

FAVORS A RETIREMENT LAW.

"If there were a retirement law for the clerks employed by Uncle Sam in the various departments at Washington, the civil service would not be cluttered up by a small army of aged and inefficient clerks," said W. R. Hayes, former congressman from Nebraska, the other day.

AS THE BURGLAR VIEWS IT

National Board of Control Favored by Mr. Velvet Pillowfoot, So Well and Widely Known.

Mr. Velvet Pillowfoot, the widely known burglar, returned from Europe yesterday on the Palumpic. When asked about the business situation he said:

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.

American Shopping. A New York letter in the Munch 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.

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

Something Like It. "Will you have some mocking bird soup?"

AFRICAN PYGMY AT ZOO

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

CANNIBAL RACE IN THE WEST

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

AGED HEN STILL LAYS EGGS

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

BOLT MELTS PICTURE WIRES

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

SWIMS ACROSS BAY

Young Girl Makes Half a Mile in Record Time.

Six-Year-Old Covers Long Distance at Dover in Nineteen Minutes—Cuts Her Way Through Waves Like an Expert.

Dover.—Visitors to Dover and promenade 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 half a mile across the bay in the record time of 19 minutes.

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AIDED IN DEATH OF WOMAN

Man Surrenders to Police, Declaring That His Conscience Has Been Troubling Him.

FORTUNE FOR ILLEGAL SON

Father Advertises for Kin, Now Fifty-two Years Old, Whom He Plans to Give \$60,000.

PIN IN LIVER 20 YEARS; DIES

Operation Apparently Successful, But Brooklyn Girl's Strength Falls—First Case of Kind.

MOVING HABIT DIVORCE PLEA

Minneapolis Man Says His Wife Has Changed Abode Twenty-nine Times.

DOG SAVES BOY, IS KILLED

Canine Drags Child From In Front of Auto, but is Crushed to Death.

BOLT TRACES TREE ON MAN

Lightning Kills Two in New York—Freak Lightning Draws Picture on Victim's Back.