Brief Review of His Grand Life of Four Score Years and Ten and His Services to His Country-The Secret of

His Longevity.

"Few and evil, even at their longest and their best, are the days of mortal life." So in effect, says the Saturday Evening Herald, sang the patriarch Job, twenty centuries before the advent of Christ; and the world is singing that same song to-day. Few at best, even if they should stretch out to three score years and ten! Life looks long in the morning, but when the shadows gather and the day declines how speedily the hours seem to have fled! Seventy years looks a long, long time, viewed from the sunny hillside of early youth. But the days of seventy years are all too few for the great purposes that crowd and throng the busy ways of life; and how few there are who ever reach this far away goal! To the overwhelming majority the days are few indeed, and to very many it would seem as if they were almost as full of evil as of good All the world, and Germany especially. has just had its attention called to a very remarkable man, whose days have run in parallel lines with this eventfu century. Gen. Count von Moltke was born in the year 1800. It was his rare lot to bear the staff of pilgrimage for four score years and ten! If a faithful record of this great German's life could be made; a record of facts, of thoughts, of feelings; a record of observations as well as experiences, of defeats as well as victories: a true life of the man and of his time, what an invaluable treas ure it would be! It would be a history of the century from a German stand point, from a great soldier's point of view. There are some thing about this grim old soldier worth

a passing thought at least. He is regarded-by all Germans, of course, and by many who are not Germans, as the greatest soldier of this century. None will deny that his ability, his sagacity and his success make a sweeping mark in the military history of the time. When he fought, he fought to win, and he generally did win. But this is to be said in his honor that he did not delight in war, and that as far as possible he sought to keep peace amongst the nations of the earth. When war became a necessity, and he believed it was often a necessity, then he wanted it to be short, sharp and declsive. He was oftener inclined to "hold" thun to "let slip" the dogs of war. There would have been more wars and more disastrons wars this century if it had not been for the restraining policy of Gen. von Moltke. As patriot, a disciplinarian and leader he ranks with the Duke of Wellington and with our Washing ton, our Grant and Logan. His great est work was done in his maturer age. He was scarcely known outside of Pressia till he was more than sixty rears old. The hardest and best work of his life was done when he had passes the timee score years and ten. Up to fice of chief of staff, he did all the rontine work that office demanded. Gen. zon Moltke was indeed a grand old man. Bismarck will miss him sorely, and non that his emperor is no more - for William can hardly be called Bismarch's emperor-and his old comrade in arms is gone, he too will soon "gin to be aweary o'the sun." Not long ago an American physician wrote to me of the notable octogenarians and asked the secret of their longevity. Moltke's letter was long and characteristic. All of importance was crowded into the Inst paragraph which we herewith

grand old German soldier. "If mire to make the factors which in m epind I have contributed most to my great to grovity. I should say they are: First, tempe ance it all the affects of life; second, exercis without regard to the incicum acy of the weath-er; third, regularity in my hours of sleep, my dlet and all my other habits; last—and above all-to the grace, mercy and gowlness of Hin who so wisely and beneficently rules the un

quote and so close our notice of the

HOYALTY AT TABLE. A Dinner Given in Vienna to the King

and Queen of Italy. There is no table in the whole world that is served so daintily or artistically as that of the Austrian court, says the American Analyst. The damask is so fine that it looks like satin, and for lunch or afternoon tea is replaced by heavy, whit silk cloths and napking edged with point de Venise and adorned with the imperial crest in raised gold embroidery. The viands are prepared so prettily that it seems almost a pity to break up and eat them, and the fairles themselves might feast on the tempting pieces montees prepared by the artist that presides over the im

Particularly I remember a dinner

Italy at the Hofburg, in Vienna, some years ago, as the culminating point of uxury combined with the most refined and exquisite taste. The tablecloth was strewn with forced violets, nestling so close to one another that they formed a perfect bank of fragrant blossoms leaving only room for the plates of semi-transparent Sevres of the Familie Rose, each of which was surmounted with a thick garland of marguerites. Marguerite being the Christian name of the queen of Italy, her little namesake had been used with great profusion in the decoration of the festive board. Before the plate of each lady a slender tulip-shaped vase of Venetian glass mounted in finely-wrought gold contained a bouquet of margnerites and violets, powdered with diamond dust, The menus were engraved on thin sheets of hammered silver, with the Austrian eagle embossed on the corner. Everything was served on gold dishes and the dessert plates were a marvel of beauty worthy of Benyenuto-Cellini. When the sorbets were placed before

the distinguished guests a faint mur mur of admiration was audible. For even the blase eyes of people satiated with every form of Inxury were harmed with the little double-headed miles made of delicately-spun sugar, crehed on a pale pink glass ball conthining a tiny electric light. On the back of each diminutive bird was a large daisy, also made of spun sugar, wherein the sorbets were served, and the gold plates on which the whole rested were garlanded with Parma

The dinner was really what one may describe without exaggeration as being the apotheosis of gastronomy. The dining-hall, scented as with dreamy incenses and lighted with mellow wax candles, the soft brilliancy of which would have entranced even Lucullus had he been thronesl there on his ivery chair, was a sight to be remembered

Flesh and Fashion.

The greatest craze among the women of the city to-day is to keep from get-ting fat. A fashionable doctor told a reporter of the New York Sun that the illnesses resulting from their methods of keeping down their weight form the bulk of his practice. Few of them diet; on the contrary they dine elegantly, give dinner parties, and rely on medicines, acids and tight lacing to offset the effect of their indulgence. A few who are of strong will take to gymnaswho are of strong will take to gymnastics and walking, as men do, but this doctor says those are too few to be worth counting.

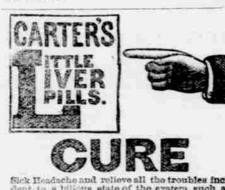
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POISONED ARROW POINTS. . General Use of These Deadly Weapons

Among Ancient and Modern Suvages. "The use of poisoned arrows is undoubtedly of very ancient origin,' said Dr. W. J. Hoffman to a writer for the Washington Star. "They are believed to have been employed in Europe in prehistoric times, and later on, accordng to Aristotle, Strabo and Pliny, the Celts and Gauls envenomed their shafts with the juice of a plant of the genus hellebore. The Seythians prepared arrow poison by mixing serpent venom with the serum of putrid blood, and other instances are recorded in classic literature of people about the Black sea and in Asia Minor who practiced

similar arts. "The Ainos of Japan prepare a poison for spreading upon bamboo or metal arrow points to kill game with, a small portion of flesh about the wound being cut out before the animal is cooked and eaten. In Java, Borneo, New Guinea and other parts of the East India islands the same practice obtains to a considerable extent. The poisoning of arrows prevails extensively in Africa. particularly on the west coast, in the laboon, among the Somali and with Bushmen. By the Bushmen the juice of a plant is used, mixed with the pulp as a venomous worm.

"The best known and most active of arrow poison is the woorara or 'urari of South America. It is chiefly used for the tips of darts blown from the blowgun, and the most important ingredient is the juice of the plant from which strychnine is obtained, to which added certain other vegetable elements and serpent venom. In Central America poisons are also employed on crows and blowgun darts. The Caribs employed, similarly, a poison made from the sap of a tree called the 'mancenilles.' The antidote was the application to the wound of what we know

of 'arrowroot.' "The Seris of northwestern Mexico prepared poison by putting into the ground a cow's liver, rattlesnake, scorpions, centipedes and other unpleasant things and beating them with sticks. Into the mixture the arrow points were dipped. The Apaches and neighboring tribes were until recently in the habit of smearing upon their arrows a composition said to consist of decomposed deer's liver and rattlesnake venom. In some instances crushed red ants are also reported to have been used. A microscopic examination of such a coating upon arrows obtained from the Apaches in 1871 showed the presence of blood and a crystalline substance that was apparently rattlesnake venom. The venom of serpents retains its poisonous properties when dried indefinitely. One instance of poisoning by such an arrow mentioned to me was that of a man whose wound was a mere scratch on the shoulder blade, but previous to death, which ensued, the flesh of the man's back fell off, exposing the ribs and spine in several places The Shoshone and Bannock Indians state that the proper way to poison arrows, as formerly practiced by them, is to secure a deer and cause it to be bitten by a rattlesnake, immediately after which the victim is killed, and the meat removed and placed in a hole in the ground. When the mass has become outrid the arrow points are dipped into . The Clallams, of Puget Sound, used o make arrow points of copper, which were afterward dipped in sea water and permitted to corrode. I have never met an Indian who would admit the use of poisoned arrows in warfare against man. In nearly all instances where poisons are prepared by Indians the operation is performed with more or ss ceremony, chanting and incanta on, for the purpose of involving evil irits or demons. In their belief the ects of poison are due wholly to the resence in them of malevolent spirits ar demons, which enter the body of the victim and destroy life."

A LIMBLESS STATESMAN. An Irish Notable Who Was a Wooder is

His Way. A man without arms or legs, who could write an elegant hand, shoot well be a skillful sailor and fisherman, and ride horseback so well that he was as counted one of the best cross country riders in Ireland, was indeed a surpris

ing character. But Mr. Arthur Kavanagh, M. P. was, besides, a man of great intellectual and moral superiority. He was one of the bestas well as one of the largest

He was an able and highly considered nember of parliament. He seldom spoke, but was an assiduous and valuable member. The writer of this article has seen him carried into the house of commons by his servant and set down upon one of the liberal benches.

andlords in Ireland.

Of how delightful and admirable a man he was this will give an idea. A gentleman who was for two weeks his guest at Borris, told the writer, says the New York Herald, that he wanted very much to find out how Kavanagh was fed, but that his conversation was so extremely interesting that at each meal se would forget all about his intention of satisfying his curiosity on that point. The fact is, however, Kavanagh ate with a fork attached to the stump of his arm. He wrote holding his pen in his teeth, and he wrote very neatly and finely. In riding he held the bridle in ais month, his body being strapped to his saddle. In shooting we presume he held the gun with the stump of his arm against his body, but how he succeeded

pulling the trigger we do not know. The Kavanaghs are one of the most ancient families in the British islands. They were the early kings of Leinster. The famous Strongbow married an Eva Kavanagh. The Kavanaghs have also been Austrian nobles. The charter horn of the Leinster kings-a large, fluted cornucopia of ivory, mounted on brass and resting on a brass easel-is among the heirlooms at Borris.

A Pet Catamount. A citizen of Albany, Ga., owns a per estamount. It was captured while young, and has been reduced to a degree of docility which enables its owner to fondle and play with it, not without, however, a degree of consideration as to which way he strokes the cat's fur, for the natural ferociousness of his nature is, even after a year's imprisonment and training, easily aroused, and his snarls and the greenish glitter of his eyes at such moments makes him anything but an object of affectionate consideration from the average citizen. He is rapidly clearing his quarters of

Can't Lose Their Checks. In the Japanese theaters they do not sue return checks to those who desire o go out between the acts "to see a man." The doorkeeper stamps the seal of the theater on the right hand of each person passing out. Consequently, the familiar cry of "Please, mister, gi' me a check?" is never heard outside the doors of a Japan theater.

Big Drift or Big Story. "Some pretty big stories," remarks the Kennebec (Me.) Herald, "are told of the snow drifts in Aroostook county. Me., but the biggest comes from a commercial traveler. He had recently come from there and said some men were chopping wood. A large tree fell the wrong way and stretched its giant trunk directly across the road. The snow on either side of the road was so high that, after clearing away the limbs, it was found that it would not interfere with travel in the least, as a horse and sleigh could easily pass under it. The narrator himself had done so."

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HOW SOME MEN PROPOSE.

Many Different Ways, but No One Ever "I am a crank," said the club man to a New York Tribune reporter, "on the subject of proposals. I would rather hear a story of how a man asked the voman he loved to marry him than to take a trip to Europe. I don't know why I take so strong an interest in this, unless it is that I had such a hard time toget my wife to accept me. I had been in love with her for years. I had proposed to her seven times and she refused me every time. Finally I went to her in despair and said: 'Well, Mollie, I've usked you to marry me seven times, and you have declined my name. I'm going to ask you once more, and if you don't marry me I shall go out west and

"Well, Jack,' she said, 'if you feel that way about it I'll marry you.' To this day she cannot tell me why she refused so often, to marry me after all. "There's my friend, Congressman

X---. He was a poor young man, and one day he went to a young woman where he had known for a long time. "'Nell," he said. 'I have been waiting till I had enough money to get married. My salary was raised yesterday. Will you marry me next week?" "Wait amil next month," she said.

"'No, next week,' and they were married next week. "Brown, the lawyer, was a careless young fellow. The woman whom he loved would not marry him.

"You are the most reckless man in the world,' she said, 'about money affairs. When you get five thousand dollars in the bank 1 may marry you, if you still want me."

"He went away and saved five thousand dollars. She married him and today he's a rich man. He learned coonsmy while winning his wife. "My friend Col. H- enlisted at the outbreak of the war.

" thee," be said to the girl he wanted to marry. I am going down south to fight. Will you marry me now or wait till I come back?" "Hight now, Sam," she said, and that

afternoon he marched away. "illy brother proposed in a cool way. He hadn't been able to make up his nind what he was going to do in life, and one day the woman who is his wife now said:

what in the world are you going to nake out of yourself? " Just whatever you make out of me." be said: 'you've got lots more sense than

"Has anyone here any stories to tell about proposals?" continued the storyteller. "I don't know of a single one where a man went down on his knees. I would like to hear of one. No one will tell one, ch? Well, I'm sorry. I like to hear about proposals."

HE CAME HIGH. A Physician Who Placed p Large Estimate on His Services. A certain physician in a large New England town had acquired an un-

as large as possible witness much regard to the state of his patients' purse says the Youth's Companion. There are people who furthermore said that it really seemed as if there were "visits" on his bills which had never had existence anywhere else.

enviable reputation for making his bills

But he was a skillful physician, and his tendency to overrate his services only served to amuse some of his patients who had plenty of money and were not especially sharp in looking "Why," said one man to another,

speaking of the doctor. The brought my daughter Jennie up from her attack of pneumonia when two other physicians had said there was no hope for her; but when she was quite well again he charged me for three calls he made to inquire in a friendly way how she was getting on."

"That seems a little forced," admitted the other man, "but it's nothing compared to an experience I had with him at the seashore a year ago. "We happpened to be bathing at

the same time one day, and I swam up to him and inquired for his wife. " She's very well, said the doctor. " 'And your daughters?' Lasked. "'They're perfectly well, both o them,' replied be, rather shortly, I thought. So I said: 'I'm delighted to

hear it; remember me to them,' and I swam away. "And what do you think I received from him a week or two later? An itemized bill-one item: " To consultation at sea, five dol-

Although no one has ever seen that bill, the story clings to the doctor's name to this day, after a lapse of many Years.

DOGS DETERIORATING. Voluptuous Ease Is Spoiling the Canine

While the grander sort of dog has been morally degraded by being turned into a useless lackey the breeds that have happened to suit the capricious and errant fancies of animal petters have undergone still deeper deterioration, says the Cornhill Magazine. The sleek pug, for instance, on whom is often lavished such a wealth of feminine fondness, has long since become perfeetly aware of his new function in the house. He knows he is the first pet and he is perfectly happy in the fact. His mind seems untroubled by any recollection of a higher estate. He has lost the ancient desire of the species to be man's loyal servant. He may, perhaps, if you happen to call at the house and find him in exclusive possession of the drawing-room, make a pretense of resisting your intrusion. But his Sybaritic habits are too much for him and. presently he sinks in voluptuous slumbers on the softest of sofa-cushions. These spoiled creatures learn to take the fondlings bestowed upon them as a matter of course. They are wholly undemonstrative, and perhaps the most flattering thing that can be said of them is that, unlike their rival, the cat, they do not simulate a tenderness of which their heart is wholly destitute.

INTERESTING STATISTICS. THE National academy, London, had

29,960 admissions on public days in 1890, an average of 2,505. THE German empire, by the last census, has 49,500,000 of population, Prussia having of these 30,000,000 and the next division, Bavaria, having 5,500,000. Tun earth's fifteen hundred millions of human inhabitants speak 3,034 different languages and possess about one thousand different religious beliefs. BERLIN's society for the homeless sheltered last year 108,000 men and 15,-00 women. Since 1870 the society has assisted, with lodgings, bath, breakfasts and medical care, 2,209,000 per-

In the United States annually about 2,500 persons are tried for murder, with an average of about 100 legal executions. In five of the states imprisonment for life has been established for the death penalty.

EUROPE's population on January 1 was 380,200,000. The population of each of the other continents was estimated to be as follows: Asia, 850,-000,000; Africa, 127,000,000; Australia, 4,730,000; North America, 89,250,000; South America, 36,420,000; polar regions, 200,000. The total would then be 1.787,600,000.

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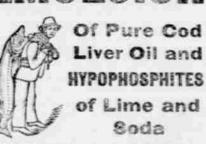
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the hills, with all the luxurianes their tropical verdure, reflect the in it glory in the deep blue of the be and all pature joins in a grand author to the Creator of the universe; in us beautiful place even the creature man bus made things difficult. In the good old days in Brasil star. coung man saw a protty plyl - all fam. or he got his godfather to confer un a goolmother, and if ther were they had a "festa" for the betomthen the bans were published three times, and they were morried and largery. But not so in these collisions they's of the republic, as our your friends found. There was the civ morriage, which is obligatory whether there is a religious marriage or not. Said John to Lucy as they were rid ing along C shovely bay one beautiful quietly next week and comein at her for a time and take a trip later in in year when the worm season common? which he understood. It's remarkable our few words a pair of lovers need Then he went on: "I must get the more sury papers for the civil marries

It is well that there are young nede and that they have the honeleintime that amazed him was that there thorities objected because they let lived in the same house (the young um bourded with her family). bud year call my office no res-

lent I don't suppose that will take non-

That is better," said the judge. "Now, where is your certificated

"I haven't any," said John. "I rese is buntised." Here was a difficulty that the july and not foreseen, not being accustome to the heathenish ways of North A. your mother? Are they have what did your mother die? on being told that she was dead). How long in you expect to live in Brazil? These and many other opertions had to be testified to by witnesses before notary public, and dear free me obliged to have one paper witness and signed declaring that she was all Hing to marry John—the klea of sada thing!-also papers from her mother were willing; also who they were, a their mothers and fathers were what their business was, etc. And this the days Terrethened into weeks and the weeks into months, and still the propapers were not finished, and totaler came and still they were not married "Anyway, our case is not so balls

turning from the judge's home for the tenth time, having found him out or se-"What is that?" asked Lucy, innediately interested. "His bride elect came out from his fand to him, and was obliged to neur in order to get the accessory papers." "Oh, how dreadful," said she at outinuing: "I am glad I um not it liss Brown's place. You retarded seeing her, don't you? She is to many a young man eight years her junior and only think how embarrassons to have to produce witnesses to declare that she

Smith's," said John, as they were to

not realize the idea of anyones wisk ing to marry at three and thirty. "But the hardest of all | the cased Senhor Jose," continued John, "for le wished to marry that pretty your widow, and the complications as greater still, for not only must she have all the papers from father and moths of birth and baptism, of willington to marry, but a physician's certified were possible, a testimonial from hisng papers, making visits to the inde the notary public and the consil as wedding day came, and there were to orange blossoms, the wooding march the friends, everything a la remission and the judge, with a robe makes

ermine, and his secretary, were at his

and when the bridal pair arrival at 0

elinneel the secretary wrote and wrote

as though he were writing their line

is thirty-three," and Lney really looks

sad, for she is just seventers, and mir

raphy, and they signed and signed father, mother, bridesmaids, lest met near frierlis, officials, etc., and the came the religious ceremony and it was A great fuss about a small thing you iy. Granted, but is it a small thing? What sort of brain is it that has evolved such a complication and has are the masses to be benefited by ## such law? How are foreigners to be encouraged to make their home at country where they are besigned shed by red tape and circumlacution of ently point? There are many noble, part ette hearts in this lovely count they have -much to learn yet of regit

lican simplicity and dispatch. BETTER HOGS AND CATTLE FEED and treat the hors so that the will regret being converted into haus

bacon and sausage. It is said that when a cow has a Po sistent cough and shows signs of such ing about her neck, it is an indicated of tuberculosis. IMPROVEMENT comes by substitute the higher for the lower. This is all

in breeding we must be conductiful troducing better blood. THE fine polish on the horas of sld cattle is given by first glass, rubbing with emethen rubbing well with linsest neatsfoot oil. Low PENCES induce cattle to atte

to get over, and when the rice of ing over fences has been acqui will attempt to do so an high! The rule should be to have all for good condition. FARMERS, when they wish is

immense bogs, let the young during the summer and This makes them long in b Then in the fall they so pen, and their feed is a A big-framed hog will pounds of flesh every twenty-four on corn feed.