon Survey of the Bering River Coal Fields.

Cordova, Alaska.—Telephonic advices received from Katalla state that the barge load of supplies for the five government engineers sent north to explore the Bering river coal fields has broken loose from the tug and is being driven to sea by a gale. If the supplies are lost the expedition will have to be abandoned for thir year.

Gezzell Frescoes Found. Pisa. Some deteriorated freecoe by Benozzo Gozzoli, the Italian painter of the fifteenth century, have been discovered in an oratory on the highway leading to the Castle Florentino. The preservation of the frescoes is

Fear the Extinction of Species Through Reckless Waste.

Board of Agriculture and Fisheries Isoues Report Warning Against the Consequences of Excessive Hunt-Ing in Northern Waters.

Washington.-Danger of the total extinction of the whale through "overfishing" is dealt with in the thirteenth annual report on fisheries, issued by the board of agriculture and fisher-

port, that in the case of a slow-growing and slow-producing animal like the whale, although, owing to its wide range, it will probably never be absolutely exterminated, excessive hunting speedily results in a very marked depletion of the stock. The practical extinction of the

It is unquestionable, says the re-

Basque and Greenland whale fisheries has abundantly proved this. It must be remembered, too, that this result was brought about by means of the open and hand harpoon-methods which are now obsolete.

The Greenland whale was a comparatively sluggish and timid animal, whose capture by the method referred to presented little difficulty, whereas the rorquals and other species were not only too swift, but too dangerous to be attacked in the same manner as the "right" whale.

With the introduction, however, of the harpoon with explosive shell, discharged from a cannon mounted in the bows of a steamer, the conditions were entirely changed, and the species formerly immune from attack could now be hunted with impunity.

The result of this revolution in the conditions under which the fishing could be prosecuted is seen in the enormous dimensions which the industry has attained at the present day.

It is estimated that in 1911 between 19,000 and 20,000 whales were captured in the southern hemisphere alone (South Georgia, South Shetland, South America, South Africa), to which has to be added the catch in North America, Japan Farce, Iceland, Spitzbergen and Greenland, and these figures will probably be greatly exceeded in 1912, as numerous new companies have been formed to exploit Alaskan, Australasian and Sandwich island waters.

This wholesale destruction must inevitably tell its tale within a few years, and, as a matter of fact, in Newfoundland and Iceland fears are already entertained that the fishing is on the decline.

It would not therefore, be a matter for surprise if, within a few years, it may be found necesstary to establish something in the nature of international control, and the precedent of the Behring seal fishery shows how vexed a question whaling may ulti mately become.

# SEA LION OUTBARKS. DOGS

Its Endurance Wears Out All the Quadrupeds in Bench Show in .....California.

Sausalito, Cal.—One lone sea lion. with a strong pair of lungs and a disposition bordering on acute melancholia, nearly broke up the dog show at the Marion County Kennel club by developing a bark that was such a challenge and inspiration to the fourlegged canines that they had to respon 1.

Starting early in the morning, the big seal, which was exhibited only as a curiosity of the deep, and not because of his vocal possibilities, howled all day, and the dogs, big and little, howled with him. Braced against the railings in front of their kennels they threw their souls into a chorus that would have intimidated an ordinary sal. But this one was homesick.

When nightfall came he was still at it, in good voice and going 40 howis to the minute, but he was alone in the field. The poodle and the terriers. and even the long-winded hounds, hav barked themselves to a whisper.

### WAITER SUES FOR SLANDER

Demands \$20,000 From a Wealth Man, Who, He Claims, Falsely Accused Him of Theft.

New York.-8. J. A. McOnie. a wealthy Scotchman and a relative of the prime minister of England, now in this country on a business trip, has been served with papers in a \$20,000 slander suit, brought by a waiter at his hotel. The waiter alleged that McOnie one day showed him a collection of valuable jewelry and personal articles, and subsequently accused him before the hotel management of stealing a gold cigarette case worth \$1,500. It is alleged that Me-Onie admitted later that he had mere ly mislaid it.

"Headache" Pay Stopped. Washington.-The new provision in the army appropriation bill providing that no officer or enlisted man shall receive pay for absence from duty caused by disease resulting from his own intemperate use of drugs or alcoholic liquors, or other misconduct, is now in effect.

Called Her "Too Fat." New York.—Because her husband persisted in calling her "too fat" Mrs. Lee Marcusson in suing him for di-

# ORIGIN OF BARREL UNKNOWN

This Receptacle for All Manner of Things Has Been Used Since

Time immemorial. Nobody knows who invented the barrel. It has been used since time

immemorial. Barrels are used for all manner of articles, solid and liquid. There are barrels for holding sugar, salt, apples, potatoes, and so on; for all sorts of olls, from the heaviest lubricants to the most volatile products of petroleum; for beers, wines, and all sorts of beverages. It is contended that the barrel is the strongest structure of its size that can be made from an equal amount of wood. Its contents are frequently the strongest that can be made from liquids.

The barrel has tremendous power of resistance to pressure from within and from without. A barrel set on end will, it is claimed, support half the weight of a railway car while the truck is taken from beneath for repairs. Yet the primitive barrel is put together without nails, screws, bolts,

or pins-it is entirely self-fastened. The barrel is smaller at its ends than it is in its middle, so that the wooden hoops, self-locking, may be driven on, tightening the staves and pressing the heads into the chines. Although not calked, barrels are water-tight. A small barrel is a keg, a big barrel is a cask, and a still bigger barrel is a hogshead.

#### MULE DEVOURED THE PIANO

Animal Totally Wrecked a Musical Instrument Near Him on a Steamboat's Deck.

"Mule ate piano shipped. Send another next boat." This message was received recently by a local piano house from an "up-the-river" purchaser whose \$500 instrument had been forwarded via Mississippi river steamboat. In its usual pine box the piano was installed on the lower deck next to a lanky, sleepy looking mule bound for the cotton fields of the upper bends. Although provided with plenty of oats and hay, the mule ripped off a portion of the outer box, disposing of six octaves of black and white ivory keys, running the chromatic scale up to "G" in the treble clef. He had gnawed away the mahogany panels in front, masticated felt dampers and hammers by the dozen, completely wrecking the melodious "insides" of the instrument. Steamboat Bill, stoking a boiler twenty feet away, said the mule "must have had his foot on the soft pedal," as he did not hear a note. When discovered the animal was unconcernedly gazing longingly across the river at a grass covered levee. It will cost \$300 to repair the piano.-New Orleans corremondent Montgomery Journal.

Honesty in London.

Montenegro has a law ordaining that any found valuable shall be placed where the loser can find it. The fact suggests an anecdote told of Garibaidi's grandfather in Dickens' life of the famous clown. On one of his visits to Leadenhall market with nearly \$2,000 in gold and silver upon him, "he found that his shoe had become unbuckled, and taking from his pocket the bag, he placed it upon a neighboring post, and then proceeded to adjust his buckle." Having afterward to pay for a purchase, he missed his bag of gold, and hurried back to the post where he had buckled his shoe. Although more than threequarters of an hour had elapsed

. . . there it remained safe and un-

touched on the top of a post in the

open street!" That was in eighteent

century London.

Peculiar Source of Income. A curious story is told as to how the Rothschilds supported Carafa, the composer. The latter was far from rich. His principal income was derived from a snuff-box. And this was the way of it: The snuff-box was given to the author of "La Prison d'Edinbourgh," about 30 years ago, by Baron James de Rotnschild, as a token of esteem. Carafa sold it, 24 hours later, for 75 napoleons to the same jeweler from whom it had been bought. This became known to Rothschild, who gave it again to the musician on the following year. The next day it returned to the jeweler's. This traffic continued till the death of the banker, and longer, still, for his sons

Pride of the Family.

satisfaction of Carafa.

kept up the tradition, to the great

"A Book of Scotch Humor" illustrates snew of a native of Annandale the saying that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country. "I ken them a'," said the rustic, speaking of the Carlyles. "Jock's a doctor aboot London. Tam's a harem-scarem kind o' chiel, an' wreats book an' that. But Jamie-yon's his farm you see owre yonder-Jamie's the man o' that family, an' I'm prood to say I ken him. Jamie Carlyle, sir, feeds the best swine that come into Dumfries market."

Stitch in Time. A Los Angeles brain specialist says that all Americans will be baidheaded within 300 years because of their intense brain activity. Editor Ake of the Iron County Register, at Ironton, saw the item, and with more or less caution tells his subscribers: "I will begin at once to curb the too, too lively tenor of the gray matter which fills my cranium. Forewarned is forefenārā, you know."—St. Louis Republic.

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