THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Row Its News is Collected and Distributed to the Various Papers.

The name of the Associated Press describes itself. It is an association of the principal newspapers of the United States for the collection and distribution among themselves of the news of the day's events. It has no corporate existence, but is based upon articles of association by which the members bind themselves to place at the disposal of all the newspapers in the association all the news, local or telegraph, within their immediate territory. On this plan there have been organized two associations, the New York and the Western Associated Press, which exchange their news on an equal basis and are under one management, that of Wililam Henry Smith, who was chosen general manager of the Western Association in 1869 and joint manager of the two associations in 1882. The New York Associated Press comprises all the principal newspapers in the cities east of Pittsburgh, the Western Association all those west of that city. Subordinate to these two chief organizations are smaller associations, generally organized from the smaller newspapers in each separate State, the first grade papers being members of one of the two principal associations. The chief office of the New York and Western Associated Press are in New York City and Chicago and from them radiate the Associated Press telegraph wires, combined in convenient circuits, to all the cities where newspapers which are members of the two organizations are located and where the associations have subordinate offices presided over by the agents and their assistants. In the smaller cities the proprietor of one of the papers which belongs to the subordinate association is the agent of the fowl should be introduced. * chief organization and is responsible for the transmission of the news in his territory to the nearest distributing good taste to attend his reception withpoint. These distributing points are always located in the cities where a regular Associated Press agent is quartered and where the full report is received. From these places the report is condensed or "boiled down" and telegraphed over the tele- from the influence of the sportive elegraph company's wires to the papers in the smaller towns within the surrounding territory. Chicago is both a general office and a distributing point. St. Louis is a distributing point only. Jefferson City simply receives the "pony" or "boiled down" report from St. Louis and sends to that place whatever news may be of general interest to the Associated Press papers. As an example of the workings of the Associated Press take the news of the terrible hurricane which wrecked the German and American vessels in the Apian event was prepared at Apia by the Ashad been cable communication between eral manifold copies of the report were been filed. made as the operator took it off the wire. One of these copies was given to the New York Associated Press oper- ter Q. ator who transmitted it to New York. Another copy was given to the operator who works the Western Associated Press wires which run into the various cities where the Western Associated Press newspapers are located, of which St. Louis is one. The agent there "boiled down" the report for his "pony" service, and filed it with the telegraph company for transmission to the towns receiving it, Jefferson City, for example. At Chicago the "pony" reports were filed in the same manner, as they also were at all the distributing points. At each place enough copies are made to supply the Associated Press papers. Supposing Tascott should turn up in Jefferson City, Mo., the Associated Press paper there would telegraph the news to St. Louis. Thence it would be sent to Chicago, and from there it would receive general distribution. The foreign news of the Associated Press is obtained from the Havas Agency, with headquarters at Paris; the Wolfe Agency, which covers the news of the Latin country; the Reuter agency, which gathers German and continental news; and the Central News Agency, which collects general news. For this it exchanges American news .- Chicago Inter-Ocean.

POINTS OF STIQUETTE.

Advice Easy to Remember and to Practice in an Emergency.

In the mad whirl of the cotilion, if you wear ready-made clothing bought from an irresponsible dealer, and hear a b-z-z-t that don't harmonize with the F string on the bass fiddle, it is entirely correct and proper to not "forward and back" according to the commands of the figure-caller, but to back straight ahead without balking until you reach the wall, when a pin neatly utilized may cover your embarrassment and retreat. People who snicker under such circumstances should be put outside that pale of good society.

When invited out to dinner and you inadvertently get a huge mouthful of mince pie that is hot enough to mait minded one of the incident of a South the solder off a gas-pipe, tangled up in your epiglottis, do not act as if you had the cabalistic letters signifying that the whooping cough, but rise calmly and with a slight-of-hand movement toss the offending morsel behind the majolica dog in the corner, meantime patting his head as though you thought him alive. This graceful act never fails to win the heart of your hostess. who thinks you intend her faithful friend to partake of the festivities.

Some writer on etiquette, a good many years ago, said that it was perfectly proper to eat fried chicken with the fingers. I have often noticed pecple seize on a wing and rip it open like seemed to be to comply with the invithey would tear a yard of clothing material off a bolt of calico and so the cracking of the crazy bone was audible dried-up lemons ever seen. Tuesday all over the dining-room. It is true that some fried chickens require heroic treatment, but when an apprentice in themselves at Mrs. Jones' hospitable etiquette tries to jerk the goose-flesh off the second joint of a Louis XIV. hen and squirts a streak of gravy into the eye of his neighbor it does seem that a new code regarding the best manner of shattering the remains of a hard-boiled

When the sheriff of the county serves a subpœna on you, it is considered in out further invitation on his part. Some sticklers on politeness, however, who find that it will prevent their wit- light from tiny fairy lamps with yelnessing a ball game, go to the extreme of sending around a physician's certificate | lemon-colored silk napery, which was to the effect that they are indisposed ments.

Don't use snuff if your false teeth are not strictly adhesive. 1 once heard of composed the "Squeezing Committee." a case in which this rule was not observed, when the transgressor, in a thoughtless moment, nearly knocked the eye out of a twenty-five-dollar King on each lemon. After the arrival of Charles spaniel.

No one but a boor will snore in the Volapuk language in a church where a assemble in the dining-room while the sermon is being delivered in English. Observance of the harmonies is one of the greatest traits of the true gentleman. People who have enlarged. Roharbor at Samoa. The report of the manesque nasal chords will be inter- owner on the register, they were ested in an invention which a friend of placed in a beautiful transparent glass sociated Press agent there. If there mine is getting up, which he calls the "Sure Snore-Killer." It is a phonetic that place and San Francisco he would arrangement connected with a pillow- into an immense punch-bowl. The have cabled the report. As it was he sham holder, and when the air vibra- guests were then invited to a repast was forced to send it by mail. When it tions are four lines below the clef, to reached the Associated Press office in use a musical term, the holder drops ice, lemon ice-cream, lemon cake, San Francisco the report was sent di- and hits the sleeper across the bridge lemon jelly, sardines and lemon, lemrect to Chicago, the headquarters of the of the nose. Four caveats and a num- on-cream pie, and every conceivable Western Associated Press. There say- ber of legal retainers have already sort of lemon-flavored food. Placed

JOLLY LEMON PARTIES. The Latest Fad in Washington Social

Entertainments.

It seems as if the poor little lemon had arrived at the height of its usefulness when made to do duty, with the adjunct of ten cents' worth of citrie acid, for a barrel of church lemonade. but now the "Progressive Lemon Party" is brought to the front, and here it plays a part unassisted by any chemical compounds of itself. A prominent Washington lady issued invitations last week which read:

MRS. JONES. At home, Tuesday, 7 p. m.

Please bring a lemon. Of course every one who received one of these mysterious summonses was consumed by curiosity. It reern Senator who received a card with the owner had "called in person." Not understanding the card etiquette of Washington he sent his card in return, with the letters "S. B. N." in one corner. What could it mean? No one seemed to know, so the recipient determined to ascertain if possible. The next time he saw his friend he remarked: "Say, Senator, what do the letters 'S. B. N.' mean on your card?" "Why, sent by a nigger, of course." What could "Please bring a lemon" mean? The only way to ascertain tation. The Washington Market seemed glutted with the meanest little at seven p. m., with the lemons in their hands, the guests presented home. They were shown into a charming little cloak room, with vellow decorations, and after removing wraps were greeted by the hostess, who was resplendent in a black lace over a lemon-colored satin, and carried in her hand an immense bunch of yellow

TOSES After greeting each guest, the hostess asked her to "take her lemon to the dining-room and register." The dining-room was a blaze of golden low shades. The dining table had relieved by a flat centerpiece of delicate ferns and Catherine Mermet roses. At a side table sat a lady and gentleman, who, all were informed, This committee took the name on a register, and tied a ribbon, marked in such a way as to be distinguishable, all the guests and the marking of all

the lemons, they were invited to again "Squeezing Committee" counted the seeds." Each lemon was cut in half. the seeds extracted, and, after being counted and duly accredited to the bowl. The lemon was taken by the "Squeezing Committee" and "squoze" of strictly lemoa-made ediblesbeside each plate was a bunch of yel-Don't play practical jokes on a spitt low roses, tied with a satin bow of the same shade. After partaking of this unique repast, the glass bowl containing the seeds was placed on the table and a the number of seeds therein, and a "booby prize" to him who should points of etiquette, a strong bluff on a hazard the least accurate guess. After numerous methods, both fair and foul. had been resorted to, and each "guess" had been duly registered, the seeds were counted and the prizes awarded. The winner of the grand prize, coming within three of the correct number, received an exquisite lemon-colored glass lemonade bowl, while the "booby" was made happy with a wooden lemon-squeezer. prize was then awarded to her whose lemon contained the most seeds, and another to her who had the fewest. Meanwhile, skillful hands had prepared a punch in the large bowl into which the lemons were squeezed .-Washington Letter.

CURE FOR SUICIDE.

As mevitable Ailment of the Time and How to Treat It.

The spread of suicide is alarming some of our cotemporaries, and that they should be alarmed is not to be wondered at, perhaps, if the statement made is correct that "within the last three months three clergymen, three postmasters, six physicians, twelve well-to-do merchants, seven officeholders, three lawyers, three bankers, four railroad officials, two artists, three mayors, one journalist, one army officer and two capitalists have, for various reasons, voluntarily shuffled off this mortal coil." But in viewing such a record a little philosophy is desirable. An increase of suicide is not necessarily a proof that the world is growing more unhappy. On the contrary, it may mean that the general state of society is improving. Men and women do not kill themselves because their material condition is unbearable, but because some mental state leads them to prefer the sleep of death, no matter "what dreams may come," to the perplexity and moral tension of existence. The most miserable of people, speaking materially, are the least given to suicide-as, for instance, the Spaniards and the Italians. Suicide is vastly more prevalent among the better nourished and better educated Germans than among either of the nations we have named: the thrifty and intelligent Danes and Saxons are most given to suicide of all the peoples of Europe, while squalid and benighted Spain has the lowest suicide percentage. If we compare the epochs of the world, we find that in Rome, in the days of the glory of the republic and the empire. suicide was much more prevalent than it was in the darkness of the Middle

Suicide is a malady of cultivation-a characteristic, it may be said, of an advanced and even prosperous state of society. In the United States, where, in the five years between 1882 and 1887. 8,226 persons took their own lives, only 270 of these deaths were attributable to destitution. It is to "end the heartache," and not to escape unbearable material conditions, that people take their lives; and this heartache orworld weariness in quite as distinctly traceable to the increased sensitiveness of organization on the part of a cultivated generation as is the delight in progress, in society, in art, in music, and in literature, that is also characteristic of this epoch of the world. The prevalence of suicide is in many ways lamentable; but there is no reason why the world should alarm itself unduly about it, or, treating it as if it were due to some preventable cause, like an epidemic of diphtheria, should call out. "What is to be done?" Nothing is to be done, at least by society as a whole. Suicide is an inevitable ailment of a time, which, on the whole, is the best time that the world has ever had.

Ages.

But though socrety can do nothing to restrain suicide, the individual being supreme in at least this respect, something may be done, and effectively, too, by the individual who feels the urging to self-destruction strong within him. If no consideration of the hereharmony with nature, if he will, by obeying the philosophical injunction to to his life the light of nature-first comprehending that nature is not a thing exterior to him, but that it is gone never to return.-Pittsburgh Dis- stand and practice: No creature is himself and he is nature-and not for- patch. ever shut himself within the darkness of a partial and selfish view of life; and, examining in this light his condition, to determine whether the lethargy and despair which impel him to suicide are not of his own making, and w ether the natural gift of hope and

THE CHINESE WALL

It Winds Over Hill and Vale Like a Hage

The great wall of China is, after all only a wall. And it was built with keep people from coming where they account of it is as historically accurate as any. "The most important buildsay, "is the Chinese wall, built to keep the Tartars out. It was built at such an enormous expense that the Chinese never got over it. But the Tartars did, and the way they accomplished this feat was as follows: One went first and t'other went arter." It differs from other walls in only two respects-its age and its size. The former is 2102 years; the latter is such that it is the only work of human hands on the globe visible from the moon. (I take no responsibility for either of these statements.) The the gate on this high-way is called Pata-ling, and is about fifty miles northsea. Beyond it lies Mongolia.

Half an hour after this first glimpse that at one time the road was seriously defended at this point. A rough rebuilt many times. Every half-mile before the advent of the typewriter or so is a little square tower of two girl. stories. The wall itself varies a good into the remote distance.

carry off two of them. This is the

THE TYPEWRITER GIRL

Though She May Chew Gum. She In a Very Valuable Member of Society. It is doubtful if there exists in the

land to-day a paragrapher, or any the same object as any other wall-tt other species of alleged humorist, but who has not something to say about were not wanted. Mr. Toole's famous the typewriter girl. She has been ridiculed, and even maligned. Columns of presumable wit have made ing in China," he is accustomed to the compositor happy at her expense. She is one of the principals of the paragrapher's stock in trade, and stands in the pigeon-hole beside the mother-in-law, spring bonnet and home-from-the-lodge jokes. She has been terribly abused, but with Spartan courage pounds the keys and never utters a word of complaint. It is not unnatural, however, that so charming a subject should receive the attention of the festive paragrapher. but it is somewhat strange that the serious side of the question has never been considered. The typewriter girl Chinese name for it is Wan-li-ch'ang- does not thump the alphabet just for chieng, "the wall 10,000 li long." And her health. She learned how to manipulate the key-board through necessity. It was a condition and not west of Pekin and 2,000 feet above the | a theory that confronted her. She saw a territory of action before her and rushed forward and planted her claim. I stood upon the wall itself. The She is there to stay. She is regular in gateway is a large double one, with a her habits. She may chew gum, but square tower upon it, pierced with she never dallies with tobacco, nor oblong openings for cannon, of which toys with the serpent lurking in the a dozen old ones lie in a heap, showing wine-glass. In these respects her superiority over her male competitor is palpably evident. Her living exstairway leads to the top, which is penses are confined to food, tolu and about twenty feet wide, with a crenel- dress. She never indulges in draw lated parapet on each side, and you can poker, nor high-low-jack, therefore walk along it as far as you can see, she can work for a smaller salary with here and there a scramble than a male, and save more, too. She is where it has fallen in a little. On an angel of loveliness about the office. the whole, it is in excellent repair. The proprietor swears less, and the having, of course, been mended and office boy doesn't whistle as much as

But towering above all these dedeal in height according to the nature lightful considerations is her business of the ground, averaging probably usefulness. The typewriter girl has about forty feet. On one side Mon- discovered what nature knew long golia, as you see it, is a vast, undu- ago, namely, that she is capable of lating, brown plain; on the other side doing the real business of the world. China is a perfect sea of brown hills She has the capability, and is fast acin all directions, and across these quiring the adaptability. Man has stretches the great wall. On the hill- slowly become a monopolist, and adds top, through the valleys, up and down to his monopoly of vice a monopoly the sides, it twists in an unbroken of the business world. The pretty line, exactly like a huge earth-worm typewriter girl, perhaps unconscioussuddenly turned to stone. For many ly, is surely breaking down this unmiles it is visible in both directions, worthy trust. The typewriter girl is and when you can no longer trace its rather lowly in station now, but if she entire length you can still discover it will glance into the horoscope of the topping the hills one after another future she will see looming up before her, in all the gorgeous colors of the

And when you reflect that it is built solar spectrum, supremacy, or at least of bricks, in almost inaccessible places, equality, in the business realm. From through uninhabited countries, that a mere automaton, whose duty it is to each brick must have been tranported hold close communion with the Enon a man's shoulders enormous dis- glish alphabet, she will advance in tances, and that it extends for 2,000 time to business management and miles, or one-twelfth of the circumfer- even to proprietary interest. Her ence of the globe, you begin to realize feeling of dependence will disappear that you are looking upon the most like dew before the morning sun. She colossal achievement of human hands. will amass enough wealth to remain The bricks are so big and heavy that single until matrimonial stock has that I had to hire a little donkey to reached far in the market of her carry off two of them. This is the heart. Then she can settle down to only piece of vandalism to which I domestic bliss, if desirable, and then plead guilty on this trip, but the temp- arrogance and assumed superiority tation was irresistible, and "they will of the husband will be missing, benever be missed." Nowadays, of cause she will know her business and course, the wall serves no defensive he will be thoroughly cognizant of the

A Tale of Two Widows.

They had both lost their husbands; one was a widow of fifty, the other was about twenty-two. The older one called upon the younger one to condole with her and they wept upon one another's necks and recalled the merits of the dear deceased. It was astonishing how much the old husband and the young one had been alike in their disposition and character-at least they both saw a distinct resemblance in every point. Which shows that matrimony does not really change a man. nor age either-when he is dead. But they had a most delightful time until the young one, putting her arms around the old one's neck, sobbed through her tears:

"I know it is selfish of me to say so muc. about my own sorrow. But really I do feel that it is so much worse for you than for me. I don't know how I should have felt if this had happened to me when I was your age and had no chance of getting another."

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one does not speak as she passes by. --San Francisco Chronicia.

dog whose tail is done up like the let-

When you order meat from your butcher don't ever use the term "limb of mutton." He will think that you prize offered to her who should guess never intend paying for it.

In all cases of doubt about the minor weak hand will almost always win .-Rochester Union.

SHOE-STORE TRAGEDY.

The Shock Which Killed a Clerk of Many Years' Experience.

The shoe emporium was deserted. All alone the clerk stood in the midst of a chaos of unbuttoned shoes and disarranged slippers.

For over an hour he had vainly endeavored to fit the foot, whims, eye, pocket-book and other peculiarities of proud and aristocratic Mrs. D'Width. He was tired out, disgusted with business life, and, in fact, life of any sort; and as he viciously buttoned up the dainty specimens of artistic footwear and crushed them into the cartoons, he might have been heard to utter things in relation to the proud Mrs. D'Width's peculiarities which were considerably removed from the complimentary, and would have surprised and shocked the regular incidents of daily life, or by leader of fashion and society could she the points reached by the sun's rays have heard them.

his failure to make a sale. He was of the dials in use among the Greeks weary of these efforts of women to de- and Romans. The other method has ceive even the practiced shoe salesman all the charm of the shepherd's calas to the size of their feet; and as the endars. door suddenly opened to admit a trimlybuilt and prettily dressed little woman. he heaved an anxious sigh before he assumed his ladies'-fine-shoe smile and soms. The following is given as the stepped politely forward.

cut vamp, hand-welted sole, Don kid, and with buttons, if you please The clerk's whole system receiv severe shock at the unusually suc and complete description, which was just about to obtain by shi questioning. He recovered, how sufficiently to gasp, "What size plea

"I have been wearing," said the little woman, "a number two-a half 'B,' but I'm sure it is much sm than I ought to be wearing, and I t I'll have this time a three 'C,' a that is not large enough, a three a-half 'D.'

The trim little woman uttered a ified scream. The double shock been too great; the shoe clerk of long The tears froze suddenly and the old experience lay upon one of the gorgeously uphoistered divans, cold and lifeless -Puck.

NATURAL TIME-KEEPERS.

How the Natives of Madagascar Measure the Progress of Time. Clocks and watches are still rare

among the people of Madagascar. Time is marked either by the more in different parts of the house through The poor clerk was discouraged by the day, a method which reminds one

> According to these the progress of the year was marked by the appearance or the disappearance of birds and blos-

order of the day in Madagascar:

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-"Get out o' here," said the hen to the china egg. "You don't belong to my set."-Harper's Bazar.

Boston Transcript. THE HORSE STARTED.

wealth are not still within recovery. -

A Lady Disciplines a Balky Animal With Some Inconvenience to Herself.

"What are we stopping for?" said the lady. "Balky horse on the track," answered the gentleman. "He won't move for whipping or pelting or whispers in his ear or-any thing." Did I ever tell you," she asked, "about my experience with a balky horse? No? Well, it was ont on the Colorado plains. The most elegant young eligible of our set had invited me to ta.e a ride behind his high-spirited. tine-blooded horse. I got myself up to do justice to the occasion. All went delightfully till, when we were on the open plain outside Denver, that valuable animal concluded to pause in his rapid motion and meditate. My escort shook the reins, clucked persuasively, demonstrated encouragingly, gave a touch of the whip, st which the horse reared and kicked viciously, but still we were stationary out on that lonely sandy level. My elegant escort grew red in the face with mortification, and clenched his teeth so as not to let slip any regrettable words. 'If you will allow me to get out I could start him,' he said, 'O, by no means,' I rejoined, 'I could never hold him. Let me get out, and try putting sand in his mouth. I've been told that worked like a charm.' And so it did. I clambered out of the buggy, grabbed a good fist full of fine sand, opened the jaws of that horse, and threw it in. The astonished horse tore off like a flash, and as I stood alone, five miles from home in that solitary place and watched the maddened horse, the powerless driver, and the black buggy grow a mere doi in the distance, I decided the experiment had been a perfect success as far as starting the horse was concerned." - Chicago Journal.

after gives such a one pause, it is in purpose whatever and is not guarded fact -- Minneapolis Tribune. his power to put himself in healthy in any way. Not a soul lives within miles of it at most points, and it is but a land-mark for the Mongols' camel-"look outward and not in;" to admit | trains, a stupendous monument to the great past of China, and an evidence of celestial greatness and enterprise

MAKING A LIGHT.

From the Time When Flint and Steel Were Used Down to the Safety Match.

The following facts about the different modes of getting a light may be interesting. Until this century was more than a quarter spent no better method of obtaining fire existed than sparks from flint by means of a piece to show other and more ready means to accomplish this end. The first chemical substitute for the flint and potash and sugar, which, on a drop of oil of vitriol being applied to it, was necessary to have a bottle of vitriol into which to dip the matches in order to set them alight. As these matches cost about twenty-five cents for fifty they were beyond the reach of all but the well-to-do, and did not, therefore, come into general use. Then followed the frictic match made

with chlorate of potash and antimony, which had to be drawn through sandpaper to cause ignition. Boyle's discovery of the method of making phostipped with sulphur, but paraffine known as safety matches.

the chlorate of potash comes in contact with the red phosphorus, and a light is thus produced .-- Denver Republican.

How to Tame a Bird.

If anybody knows how to tame birds, it ought to be Mrs. Olive Thorne Miller; and these are her rules, which are simple enough for any one to undermore jealous or sensitive than a bird. It is easy, however, to win the heart of almost any bird, and without starving him or making him think he has mastered you. Simply talk to him a good deal. Place his cage near you on your desk or work-table, and retain his choicest dainty to give to him with your own fingers. Let him know that he can never have that particular the now obsolete plan of striking he will soon learn, if you are patient, and do not disconcert him by fixof steel, but in 1827 chemistry began ing your eyes upon him. After this he will more readily take it from your lips; and then when you let him out steel was a composition of chlorate of is over, he will come to you, especialof his cage, after the first excitement ly if you have a call you have accuscaught fire. The first lucifer match from you while free. As soon as he made was with this mixture, but it becomes really convinced that you will not hurt him, or try to catch him, or interfere in any way with his liberty. he will give way to his boundless curiosity about you; he will pull your hair. pick at your eyes, and give you as much of his company as you desire .--Youth's Companion.

It Puzzled the Dentist

"It's a mystery to me," said a dentist of large practice recently, "that a phorus led to matches being made of woman will make up her face to come this material in 1833. The original to a dentist's chair. Yet many of plan was to prepare a mixture of them do. Hardly a day passes that I phosphorus and gum, which was don't have some women in here rouged, placed on the end of match wood powdered and penciled to the last degree. You would think they would wax has now all but universally dis- hardly care to face the strong, cruel placed sulphur, owing to the objec- light which I employ in my work, or tionable smell of the latter. In 1840 | my own close, if involuntary, scrutiny, a preparation known as red phosphor- but they don't seem to mind either. us was introduced, and this had by Only yesterday I worked for three degrees come to be very largely em- hours over a woman whose lips were ployed in the production of what are so besmudged with some vermillion

paste that it came off generously with The reason why safety matches do every use of the syringe to wash out not ignite except on their box is be- her mouth. The powder on her face cause the heads of such matches con- dusted my coat sleeve with every motain no phosphorus, but a substance tion, almost, and I discovered, before like chlorate of potash, while red I was through with her, that even the phosphorus is pasted on paper outside veins on her tempies owed their delof the box. On striking the match leate blue look to some outside influence."-N. Y. Sua.

> -Princeton College has initiated a now course on electrical engineering.