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take(5)

Adventures with Taking Elements from an Input Stream

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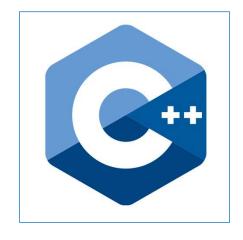


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        print("loop: {}\n", i);
    }
}
```

loop: 1 loop: 2 loop: 3 loop: 4 loop: 5 loop: 6 loop: 7 loop: 8 loop: 9

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auto main() -> int {
    istringstream input("1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9");
    for (int i : views::take(views::istream<int>(input), 5)) {
        print("loop: {}\n", i);
    }
}
```

loop: 1 loop: 2

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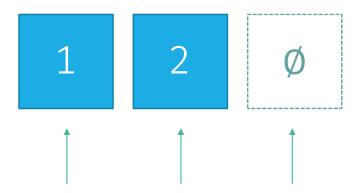
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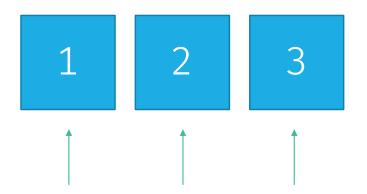
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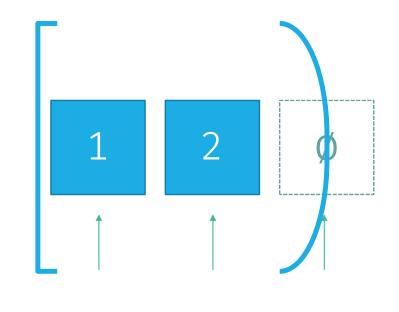


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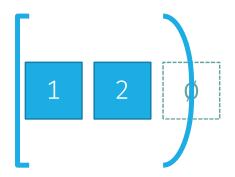




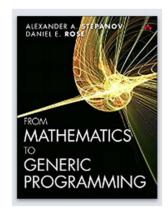


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1 2 0
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```
template <class I>
void destroy(I first, I last);
```



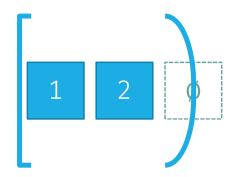
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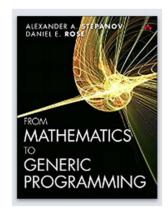
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auto destroy(I first, S last) -> I;

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template <input_iterator I, sentinel_for<I> S>
auto destroy(I first, S last) -> I;

template <input_iterator I>
auto destroy_n(I first, iter_difference_t<I> n) -> I {
    for (iter_difference_t<I> i = 0; i != n; ++first, ++i) {
        destroy_at(addressof(*first));
    }
    return first;
}
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    ++first;
}

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}
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counted_iterator<I>

```
template <input_iterator I>
class counted_iterator {
    I current;
    iter_difference_t<I> length;
};
```

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template <input_iterator I>
class counted_iterator {
    I current;
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public:
    auto operator*() const -> decltype(auto) {
        return *current;
    }
};
```

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public:
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    auto operator++() -> counted_iterator& {
         ++current;
         --length;
         return *this;
    }
};
```

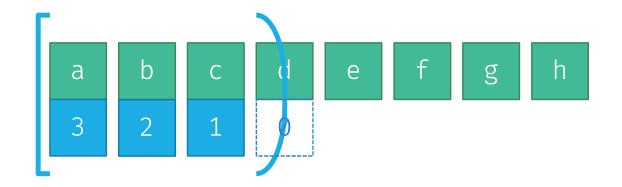
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template <input iterator I>
class counted_iterator {
    I current;
    iter_difference_t<I> length;
public:
    auto operator*() const -> decltype(auto) { return *current; }
    auto operator++() -> counted iterator& {
        ++current;
        --length;
                         struct default_sentinel_t { };
        return *this;
                         inline constexpr default_sentinel_t default_sentinel{};
    auto operator==(default_sentinel_t) const -> bool {
        return length == 0;
};
```

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class counted_iterator {
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public:
    auto operator*() const -> decltype(auto) { return *current; }
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        ++current;
        --length;
        return *this;
    auto operator==(default_sentinel_t) const -> bool { return length == 0; }
};
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public:
    auto operator*() const -> decltype(auto) { return *current; }
    auto operator++() -> counted_iterator& {
        ++current;
        --length;
        return *this;
    auto operator==(default_sentinel_t) const -> bool { return length == 0; }
    auto base() const -> I { return current; }
};
```

```
template <input iterator I>
class counted_iterator {
    I current;
    iter difference t<I> length;
public:
    auto operator*() const -> decltype(auto) { return *current; }
    auto operator++() -> counted_iterator& {
        ++current;
        --length;
        return *this;
    auto operator==(default_sentinel_t) const -> bool { return length == 0; }
    auto base() const -> I { return current; }
    auto count() const -> iter_difference_t<I> { return length; }
};
```

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template <input_iterator I>
class counted_iterator { /* ... */ };
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template <input_iterator I>
class counted_iterator { /* ... */ };

template <input_iterator I, sentinel_for<I> S>
auto destroy(I first, S last) -> I;

template <input_iterator I>
auto destroy_n(I first, iter_difference_t<I> n) -> I {
    auto last = destroy(
        counted_iterator<I>{first, n},
        default_sentinel);
}
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    counted_iterator<I> last = destroy(
        counted_iterator<I>{first, n},
        default_sentinel);
    return last.base();
}
```

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auto destroy_n(I first, iter_difference_t<I) n) -> I {
    return destroy(
        counted_iterator<I>{first, n},
        default_sentinel
        ).base();
}
```

```
template <input iterator I>
class counted_iterator { /* ... */ };
template <input_iterator I, sentinel_for<I> S>
auto destroy(I first, S last) -> I;
template <input iterator I>
auto destroy_n(I first, iter_difference_t<I> n) -> I {
    if constexpr (random_access_iterator<I>) {
        return destroy(first, first + n);
    } else {
        return destroy(
            counted_iterator<I>{first, n},
            default sentinel
            ).base();
```

views::take

```
template <view V>
class take_view : public ranges::view_interface<take_view<V>>> {
    V base;
    ranges::range_difference_t<V> count;
};
```

```
template <view V>
class take_view : public ranges::view_interface<take_view<V>> {
    V base;
    ranges::range_difference_t<V> count;

public:
    auto begin() {
        return counted_iterator(ranges::begin(base), count);
    }
};
```

```
template <view V>
class take_view : public ranges::view_interface<take_view<V>> {
    V base;
    ranges::range_difference_t<V> count;
    using I = ranges::iterator_t<V>;

public:
    auto begin() {
        return counted_iterator<I>(ranges::begin(base), count);
    }
};
```

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template <view V>
class take_view : public ranges::view_interface<take_view<V>> {
    V base;
    ranges::range_difference_t<V> count;
    using I = ranges::iterator_t<V>;

public:
    auto begin() {
        return counted_iterator<I>(ranges::begin(base), count);
    }

    auto end() {
        return default_sentinel; // ??
    }
};
```

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template <view V>
class take_view : public ranges::view_interface<take_view<V>> {
    V base;
    ranges::range_difference_t<V> count;
    using I = ranges::iterator_t<V>;

public:
    auto begin() {
        return counted_iterator<I>(ranges::begin(base), count);
    }

    auto end() {
        return default_sentinel; // would be take_exactly(count)
    }
};
```

```
template <view V>
class take_view : public ranges::view_interface<take_view<V>>> {
   V base;
   ranges::range difference t<V> count;
    using I = ranges::iterator_t<V>;
public:
    auto begin() {
        return counted_iterator<I>(ranges::begin(base), count);
    auto end() {
        struct sentinel {
                                                            taken count elements
            ranges::sentinel_t<V> end;
            auto operator==(counted_iterator<\ri> const& rhs) const -> bool {
                return rhs.count() == 0
                    or rhs.base() == end;
        };
                                                           reached base.end() before taking count
        return sentinel{ranges::end(base)};
};
```

```
template <view V>
class take view : public ranges::view interface<take view<V>>> {
    ranges::range difference t<V> count;
   using I = ranges::iterator_t<V>;
public:
    auto begin() {
        if constexpr (ranges::sized_range<V>) {
            return counted iterator<I>(ranges::begin(base), std::min(count, ranges::size(base)));
        } else {
            return counted_iterator<I>(ranges::begin(base), count);
    auto end() {
        if constexpr (ranges::sized_range<V>) {
            return default_sentinel;
        } else {
            struct sentinel {
               ranges::sentinel_t<V> end;
                auto operator==(counted_iterator<I> const& rhs) const -> bool {
                    return rhs.count() == 0
                        or rhs.base() == end;
            };
            return sentinel{ranges::end(base)};
```

views::istream<T>

```
template <class Val>
class istream_view : public ranges::view_interface<istream_view<Val>> {
};
```

```
template <class Val>
class istream_view : public ranges::view_interface<istream_view<Val>>> {
    istream* stream;
    Val value;
};
```

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class istream_view : public ranges::view_interface<istream_view<Val>> {
    istream* stream;
    Val value;
    struct iterator;

public:
    auto begin() -> iterator;
};
```

```
template <class Val>
class istream_view : public ranges::view_interface<istream_view<Val>>> {
    istream* stream;
    Val value;
    struct iterator;

public:
    auto begin() -> iterator;

auto end() -> default_sentinel_t { return default_sentinel; }
};
```

```
template <class Val>
class istream view : public ranges::view interface<istream view<Val>> {
    istream* stream;
   Val value;
    struct iterator {
        auto operator++() -> iterator8;
        auto operator++(int) -> void { ++*this; }
        auto operator*() const -> Val&;
        auto operator==(default_sentinel_t) const -> bool;
    };
public:
    auto begin() -> iterator;
    auto end() -> default_sentinel_t { return default_sentinel; }
};
```

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template <class Val>
class istream view : public ranges::view interface<istream view<Val>> {
    istream* stream;
   Val value;
    struct iterator {
        auto operator++() -> iterator8;
                                                                  Where do
        auto operator++(int) -> void { ++*this; }
                                                                  we extract
                                                                   the next
        auto operator*() const -> Val&;
                                                                   value?
        auto operator==(default sentinel t) const -> bool;
    };
public:
    auto begin() -> iterator;
    auto end() -> default_sentinel_t { return default_sentinel; }
};
```

views::istream<int>(input)

1 2 3 4 5

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class istream view : public ranges::view interface<istream view<Val>> {
    istream* stream;
   Val value;
    struct iterator {
        auto operator++() -> iterator8;
                                                                 Extract here
        auto operator++(int) -> void { ++*this; }
        auto operator*() const -> Val&;
        auto operator==(default_sentinel_t) const -> bool;
    };
public:
    auto begin() -> iterator;
                                                                  And here
    auto end() -> default_sentinel_t { return default_sentinel; }
};
```

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        auto operator*() const -> Val&;
        auto operator==(default_sentinel_t) const -> bool;
    };
    auto extract() -> void { *stream >> value; }
public:
    auto begin() -> iterator;
    auto end() -> default_sentinel_t { return default_sentinel; }
};
```

```
template <class Val>
class istream view : public ranges::view interface<istream view<Val>> {
    istream* stream;
   Val value;
    struct iterator {
        istream view* parent;
        auto operator++() -> iterator8;
        auto operator++(int) -> void { ++*this; }
        auto operator*() const -> Val&;
        auto operator==(default sentinel t) const -> bool;
    };
    auto extract() -> void { *stream >> value; }
public:
    auto begin() -> iterator;
    auto end() -> default_sentinel_t { return default_sentinel; }
};
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    istream* stream;
   Val value;
    struct iterator {
        istream view* parent;
        auto operator++() -> iterator8;
        auto operator++(int) -> void { ++*this; }
        auto operator*() const -> Val& { return parent->value; }
        auto operator==(default sentinel t) const -> bool;
    };
    auto extract() -> void { *stream >> value; }
public:
    auto begin() -> iterator;
    auto end() -> default_sentinel_t { return default_sentinel; }
};
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    istream* stream;
   Val value;
    struct iterator {
        istream view* parent;
        auto operator++() -> iterator8;
        auto operator++(int) -> void { ++*this; }
        auto operator*() const -> Val& { return parent->value; }
        auto operator==(default sentinel t) const -> bool { return not *parent->stream; }
    };
    auto extract() -> void { *stream >> value; }
public:
    auto begin() -> iterator;
    auto end() -> default_sentinel_t { return default_sentinel; }
};
```

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template <class Val>
class istream view : public ranges::view interface<istream view<Val>> {
    istream* stream;
   Val value;
    struct iterator {
        istream view* parent;
        auto operator++() -> iteratorδ { parent->extract(); return *this; }
        auto operator++(int) -> void { ++*this; }
        auto operator*() const -> Val& { return parent->value; }
        auto operator==(default sentinel t) const -> bool { return not *parent->stream; }
    };
    auto extract() -> void { *stream >> value: }
public:
    auto begin() -> iterator { extract(); return iterator{this}; }
    auto end() -> default sentinel t { return default sentinel; }
};
```

```
auto main() -> int {
    istringstream input("1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9");
    {
        auto r = views::istream<int>(input) | views::take(5);
        auto first = r.begin();
        while (first.count() != 0 and first.base() != r.base().end()) {
            int i = *first;
            print("loop: {}\n", i);
            ++first;
        }
    }
}
istream_view::iterator
istream_view::sentinel
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            print("loop: {}\n", i);
            ++first;
        }
    }
}
istream_view::iterator

default_sentinel_t
```

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auto main() -> int {
    istringstream input("1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9");
    {
        auto r = views::istream<int>(input) | views::take(5);
        auto first = r.begin();
        while (first.count() != 0 and input) {
            int i = *first;
            print("loop: {}\n", i);
            ++first;
        }
    }
}
```

```
auto main() -> int {
    istringstream input("1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9");
    {
        auto r = views::istream<int>(input);
        auto first = counted_iterator(r.begin(), 5);
        while (first.count() != 0 and input) {
            int i = *first;
            print("loop: {}\n", i);
            ++first;
        }
    }
}
```

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auto main() -> int {
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    {
        auto r = views::istream<int>(input);
        auto first = r.begin();
        int count = 5;
        while (count != 0 and input) {
            int i = *first;
            print("loop: {}\n", i);
            ++first;
            --count;
        }
    }
}
```

```
auto main() -> int {
    istringstream input("1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9");
    {
        int __storage;
        auto first = r.begin();
        int count = 5;
        while (count != 0 and input) {
            int i = *first;
            print("loop: {}\n", i);
            ++first;
            --count;
        }
    }
}
```

```
auto main() -> int {
    istringstream input("1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9");
    {
        int __storage;
        input >> __storage;
        int count = 5;
        while (count != 0 and input) {
            int i = *first;
            print("loop: {}\n", i);
            input >> __storage;
            --count;
        }
    }
}
```

```
auto main() -> int {
                                        istringstream input("1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9");
                                        for (int i : views::istream<int>(input)
                                                  | views::take(5)) {
                                           print("loop: {}\n", i);
auto main() -> int {
    istringstream input("1 2 3 4 5(6)7
        int __storage;
        input >> __storage;
        int count = 5;
        while (count != 0 and input) {
            int i = __storage;
            print("loop: {}\n", i);
            input >> __storage;
                                                What happens when
            --count;
                                                  count == 1?
                                                   No access to
                                                    storage
```

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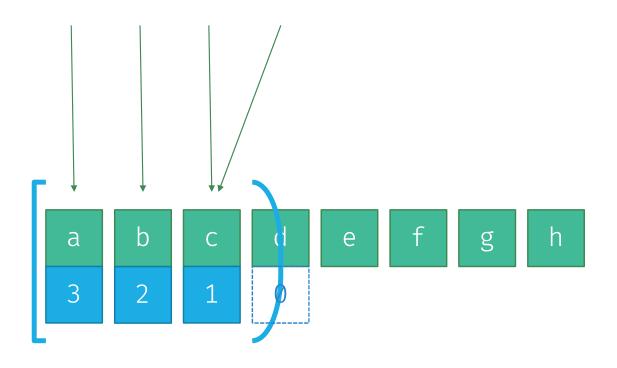
Is This Broken?
Can It Be Fixed?

```
template <input iterator I>
class counted iterator {
    I current;
    iter difference t<I> length;
public:
    auto operator*() const -> decltype(auto) { return *current; }
    auto operator++() -> counted_iterator& {
                                                         What happens when
        ++current;
                                                          length == 1?
        --length;
        return *this;
    }
    auto operator==(default_sentinel_t) const -> bool { return length == 0; }
    auto base() const -> I { return current; }
    auto count() const -> iter_difference_t<I> { return length; }
};
```

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template <input iterator I>
class counted iterator {
    I current:
    iter_difference_t<I> length;
public:
    auto operator*() const -> decltype(auto) { return *current; }
    auto operator++() -> counted_iterator& {
                                                        What happens when
        ++current;
                                                         length == 1
        --length:
        return *this;
                                                            and not
    }
                                                  random_access_iterator<I>?
    auto operator==(default_sentinel_t) const -> bool { return length == 0; }
    auto base() const -> I { return current; }
    auto count() const -> iter_difference_t<I> { return length; }
};
```

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class counted iterator {
    I current;
    iter difference t<I> length;
public:
    auto operator*() const -> decltype(auto) { return *current; }
    auto operator++() -> counted_iterator& {
        --length;
        ++current;
        return *this;
    }
    auto operator==(default_sentinel_t) const -> bool { return length == 0; }
    auto base() const -> I { return current; }
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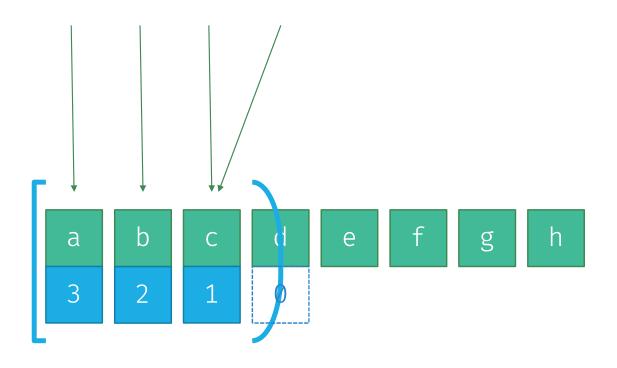
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class counted iterator {
    I current;
    iter difference t<I> length;
public:
    auto operator*() const -> decltype(auto) { return *current; }
    auto operator++() -> counted iterator& {
        --length;
        if (random_access_iterator<I> or length > 0) {
            ++current;
        return *this;
    }
    auto operator == (default sentinel t) const -> bool { return length == 0; }
    auto base() const -> I { return current; }
    auto count() const -> iter_difference_t<I> { return length; }
};
```

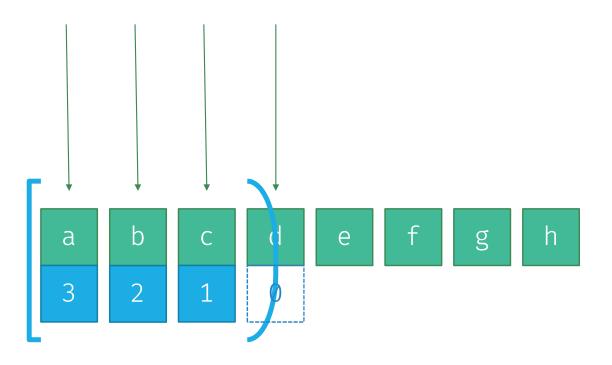


```
template <input iterator I>
class counted iterator {
    I current;
    iter difference t<I> length;
public:
    auto operator*() const -> decltype(auto) { return *current; }
    auto operator++() -> counted iterator& {
        --length;
        if (random_access_iterator<I> or length > 0) {
            ++current;
        return *this;
    }
    auto operator == (default sentinel t) const -> bool { return length == 0; }
    auto base() const -> I { return current; }
    auto count() const -> iter_difference_t<I> { return length; }
};
```

```
template <input iterator I>
class counted_iterator {
    I current;
    iter_difference_t<I> length;
public:
    auto operator++() -> counted_iterator& {
        --length;
        if (random_access_iterator<I> or length > 0) {
            ++current;
        return *this;
    auto base() const -> I {
        return length == 0 ? ranges::next(current)
                           : current;
```

```
template <input iterator I>
class counted iterator {
    I current;
    iter difference t<I> length;
public:
    auto operator++() -> counted iterator8 {
        --length;
        if (random_access_iterator<I> or length > 0) {
            ++current;
        return *this;
    auto base() const -> I {
        if constexpr (random_access_iterator<I>) {
            return current;
        } else {
            return length == 0 ? ranges::next(current)
                               : current;
```





```
auto ci = counted_iterator<I>(i, N);
auto j = ci.base();
```

```
auto ci = counted_iterator<I>(i, N);
auto j = ci.base();
assert(j == i);
```

```
auto ci = counted_iterator<I>(i, 0);
auto j = ci.base();
assert(j == i);
```

```
auto end = destroy_n(begin_, size_);
```

```
auto end = destroy(
     counted_iterator<I>(begin_, size_),
     default_sentinel
).base();
```

```
template <input iterator I>
class counted_iterator {
    I current;
    iter_difference_t<I> length;
public:
    auto operator++() → counted iterator& {
        --length;
        if (random_access_iterator<I> or length > 0) {
            ++current;
        return *this;
    auto base() const -> I
        if constexpr (random_access_iterator<I>) {
            return current;
        } else {
            return length == 0 ? ranges::next(current)
                               : current;
};
```

```
template <input_iterator I>
class counted_iterator {
    I current;
    iter_difference_t<I> length;
    bool need_to_advance = false;
public:
    auto operator++() -> counted_iterator& {
        --length;
        if (random_access_iterator<I> or length > 0) {
            ++current;
        return *this;
    auto base() const -> I
        if constexpr (random_access_iterator<I>) {
            return current;
        } else {
            return length == 0 ? ranges::next(current)
                               : current;
};
```

```
template <input_iterator I>
class counted_iterator {
    I current;
    iter_difference_t<I> length;
    bool need_to_advance = false;
public:
    auto operator++() -> counted_iterator& {
        --length;
        if (random_access_iterator<I> or length > 0) {
            ++current;
        } else {
            need_to_advance = true;
        return *this;
    auto base() const -> I
        if constexpr (random_access_iterator<I>) {
            return current;
        } else {
            return length == 0 ? ranges::next(current)
                               : current;
};
```

```
template <input_iterator I>
class counted_iterator {
    I current;
    iter_difference_t<I> length;
    bool need_to_advance = false;
public:
    auto operator++() -> counted_iterator& {
        --length;
        if (random_access_iterator<I> or length > 0) {
            ++current;
        } else {
            need_to_advance = true;
        return *this;
    auto base() const -> I
        if constexpr (random_access_iterator<I>) {
            return current;
        } else {
            return need_to_advance ? ranges::next(current)
                                   : current;
};
```

```
template <input_iterator I>
class counted_iterator {
    I current;
    iter difference t<I> length;
    bool need-to-advance = false; // only present if not random_access_iterator<I>
public:
    auto operator++() -> counted_iterator& {
        --length;
        if (random_access_iterator<I> or length > 0) {
            ++current;
        } else {
            need-to-advance = true;
        return *this;
    auto base() const -> I
        if constexpr (random_access_iterator<I>) {
            return current;
        } else {
            return need-to-advance ? ranges::next(current)
                                   : current;
};
```

```
template <input_iterator I>
class counted_iterator {
   I current;
   iter difference t<I> length;
    bool need-to-advance = false; // only present if not random_access_iterator<I>
public:
    auto operator++() -> counted_iterator& {
        --length;
        if (random_access_iterator<I> or length > 0) {
            ++current;
        } else {
            need-to-advance = true;
       return *this;
    auto operator--() -> counted_iterator& requires bidirectional_iterator<I> {
        ++length;
       // ???
       return *this;
   auto base() const -> I;
};
```

```
template <input_iterator I>
class counted_iterator {
   I current;
   iter difference t<I> length;
    bool need-to-advance = false; // only present if not random_access_iterator<I>
public:
   auto operator++() -> counted_iterator8;
    auto base() const& -> I const& {
        if constexpr (random_access_iterator<I>) {
            return current;
       } else {
           return need-to-advance ? ranges::next(current)
                                   : current;
    auto base() && -> I {
        if constexpr (random_access_iterator<I>) {
           return current;
        } else {
            return need-to-advance ? ranges::next(current)
                                   : current;
};
```

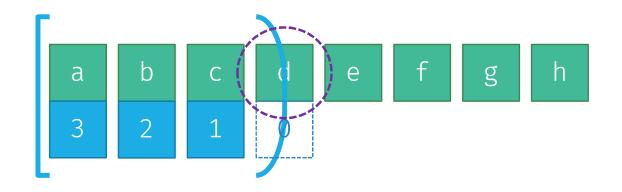
```
template <input_iterator I>
class counted_iterator {
   I current;
   iter difference t<I> length;
   bool need-to-advance = false; // only present if not random_access_iterator<I>
public:
   auto operator++() -> counted_iterator8;
   auto base() const& -> I const& {
       if constexpr (random_access_iterator<I>) {
            return current;
       } else {
            return need-to-advance ? ranges::next(current)
                                   : current;
   auto base() && -> I
       if constexpr (random_access_iterator<I>) {
            return std::move(current);
            return need-to-advance ? ranges::next(std::move(current))
                                   : std::move(current);
```

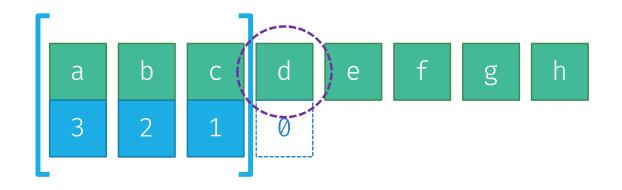
```
template <input_iterator I>
class counted_iterator {
   I current;
   iter_difference_t<I> length;
public:
   auto operator++() -> counted_iterator8;
   auto base() const& -> I const& requires random_access_iterator<I> {
      return current;
   auto base() const& -> I {
       return need-to-advance ? ranges::next(current)
                           : current;
   }
   auto base() && -> I {
      if constexpr (random_access_iterator<I>) {
          return std::move(current);
       } else {
```

```
template <input_iterator I>
class counted_iterator {
    I current;
   iter_difference_t<I> length;
public:
    auto operator++() -> counted_iterator8;
    auto base() const& -> I const& requires random_access_iterator<I> {
        return current;
    auto base() const& -> I requires forward_iterator<I> {
        return need-to-advance ? ranges::next(current)
                               : current;
    }
    auto base() && -> I {
       if constexpr (random_access_iterator<I>) {
            return std::move(current);
        } else {
            return need-to-advance ? ranges::next(std::move(current))
                                   : std::move(current);
```

```
template <view V>
class take_view : public ranges::view_interface<take_view<V>>> {
    V base;
    ranges::range difference t<V> count;
    using I = ranges::iterator_t<V>;
public:
    auto begin() {
        return counted_iterator<I>(ranges::begin(base), count);
    auto end() {
        struct sentinel {
                                                             taken count elements
            ranges::sentinel_t<V> end;
            auto operator==(counted_iterator<\ri> const& rhs) const -> bool {
                return rhs.count() == 0 <
                    or rhs.base() == end; <
        };
                                                           reached base.end() before taking count
        return sentinel{ranges::end(base)};
};
```

```
template <view V>
class take_view : public ranges::view_interface<take_view<V>>> {
   V base;
   ranges::range difference t<V> count;
    using I = ranges::iterator_t<V>;
public:
    auto begin() {
        return counted_iterator<I>(ranges::begin(base), count);
    auto end() {
        struct sentinel {
                                                            taken count elements
            ranges::sentinel_t<V> end;
            auto operator==(counted_iterator<\ri> const& rhs) const -> bool {
                return rhs.count() == 0
                    or rhs.base?() == end;
        };
                                                           reached base.end() before taking count
        return sentinel{ranges::end(base)};
};
```





```
template <class I, class Size, class 0>
auto copy_n(I first, Size n, 0 result) -> 0;
```

```
template <class I, class Size, class 0>
auto copy_n(I first, Size n, 0 result) -> 0;

namespace ranges {
    template <input_iterator I, output_iterator<iter_reference_t<I>> 0>
    auto copy_n(I first, iter_difference_t<I> n, 0 result) -> pair<I, 0>;
}
Which I?
```

```
auto main() -> int {
    istringstream input("1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9");
    vector<int> out;
    NAMESPACE::copy_n(istream_iterator<int>(input), 5, back_inserter(out));
    print(" out: {}\n", out);

    int next;
    if (input >> next) {
        print("next: {}\n", next);
    }
}
```

```
auto main() -> int {
    istringstream input("1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9");
    vector<int> out;
    std::ranges::copy_n(istream_iterator<int>(input), 5, back_inserter(out));
    print(" out: {}\n", out);

    int next;
    if (input >> next) {
        print("next: {}\n", next);
    }
}
out: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
next: 7
```

```
auto main() -> int {
    istringstream input("1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9");
    vector<int> out;
    auto [i, o] = std::ranges::copy_n(istream_iterator<int>(input), 5, back_inserter(out));
    print("out: {}\n", out);

    print(" *i: {}\n", *i);

    int next;
    if (input >> next) {
        print("next: {}\n", next);
      }
    }

    out: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
    *i: 6
    next: 7
```

```
auto main() -> int {
    istringstream input("1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9");
    vector<int> out;
    auto i = std::ranges::copy_n(istream_iterator<int>(input), 5, back_inserter(out)).in;
    print("out: {}\n", out);

    print(" *i: {}\n", *i);

    int next;
    if (input >> next) {
        print("next: {}\n", next);
    }
}

out: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
    *i: 6
    next: 7
```

```
auto main() -> int {
    istringstream input("1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9");
    vector<int> out;
    std::copy_n(istream_iterator<int>(input), 5, back_inserter(out));
    print(" out: {}\n", out);

int next;
    if (input >> next) {
        print("next: {}\n", next);
    }

out: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
    next: 6
```

2471. copy_n's number of InputIterator increments unspecified

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Discussion:

It's unspecified how many times copy_n increments the InputIterator. uninitialized_copy_n is specified to increment it exactly n times, which means if an istream_iterator is used then the next character after those copied is read from the stream and then discarded, losing data.

I believe all three of Dinkumware, libc++ and libstdc++ implement copy_n with n - 1 increments of the InputIterator, which avoids reading and discarding a character when used with istream_iterator, but is inconsistent with uninitialized_copy_n and causes surprising behaviour with istreambuf_iterator instead, because copy_n(in, 2, copy_n(in, 2, out)) is not equivalent to copy_n(in, 4, out)

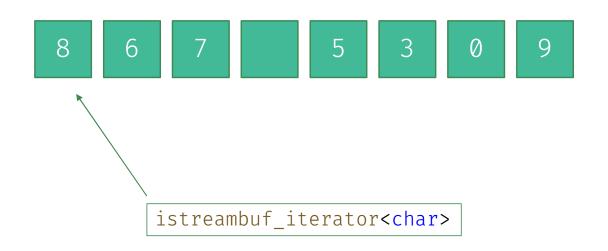
This is a mess. Append to Effects: If the InputIterator is not a forward iterator, increments n-1 times. Otherwise the number of increments is not more than n. (ncm) The preceding proposition is unsatisfactory, because it is wrong for istreambuf_iterator, which is much more useful than istream_iterator. Proposing instead: Append to Effects: If InputIterator is istream_iterator for some T, increments n-1 times. Otherwise, increments n times. Want a paper exploring what the implementations actually do, and what non-uniformity is "right".

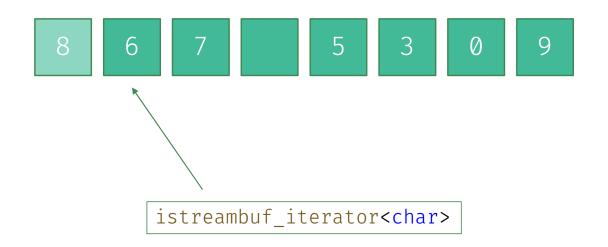
```
istream_iterator(istream_type& s);

Effects: Initializes in_stream with addressof(s), value-initializes value, and then calls operator++().

istreambuf_iterator(istream_type& s) noexcept;

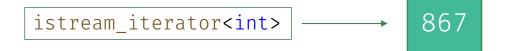
Effects: Initializes sbuf_ with s.rdbuf().
```



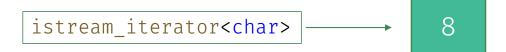


istream_iterator<int>

8 6 7 5 3 0 9



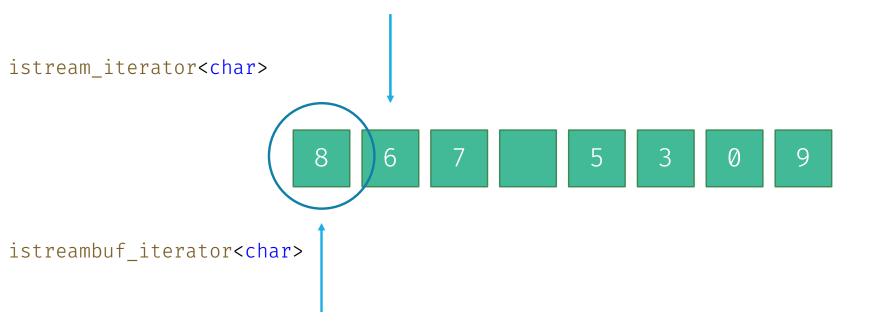


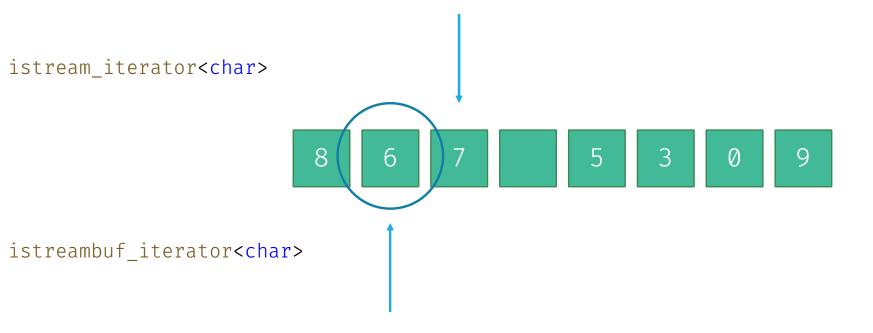


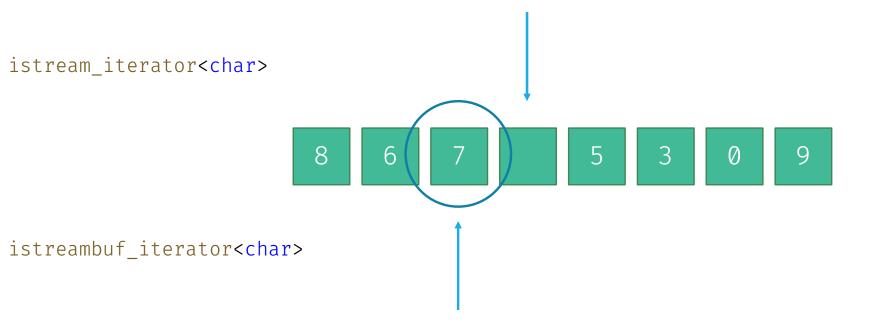


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Is This Broken?
Can It Be Fixed?

```
template <input iterator I>
class counted iterator {
    I current;
    iter_difference_t<I> length;
public:
    auto operator*() const -> decltype(auto) { return *current; }
    auto operator++() -> counted_iterator& {
        ++current;
        --length;
        return *this;
    auto operator==(default_sentinel_t) const -> bool { return length == 0; }
    auto base() const -> I { return current; }
    auto count() const -> iter_difference_t<I> { return length; }
};
```

```
template <input iterator I>
class closed counted iterator {
    I current;
    iter difference t<I> length;
public:
    auto operator*() const -> decltype(auto) { return *current; }
    auto operator++() -> counted_iterator& {
        ++current;
        --length;
        return *this;
    auto operator==(default_sentinel_t) const -> bool { return length == 0; }
    auto base() const -> I { return current; }
    auto count() const -> iter_difference_t<I> { return length; }
};
```

```
template <input iterator I>
class closed_counted_iterator {
    I current;
    iter difference t<I> length;
public:
    auto operator*() const -> decltype(auto) { return *current; }
    auto operator++() -> counted iterator& {
        --length;
        if (random_access_iterator<I> or length > 0) {
            ++current;
        return *this;
    auto operator == (default sentinel t) const -> bool { return length == 0; }
    auto base() const -> I { return current; }
    auto count() const -> iter_difference_t<I> { return length; }
};
```

```
template <input iterator I>
class closed_counted_iterator {
    I current;
    iter difference t<I> length;
public:
    auto operator*() const -> decltype(auto) { return *current; }
    auto operator++() -> counted iterator& {
        --length;
        if (random_access_iterator<I> or length > 0) {
            ++current;
        return *this;
    auto operator==(default_sentinel_t) const -> bool { return length == 0; }
    auto unsafe base() const -> I { return current; }
    auto count() const -> iter_difference_t<I> { return length; }
};
```

```
template <input_iterator I>
class closed_counted_iterator {
   I current;
    iter difference t<I> length;
public:
    auto operator*() const -> decltype(auto) { return *current; }
    auto operator++() -> counted_iterator& {
        --length;
        if (random_access_iterator<I> or length > 0) {
            ++current;
        return *this;
    auto operator==(default_sentinel_t) const -> bool { return length == 0; }
    auto unsafe_base() const& -> I const& {
        assert(length > 0);
        return current;
    auto count() const -> iter_difference_t<I> { return length; }
};
```

base() invalid at end

```
template <input_iterator I>
class counted_iterator {
public:
    auto operator++() -> counted_iterator& {
        --length;
        ++current;
        return *this;
    }

auto base() const& -> I const& {
        return current;
    }
};
```

N increments

base() valid at end

```
template <view V>
class take_view : public ranges::view_interface<take_view<V>>> {
   V base;
   ranges::range_difference_t<V> count;
   using I = ranges::iterator_t<V>;
public:
    auto begin() {
        return counted_iterator<I>(ranges::begin(base), count);
    auto end() {
        struct sentinel {
            ranges::sentinel_t<V> end;
            auto operator==(counted_iterator<I> const& rhs) const -> bool {
                return rhs.count() == 0
                    or rhs.base() == end;
       };
        return sentinel{ranges::end(base)};
};
```

```
template <view V>
class closed_take_view : public ranges::view_interface<closed_take_view<V>>> {
   V base;
   ranges::range_difference_t<V> count;
    using I = ranges::iterator_t<V>;
public:
    auto begin() {
        return counted_iterator<I>(ranges::begin(base), count);
    auto end() {
        struct sentinel {
            ranges::sentinel_t<V> end;
            auto operator==(counted_iterator<I> const& rhs) const -> bool {
                return rhs.count() == 0
                    or rhs.base() == end;
       };
        return sentinel{ranges::end(base)};
};
```

```
template <view V>
class closed_take_view : public ranges::view_interface<closed_take_view<V>>> {
   V base;
   ranges::range_difference_t<V> count;
    using I = ranges::iterator_t<V>;
public:
    auto begin() {
        return closed_counted_iterator<I>(ranges::begin(base), count);
    auto end() {
        struct sentinel {
            ranges::sentinel_t<V> end;
            auto operator==(counted_iterator<I> const& rhs) const -> bool {
                return rhs.count() == 0
                    or rhs.base() == end;
        };
        return sentinel{ranges::end(base)};
};
```

```
template <view V>
class closed_take_view : public ranges::view_interface<closed_take_view<V>>> {
   V base;
   ranges::range_difference_t<V> count;
    using I = ranges::iterator_t<V>;
public:
    auto begin() {
        return closed_counted_iterator<I>(ranges::begin(base), count);
    auto end() {
        struct sentinel {
            ranges::sentinel_t<V> end;
            auto operator==(counted_iterator<I> const& rhs) const -> bool {
                return rhs.count() == 0
                    or rhs.unsafe_base() == end;
        };
        return sentinel{ranges::end(base)};
};
```

loop: 1
loop: 2
loop: 3
loop: 4
loop: 5
next: 7

loop: 1
loop: 2
loop: 3
loop: 4
loop: 5
next: 6

Is This Broken?
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```
auto main() -> int {
    istringstream input("1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9");
    {
        int __storage;
        input >> __storage;
        int count = 5;
        while (count != 0 and input) {
            int i = __storage;
            print("loop: {}\n", i);
            input >> __storage;
            --count;
        }
    }
}
```

```
auto main() -> int {
    istringstream input("1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9");
    {
        int __storage;
        input >> __storage;
        int count = 5;
        while (count != 0 and input)
        int i = __storage;
        print("loop: {}\n", i);
        --count;
        if (count > 0) {
            input >> __storage;
        }
     }
}
```

```
auto main() -> int {
    istringstream input("1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9");
    {
        int __storage;
        input >> __storage;
        int count = 5;
        while (count != 0 and input) {
            int i = __storage;
            print("loop: {}\n", i);
            --count;
            if (count > 0) {
                 input >> __storage;
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```
auto main() -> int {
    istringstream input("1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9");
    {
        int __storage;
        int count = 5;
        while (count != 0 and input >> __storage) {
            int i = __storage;
            print("loop: {}\n", i);
            --count;
        }
    }
}
```

```
template <class Val>
class istream view : public ranges::view interface<istream view<Val>> {
    istream* stream;
   Val value;
    struct iterator {
        istream view* parent;
        auto operator++() -> iterator& { parent->extract(); return *this; }
        auto operator++(int) -> void { ++*this; }
        auto operator*() const -> Val& { return parent->value; }
        auto operator==(default_sentinel_t) const -> bool { return not *parent->stream; }
    };
    auto extract() -> void { *stream >> value; }
public:
    auto begin() -> iterator { extract(); return iterator{this}; }
    auto end() -> default sentinel t { return default sentinel; }
};
```

```
template <class Val>
class istream_view : public ranges::view_interface<istream_view<Val>> {
    istream* stream;
    Val value;
    struct iterator {
        istream view* parent;
        auto operator++() -> iterator8;
                                                                         Where do
                                                                         we extract
        auto operator*() const -> Val&;
                                                                          the next
                                                                           value?
        auto operator==(default_sentinel_t) const -> bool; -
    };
public:
    auto begin() -> iterator;
    auto end() -> default sentinel t { return default sentinel; }
};
```

```
template <class Val>
class istream_view : public ranges::view_interface<istream_view<Val>> {
    istream* stream;
    Val value;
    struct iterator {
        istream view* parent;
        auto operator++() -> iterator8;
                                                                          Where do
                                                                         we extract
        auto operator*() const -> Val&;
                                                                          the next
                                                                           value?
        auto operator==(default_sentinel_t) const -> bool; -
    };
                                                                            Yes.
public:
    auto begin() -> iterator;
    auto end() -> default sentinel t { return default sentinel; }
};
```

```
template <class Val>
class istream_view : public ranges::view_interface<istream_view<Val>> {
    istream* stream;
    Val value;
    struct iterator {
        istream view* parent;
        auto operator++() -> iterator8;
                                                                          Where do
                                                                         we extract
        auto operator*() const -> Val&;
                                                                          the next
                                                                           value?
        auto operator==(default_sentinel_t) const -> bool; -
    };
                                                                            Yes.
public:
    auto begin() -> iterator { return iterator{this}; }
    auto end() -> default sentinel t { return default sentinel; }
};
```

```
template <class Val>
class istream_view : public ranges::view_interface<istream_view<Val>>> {
   istream* stream;
   Val value;
   bool dirty = true;
   auto prime() -> void {
        if (dirty) {
            *stream >> value;
            dirty = false;
   struct iterator {
        istream_view* parent;
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public:
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template <class Val>
class istream_view : public ranges::view_interface<istream_view<Val>>> {
   istream* stream;
   Val value;
   bool dirty = true;
   auto prime() -> void {
        if (dirty) {
            *stream >> value;
            dirty = false;
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    Val value;
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            dirty = false;
    struct iterator {
        istream_view* parent;
        auto operator++() -> iterator& {
            parent->prime();
            parent->dirty = true;
            return *this;
        auto operator*() const -> Val& { parent->prime(); return parent->value; }
        auto operator==(default_sentinel_t) const -> bool {
            parent->prime();
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    };
public:
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```
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class istream_view : public ranges::view_interface<istream_view<Val>>> {
    istream* stream;
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    struct iterator {
        istream_view* parent;
        mutable bool dirty = true;
        auto prime() const -> void {
            if (dirty) {
                *parent->stream >> parent->value;
                dirty = false;
        auto operator++() -> iterator8 {
            prime();
           dirty = true;
            return *this;
        auto operator*() const -> Val& { prime(); return parent->value; }
        auto_operator==(default_sentinel_t) const -> bool {
            prime();
            return not *parent->stream;
    };
public:
    auto begin() -> iterator { return iterator{this}; }
    auto end() -> default_sentinel_t { return default_sentinel; }
};
```

```
auto main() -> int {
    istringstream input("1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9");
    {
        int __storage;
        int count = 5;
        while (count != 0 and input >> __storage) {
            int i = __storage;
            print("loop: {}\n", i);
            --count;
        }
    }
}
```

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       for <u>(::)</u> {
                                                                 it != end()
           if (count == 0) {
               break;
           if (dirty) {
               input >> __storage;
               dirty = false;
           if (not input) {
               break;
                                                                  *it
           if (dirty) {
               input >> __storage;
               dirty = false;
           int i = __storage;
           print("loop: {}\n", 1);
           --count;
           if (dirty) {
               input >> __storage;
                                                                 ++it
           dirty = true;
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```

loop: 1
loop: 2
loop: 3
loop: 4
loop: 5
next: 6

Additional Reading

P2406

Fix counted_iterator interaction with input iterators

Add lazy_counted_iterator

Yehezkel and Yehuda Bernat

P2799

Closed ranges may be a problem;
Breaking counted_iterator is not the solution

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Bonus Example

