### NO METHOD FOR LONGLVITI

impossible to Formulate Rule by Which Man May Prolong Stay on Earth.

medical theories for the advancement of longevity remain only theories. The lengthening of the span of life may be worked out to a mathematical nicety on paper, but in practice it proves utterly impractical. Outside influences have an unerring and hostile attraction to the best-laid plans-and instead of attaining the age of John Shell the average man dies at 54.3 years.

The latest of the longevity theorists is Dr. Leonard Williams of London, who declares that men should live to be 140 years old. He says we are not martyrs to disease but victims of folly, and he points out that the trouble lies In a "low level of mediocrity." All of which may be interpreted as meaning that the average person does not take the same care of himself as he does of his motor car or his live stock.

At close of six-and-eightieth year, Wonders what's of him now required: There is much in what Doctor Willlams says, though it hardly could be termed novel. Modern medicine is nothing if it is not a tremendous force combating preventable disease while ministering to the victims of disease. It has preached and is preaching the economic waste of the maladies that may be avoided and it is making steady strides in the treatment of curable and incurable diseases. But the longevity theorist who would put the age limit on the Noah and Methuselah basis overlooks the enemies that constantly menace health in the present complex civilization. A much higher order of human beings would have to be on earth to make his plan at all practicable.

An American pathologist recently gave as the enemies of health, "heredity, infection, poison, food deficiency, food excess, fear, grief, emotional excess and psychic apathy due to lack of life interest."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

#### A Dead Race.

In a game of football at Easley, Wednesday, holween the Easley high school team and the National Guard team Virgil Rogers of the National Guard was so badly injured that he died in about ten minutes. Ghicago police made a total of 827

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AT EIGHTY-SIX.

Wonders, indeed, why he's still here

From further earthly work set free;

The soldier, sorely worn and tired,

Of comrades most have gone away,

And most of those who with us stay

Are straggling rather aimlessly.

And oft he thinks his day has passed,

To cease from effort were the best

His sun set in a clouded west,

But there's a column moving on,

To war against all vice and sin, Lest virtue's rule be overthrown: And the old man may help to win.

Then let him join whate'er befall,

And, giving car to duty's call,

do parch,

nerve.

Though snows may chill, and sur

Obey the order, "Forward! March!"

God grant him faith, and hope and

Let him he down, and take his rest!

J. F. J. Caldwell.

To persevere, and do his best;

Newberry, S. C., Sept. 19, 1923.

And when no longer fit to serve,

And that for life thus overcast

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arrests in that city the last week-end in a drive against rum runners and illicit liquor sellers. The mayor of the city has taken a determined stand tribe was large, with representatives against liquor sellers.

Clayton Custers, a painter of Johnstown, Pa., on Tuesday shot his small son after the little fellow had taken his mother's part in a family quarrel. Before the police arrived Custers committed suicide by cutting his throat.



## Frenchman Crosses Atlantic in a 30-Foot Sail Boat.

New York, Sept. 23.—Some place beneath the name of Columbus in the marine hall of fame, must be recorded the name of Alain J. Gerbault, La-val, France, 1923. The 29-year-old Frenchman sailed into New York flarbor this week in a thirty-foot sail boat-the first man ever to cross the Atlantic alone in such a small winddriven craft.

MAKES ONE-MAN VOYAGE.

For 142 days, battling storm, hun-ger, thirst and illness Gerbault kept a

spark of confidence burning. He sailed from Gibraltar April 5th and arriv-ed in New York September 17. With the cup of victory still at his lips, he paused to say, "---and now to cross the Pacific."

Alain J. Gerbault is a soldier of fortune. When two friends at Paris doubted his assertion that the Atlantic could be sailed by one man in a 30foot boat, he decided to show them. Gerbault is the fifth ranking tennis player of France and has contested in international matches. During the war, as a French aviator, he is credited with bringing down ten German

ed with bringing down ten German planes. Only Alain and a brother re-main of the Gerbault family. They own a lime factory at Laval, France. The brother is the business man. 'Just call me a sailor," said Ger-bault here this morning. "The sea is my home—and I'll soon be heading out across the Pacific. Hazardous? I don't think so. 'You always pull through, somehow, if you handle your boat like a sailor should." poat like a sailor should."

Veteran mariners declare Gerbault' feat one of the most daring and unique in the annals of the sea Nincty-seven days he was out of sight of land, tossed about on mountainous waves in a boat whose deck tipped water when four men crowded onto her after he docked here Monday.

Forty-eight hours he lay sprawled in the bunk of his tiny cabin, uncon scious from a fever which struck him down during a gale which battered the little craft, sweeping her deck

ed the rigging and sailed on. I knew I'd reach New York somehow." Coming over he wore only heavy woolen trousers, a slipover sweater; no socks or shoes. Since April 5, when he started his trip from Gibral-tar, he had been barefooted. Doesn't like any kind of footwear while handling his boat.

Dr. Louise Stanley, dean of home economics at the University of Missouri, has been selected by Secretary Wallace to head the newly establish-ed department of agriculture.

Analytical.

If a man could hear what he said when talking in his sleep, some one would write on "the subconscious mind" about that, too-with no more basis than the unconscious mind.

Hardly anybody wants to put forth a plain, good everyday story, now, about real people. All the story-tellers are bent on a wild goose chase into the psychological recesses of humanity-sort of Darkest Inwardness exploration where some of us take a peek when we wonder how sane we are.

As for an honest-to-goodness breadand-butter human being we rarely meet up with one in fiction. All, all are freaks.

You, dear reader, may have, against your will, grown familiar with abnormals and would not be greatly astonished in Bedlam, itself, but we surmise that you would like to get back among people who make you feel comfortable, even happy. Frankly, we're tired of soul dissection. Aren't you?-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Spanish Helicopter Rises 81 Feet. A helicopter built by a Spanish engineer successfully rose to a height of 81-feet and maneuvered in the vicinity of the aerodrome, according to recent reports from Madrid. The machine, which is powered with an 80horsepower engine, is designed very much along the lines of the ordinary airplane except for the smaller wings which are replaced by a large fourbladed propeller mounted on a vertical shaft. In addition to this performance, the present unofficial world's records for free hellcopters stand as follows: Ligration of 2 minutes 37 seconds, and distance of 250 feet, both made in France.-Popular Mechanics Magazine.

#### Now an Airplane Hospital.

A hospital airplane, the first of its particular type in this country, will soon be built at McCook field, Dayton, O., it was recently announced. It will embody a special design, distinguishing it from ambulance planes now in use, and provides a compartment in which a surgeon can administer to two patients lying on comfortable cots while the plane is in flight. The capacity will be a pilot, a surgeon and two patients, or, if some less essential parts of the equipment are left out. four persons in addition to the pilot

Magazine.

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#### TWO MEN KILLED.

Marion Commander and William Mil ler Meet Death in Wreck.

Florence, Sept. 28 .- Marion Commander, 30, a traveling salesman of this place, and William Miller, 35, who lives four miles in the country from here, were killed here tonight when a lightweight coupe in which

they were riding collided with a pile of stone in Dargan street, used for thoroughfare construction. The car mounted the stone, estimated to be a lozen or more feet high, and was precipitated against a telephone pole

and demolished. Commander was instantly killed and Miller died in a local hospital at 1:30 o'clock this morning, just one and one-half hours after the accident. Commander is survived by his widow and two brothers, Joseph and can be carried.—Popular Mechanics Charles C. Commander, the latter a the death list of the bu prominent lawyer of Florence. At- ards explosion to four.

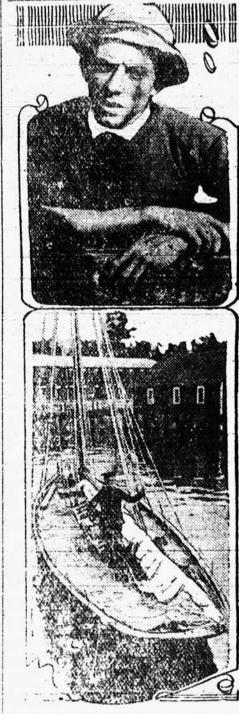
tempts were being made to get in touch with Miller's people in the country this morning.

Information secured by The Item this afternoon indicates that the William Miller mentioned in a dispatch in morning papers as having been killed in an auto accident last night, was the "Bill" Miller who formerly lived in Sumter several years ago. Miller had several friends in Sumter who will hear with regret of his accidental death.

L. L. Lauer, Urban J. Cook and Stephen M. Lee, who were killed and six men who were injured in the explosion at the bureau of standards in Washington, Friday, had just completed experiments that were expected to save five hundred million gallons of gasoline annually, it has since been learned. James E. Kendig, of Salunga, Pa., died Saturday, bringing the death list of the bureau of stand-

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Eastern museums are sending out

calls for cigar store Indians. Obviously the stole of wood and paint who once faithfully guarded the door of the tobacconist's shop is to be preserved for the admiration of future generations. Our good wishes go with him. We recall many sllent moments of delightful awe spent in his presence. There was a time when his In every city and town of size in the United States. Then-something happened to the race. One by one these ruddy braves began to disappear, until now their kind is practically extinct.

It would be interesting to know just how long the race flourished and who originated the idea, although it is not hard to understand why a wooden Indian was adopted as a symbol of tobacco. It was the Indian who taught his paleface brethren the tobacco habit, just as the white man taught him to drink firewater .- New Orleans Times-Picayune.

Where to Find Diamond Backs. Carlysle Graham Raht in connection with his story "The Diamond-Black" in Everybody's Magazine gives an interesting account of his experiences. In thirty-odd years he has covered much of the old and new West, He's been a pearl-diver; he has played the plano in dance halls, has gone in for historical research, mining and cow-

ticated nomad. The genuine diamond-back he says, (in answer to a query about the rattlesnake that appears in his story), is found mostly in Arkansas and eastern Texas. The diamonds of the western rattler are not so clearly defined, nor is that reptile so large. Colloquially, the term "diamond-back" is also applied to the latter. However, the territory in which these two distinct species are found seems to lap over, as I have seen the larger diamond-back as far down as northeastern Mexico and as far west as the Davis mountains, where I lay my story,

punching. His wife calls him a domes-

#### Peru's Foreign Trade.

The total foreign trade of Peru for the year 1921, according to the chief of the statistical division of customs, amounted to 33,329,672 pounds Peruvian (libras peruanas-Lp.), of which 16,669,188 Lp. represented imports and 10.000.484 Lp. exports. The figures for the year 1920 were: Imports, 18,358,-224 Lp.; exports, 35,304,156 Lp.; total, 53,662,380 Lp. Estimating the value of the libra peruana at \$4.86 United States gold (par), the value of the foreign trade for the year 1921 was: Imports. \$\$1.012.254; exports. \$80,-560.052; fotal: \$161,982,200. On the same losis, the figures for 1020 were: Industry, \$80,220,068; exports, \$171,-578,108 ( ral, \$200,700,106

#### Historic Forest Must Go.

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#### Where Rain Is Unknown.

The little city of Minter the formines of the Santa Fe branch west of about the fever, but I always figured Satanta, hears the distinction of he that if the worst should happen-the ing possibly The only it's in Kansas mast toppling-1'd rug on something that has never experienced any rain with a sail and put in for nearest or show. While it is a thriving little burg with two banks, general stores, boteis e.e. no moisture has fallen in that commity since the town was laid out. A.d.anapolis News.

Main J. Garbault, French tennis thr. left France April 5, alone in in foot boat. For 142 days, bat ng storms, fever, thirst and hune ger, he sailed West, arriving at New York September 17. His feat is history in ocean sailing. He was often without sleep three and four days at a time. Now he says he will sail the Unite.

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