The Limit of Life.

From the Cosmopolitan.

It would appear in fact as though five score years were the natural or normal limit of human life; and that when men die many years before that age is attained, the fault, apart from malignant disease or accident, has lain with themselves. Underlying the old proverb, "every man is a fool or a physician at forty," there is the important truth that it is in every man's power, if he is wise, to recognize early in life (like Cornaro) the requirements of his own constitution, and the means by which all such stores of vitality as it may possess may be utilized. An able physician said to me a short time ago: In all my experience I have never known but one man who really died a natural death;" and he went on to explain that a man can only be said to die a natural death when he dies all at once, when the organs on which circulation, respiration, and nutrition depend, all fail at about the same time; whereas one man dies because circulation fails, another because the respiratory organs gave out, and yet another because stomach, liver, kidneys, or bowels become unequal to their work. In fine, the secret of longevity lies in the attainment of a natural life to be brought to an end by a natural death; and nearly every man, did he but give his vital powers fair chances, would find that, like—

The wonderful one-hoss shay,
He was built in such a logical way
[As to run] a hundred years to a day,
And then, of a sudden [to pass away].

Tom Waller's First Romance.

From the Philadelphia Times.

Many stories are told of the picturesque ex-Gov. Waller, of Connecticut, but none more interesting than that which describes his first romance. He was then an impecunious law clerk, but he fell in love with the mayor's daughter notwithstanding. So far as the lady was concerned his suit was successful, too, but the Mayor Loomis was an august personage, and he not only objected to the union but prevented it. This set-back put the spur to Waller's pride and his energy, and he forthwith determined to be a bigger man than the mayor of New London. He devoted himself to business, kept a weather eye on politics and was soon elected mayor. Mayor Loomis was meanwhile credited with a yearning for the governorship, but he had to stand aside and see it go to his would-be son-in-law. And by and by Mr. Waller was mentioned for the Vice-Presidency, made a national reputation and was assigned to an important place in the diplomatic service, and then Mr. Loomis began to feel regret for his mistake. The sequel ought to be, of course, that Mr. Waller finally won the father's consent and married the daughter, but, as a matter of fact, each found a mate years ago, and now Mr. Waller's house is next door to that occupied by the daughter of the mayor and her husband, and the two families are on the best of terms.

How Neckties Are Made

The designing of silks and satins for neckties is a profession in itself. "There are special grades and designs in silks and satins made exclusively for the necktie trade," said a manufacturer. "These materials are made from patterns designed by men who do nothing but study new designs in this line. There are from 50 to 75 factories in the country and 10 or 12 first-class makers. The success of making up such goods is just like a lottery. Perhaps one season I hit upon a design that will become so popular that all the other makers are forced to adopt it, but the next season some one in Boston or Philadelphia will make a hit and I am forced to copy that. It depends for success on who adopts it first. If he happens to be swell, that particular kind of necktie will well sell." There are more than 1,200 girls employed in New York city alone. They work by the piece and make more or less according to their expertness. A good finisher can make $8 or $9 a week. She takes a necktie after it is put together and finishes each detail perfectly so that it is ready to box. Three different colors of the same design and same style are twisted together to give the dealer an assortment in the one make.—New York Mail and Express.

He Saw the Mine.

From the Dakota Bell.

Five years ago a man named Hobson, living in a small Ohio town, invested heavily in Black Hills mining stock. He paid the monthly assessments regularly for three years. When the thirty-seventh notice came it was too much for him, and he took the money that should have liquidated it and came out to Deadwood. He soon discovered that the mine was nearly or wholly on paper. He called at the office of the president, and after abusing him some time said:

"I've found out that you and your company are frauds. You haven't any mining machinery, and no mine that is worth anything at least. I'd like to ask if your company owns as much as a hole?"

"Oh, yes," replied the president, cheerfully, "we do."

"I'd just like to know where it is."

The president arose, shoved his hand part way into one of his pantaloons pockets, and said:

"This is it, right here, Colonel; the breeches pocket of the president! There's where we put all your money, and you'll think it is the deepest hole in the world if you ever try to get any of it out! Good morning, sir! I have letters here from more Ohio men who want to buy stock, and I must attend to them before the mail closes!"

A Somnambulist's Wild Ride.

Williamsport, Pa., Special: Ben Hulifisch, an engineer on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, says that the other night as his engine was skimming along at a thirght-mile-an-hour rate near Analomink, he noticed something flutter on his cowcatcher. He could not make out what it was from his cab, and he climbed out and walked along the guard rail to the smokestack. Peering over and looking down on the pilot, he was horrified to see the blanched face of a young woman turned upward, with a look of terror in her eyes, while she grasped the bars of the cowcatcher to hold herself on her perilous perch. She was in her nightclothes.

The engineer hastened back to his cab, and reversed his engine. When it had come to a standstill he hurried out to the aid of the mysterious passenger he had on ahead. He with difficulty loosened her grasp on the pilot bars, and it was some time before the young woman recovered sufficiently to give any account of herself. She then said that her name was Susan Cooley, the daughter of a well known resident at Analomink. She is a somnambulist, and she must have got up in her sleep, walked down to the railroad and in some way climbed upon the cowcatcher unobserved while the train was standing at the station.

COUNTY LINE CLIPPINGS.

Miss Hattie Hawthorn of Marine City, who has been visiting with Mrs. Anna Hawthorn for the past week, will return home this week.

Thurston Barr rejoices over the birth of his first born—a son on the 25th inst.

John Licht and N. Berger have dissolved partnership in the well-boring business.

Casey and Randall are boring a well for J. Davidson. They secured a flowing well on the Campbell place last week.

Miss Kittie Mooney is here visiting her mother and sister.

M. Blunt and several others have lost wheat and other grain from their barns lately. Woe unto the thief if Martin draws a bead on him with his rifle.

Joe Goodman has moved R. Megigan's log barn.

I. Brace lost his baby last Friday.

Will Lentz and wife have moved into Mr. Bryant's house near Clawson.

I. Richerbust has moved to the farm he bought of I. Brace.

SOUTHFIELD SIFTINGS.

Mr. Lanning did not preach at the M. E. church last Sunday on account of the illness of his son.

Communion at the R. P. church last Sabbath.

Charlie and Miss Helen Shephard are at home again.

This week closes this term of singing school.

Thos. Thorley, of Springwells, was in this vicinity last Sunday.

Mrs. Arthur Huntingdon has been visiting relatives in this place.

Mrs. S. Sturman was called to Detroit last week, to attend the funeral of her mother.

The Southfield band will give a box social at the Town Hall, Wednesday evening, Oct. 5. Here is a good chance for the good housewives of the place to show their good cookery, so come, everyone, and see who will buy your box.

Did you go to the fair last week?

The town has been making great improvements in the cemetry in the way of burning up all rubbish, digging a new well, building new fences and grading up a fine drive and walk to it. It has long wanted doing and we are glad it has been attended to.

Mr. Brush will teach in district No. 10 again this winter.

Frank McHugh, sr., died at home one day last week. He was quite an aged man.

Frank Chapman's shop is now occupied by a blacksmith from Detroit.

A small child of Mr. Campbell was so severely kicked by a horse while playing in the stable, recently, that it was washed and laid out for burial, when signs of life appeared and water quickly restored the little victim to consciousness. It is feared that its mental powers will be forevered injured.

Ellen McHugh of New York is visiting relatives in this town.

Our telephone line was very strangely broken the other day, shortly after Mr. Dunbar had been talking. It is feared his big words broke it.

An Englishman recently bought a farm in Vermont, largely on the assurance of the owner that the soil was strong. When he examined the farm he found that it consisted almost entirely of rocks and hard clay. On being charged with false representations the seller calmly replied that the soil was strong; if the buyer didn't believe it, let him try to run a plough through it.

The Pope is extremely economical and thrifty. A Rome paper says that the cost of his dinner is a scudo (80 cents). He takes with it half a glass of claret, which he has so far ordered from a Roman wine dealer, but even this expense is to be curtailed, as he last year planted grapes in his Vatican gardens, which promise an abundant yield for the needs of his table.

Nothing in this world equals the enterprise of some of our American newspapers. The Toledo Blade has "scooped" all its contemporaries by announcing the date of Christ's second coming. The important event is set down for 1913-14.

Chinamen are fast becoming civilized. Ah Jon, a collector for a New York Chinese gro. cery firm, has absconded with $2,100 of his employers' money. He also borrowed some $700 of his friends and skipp d just like Mellican man

W. Stanley Day, a farmer living in Hoga county, N. Y., committed suicide the other day because his wife refused to get up a fire o'clock to get his breakfast. This ought to be an awful warning to wives.

General Booth, the leader of the Salvation Army, is planing an invasion of Zululand. That's as it should be. The Zulus will appreciate the methods of the salvationists. Let them go, by all means.

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It is strictly vegetable, and can not hurt the most delicate constitution. It is one of the best medicines in use for Regulating the Bowels.

It is sold by all responsible druggists at one dollar for a quart bottle, or three bottles for $2.50.

Those who can not obtain a bottle of this medicine from their druggist may send us one dollar, and we will deliver it to them free of any charge.

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it has ever been their pleasure to show.

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We call particular attention to the following specialties:

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We offer at $1.00 per yard, a Black Gros Grain Silk, beautiful in depth and lustre, and absolutely guaranteed not to crack or pull.

For every Pattern that pulls or cuts a new Pattern will be given.

Our stock of Black and Colored Gros Grain and Rhadame Silks is very complete, and sold at very close prices.

We call special attention to our

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and show everything new and desirable.

Our prices range from 10c per yard to to the finest goods shown.

Specialties:

One lot of Cable Twill, double fold, at 15c.

One lot yard wide Cashmere, at 22c.

One lot Gray Ladies' Cloth, all wool, at 31c.

A beautiful assortment of Plain Check and Plaid Suitings, at 50c.

One line of fine Suitings from 65c upwards embraces some new weaves of

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We have everything new in Plain, Stripe, Plaid and Fancy Velvets.

Our reputation for giving the best values in Domestic Goods to be had in Detroit is too well established to need further comment.

We ask you all to call and see our stock, we will show you what is new, desirable, attractive and cheap.

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I will sell all Farm Implements at cost, such as Walking and Riding cultivators, several different kinds of

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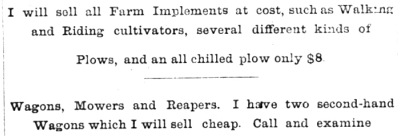
Wagons, Mowers and Reapers. I have two second-hand Wagons which I will sell cheap. Call and examine the above goods and see for yourself.



The above cut shows the No. 110 South Bend Chilled Plow. This plow has the only Reversible Point worth speaking of and I will guarantee that you can use this Point from four to eight times, thus saving the cost of three or four points. The Jointer is not like the rest. It is attached to the shin piece and looks like a small Mouldboard. It will turn under straw, clover and coarse manure better than

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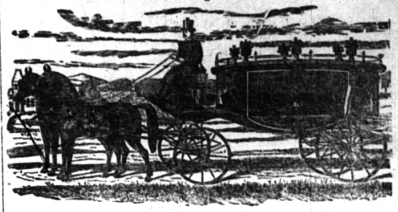

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1 Case new Diagonal Serges at 25 cents per yard.

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