

## NOTED MAN PASSES

Higginson Was Historian, Author, Clergyman and Soldier.

Famous American Who Was Active in Many Lines Enduring Works to Perpetuate His Name.

Cambridge, Mass.—In the death of Col. Thomas Wentworth Higginson, which took place here in his 87th year, there passes one of the country's most noted men. Historian, author, clergyman, soldier and abolitionist, he was active in many lines and leaves enduring works to perpetuate his name.

Col. Higginson was a student under Longfellow, a neighbor of Oliver Wendell Holmes, a college mate of Edward Everett Hale and friend of Emerson, Whittier and Longfellow. As essayist, historian, biographer and writer for the young, he made for himself an unusual place in American literature. Though the author of a volume of verse, he never claimed place as a poet, modestly entitling this work "Such as They Are."

Col. Higginson was born in Cambridge, Mass., in 1823 and graduated from Harvard in 1841. In 1847 he graduated from the Divinity school in Cambridge and the same year was ordained pastor of the First Congregational Church at Newburyport, Mass. He left this church in 1850 because of the unpopularity of his anti-slavery teachings, and in the same year stood unsuccessfully as the Free Soil candidate for congress. He then became pastor of a church in Worcester, Mass., from 1852 to 1858. Leaving his charge in the latter year he devoted himself to literature and to anti-slavery agitation. For his part in the attempted rescue of Anthony Burns, a famous incident in the anti-slavery days, he was indicted for murder, together with Theodore Parker, Wendell Phillips and others, but



Col. Higginson.

was released on account of a flaw in the legal papers. He also took part in organizing parties of free-state emigrants to Kansas in 1855 and served as brigadier general in James H. Lane's forces in that state organized to drive out the Missouri invaders.

Mr. Higginson was made captain in the Forty-first Massachusetts regiment in 1862; in the same year he was made colonel of a regiment of colored troops, the First South Carolina Volunteers, afterward known as the Thirty-third United States Colored Troops, the first regiment of freed slaves mustered into service. Col. Higginson saw considerable active service in the war. He took and

### THE ELECTRICAL HEN NEXT

Simple Device Attached to an Incubator Gives Astonishing Results to a Washington Farmer.

Tacoma, Wash.—Sixty-nine healthy chicks from a setting of 73 eggs have just been hatched by electricity on J. Don Alexander's ranch at Reilmeyer's Station, Wash. The initial test was so successful that 1,300 eggs will be placed in the incubators as soon as the apparatus can be installed. The equipment, which is not patented, can be attached to any oil-burning incubator at an expense of less than one dollar.

Construction of the electrically operated incubator is simple. Mr. Alexander took the lamps from the oil-burning machines and wound German silver wire around the frames above the egg trays, connecting the coils with an incandescent light circuit. This is made through a contact device consisting of a piece of iron fixed on the regulator arm to dip into a small cup filled with mercury.

When the temperature in the incu-

held Jacksonville, Fla.; at Wilton Bluff he was wounded, in August, 1863, and in October of the next year resigned on account of disability. He then went to Newport, R. I., to live, engaging in literature, and afterwards to Cambridge. He was a member of the Massachusetts legislature in 1880 and 1881, serving as chief of staff to the governor at the same time. In 1881-84 he was a member of the State Board of Education.

He was a fellow of the American Academy of Political Social Science and a member of the American Historical Society, the American Antiquarian Society, the New England Historic-Genealogical Society, the Military Historical Society, the Loyal Legion and the Grand Army, of the Republic. He had been president of the Harvard Chapter of Phi. Beta Kappa. Some years ago he received the degree of doctor of laws from Western Reserve university and in 1898 received the same degree from Harvard.

### RUINS OF TEMPLE OF THEBES

Great Building Was Egyptian City's Chief Glory in the Days of the Pharaohs.

Cairo, Egypt.—When Thebes of the Hundred Gates was the favorite residence of the Pharaohs of Egypt, and the seat of government, when she could furnish 20,000 chariots, fully equipped and fully manned for war,



Ruined Temple of Thebes.

her great temple was her chief glory. The glory of that which was Thebes are the ruins of that temple, erected for the worship of Ammon, the Unrevealed, holder of the Sceptre of Power and the Cross of Love, late the Zeus of Greece and the Jupiter of Rome. What is left of it is colossal; what it must have been in its full magnificence many have sought to imagine; that which exists is but a tenth part of that which has perished.

The encircling wall of raw bricks, some parts of which are still visible, enclosed a space of over 320 acres. The first entrance, from the interior of which this photograph was taken, is about 367 feet wide and about 136 feet in height. It stands before the large court shown in the foreground. On either side of this are columns; then comes the great colonnade hall, its entrance guarded on the right by a stone Pharaoh. In the inner court stands an obelisk of Thothmes I. The huge doorways leading from court to court are particularly fine. The temple was one of the wonders of the ancient world.

### Man and Woman in Egg Duel.

Parkersburg, W. Va.—Because J. N. Smith, a grocer, did not wait upon her as promptly as she thought he should, a woman customer picked up an egg and hurled it at him. It struck him in the left eye. A shower of sickly yellow liquid daubed the grocer's face infuriated, Smith, it is said, dived into the egg basket with both hands and hurled eggs, good, bad and indifferent, at her. The merchant stopped throwing when the supply was exhausted. The woman fled after every egg had hit her.

bator rises to 103 degrees, the natural matching point, the iron arm is lifted automatically, shutting off the current until there is a fall of one-fourth degree.

### Born Minus Arms and Legs.

York, Pa.—A girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert McClure in Dillsburg has no arms nor legs. The child is healthy, but there is no sign of any leg, and stumps about one inch long are where the arms should be.

### Woman Blinded by Stove Polish.

Pottsville, Pa.—Mrs. Irvin Eisenhauer is in a serious condition as the result of an explosion of stove polish. She was rendered blind and her face and head were badly burned by the burning fluid.

### Pretty Girls Shine Shoes.

St. Louis, Mo.—Two comely young women are employed in a shoe shining parlor here, and are wielding the brush with a great deal of ardor. They do not confine their endeavors to women customers, either.

## CABBAGES ON TREES

Horticultural Freak of More Than Usual Oddity.

Abnormally Developed Cabbage Plant That Has Borne Over a Bushel of Small Heads and is Still Growing.

Santa Monica, Cal.—Apparently the time has passed when country folk were justified in sneering at the ignorance of their city relatives for asking to be shown the cabbage tree, or to be permitted to help husk the pumpkins. It is true that no well authenticated case has yet come to notice of pumpkins that needed husking; but the cabbage tree is no longer a myth born of ignorance, and persons who have stood beneath its branches are agreed that anything is likely to happen.

So far as known, the original and only "cabbage tree" is growing in the garden of John A. Pool, 1302 Eleventh street, this city. It is nearly two years old, and is about nine feet and a half high, with a "trunk" 11 inches in diameter at a height of a foot and a half above the ground. It has borne more than a bushel of small cabbage heads, and many more are yet developing, so that its days of usefulness are not yet over. Near the top, it branches in real tree-like fashion; but Mr. Pool feels that if cabbage heads were permitted to develop on these slender limbs they would certainly break down the tree. So he cuts out the heads that begin to form near the top, but permits those that develop along the trunk to grow to a size adapting them to table use.

Nearly two years ago Mr. Pool bought a number of cabbage plants



Pool and His Cabbage Tree.

from a country woman, and planted them in two rows running the length of his garden. All of the plants but this one developed normally; but this particular plant early displayed a tendency to shoot up in the air, instead of producing a round and symmetrical head. After growing several feet high, it began to produce numerous small heads along the stalk, but with no abatement of its ambition to keep on going higher in the world. As it grew higher and higher, it began to get top-heavy, and a stout stake was driven in the ground, to which the plant is tied to prevent it from being blown down.

Inasmuch as the cabbage tree has

### Bath Kills Man.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Isaac Schneider took his first bath in two years a few days ago and it killed him. For many years Schneider had suffered from rheumatism and friends had warned him against letting water touch his skin, so he avoided it. But lately another friend persuaded him that water was a cure for rheumatism. He went to a Turkish bath establishment and plunged into the pool. Friends assisted him to the edge, and before a physician could be summoned he was dead.

### \$10 Fine Makes Dumb Swear.

New Rochelle, N. Y.—So enraged was Albert Allen, a deaf and dumb soap peddler, when Judge Samuel A. Swinburne fined him \$10 for peddling without a license that he swore. He was so astounded at recovering his voice that he stared wildly at the judge, then without waiting to apologize for the curs words he threw down a ten dollar bill and rushed from the court room shouting and laughing, leaving a pack of soap behind.

forsaken the annual habit proper to normal and well behaved cabbage plants, and has shown by two years of growth, summer and winter, that it is a perennial, there does not appear to be any good reason why it may not continue to grow indefinitely; and "Pool's Cabbage Tree," at Santa Monica, may in time become famous as one of California's tourist attractions. At least it is a horticultural freak of more than usual oddity.

### TRAP FOR RIVER HORSE

One of Many Methods Used by African Natives in Killing the Hippopotamus.

Cape Town, Africa.—The natives have various ways of killing the "river horse." On occasion, they will attack it with harpoons, to which are attached lines ending in floats. The wounded beast, its position marked by these floats, will then be followed up in canoes, and finally speared to death. At other times they will arrange great pitfalls; at others, some such device as that here illustrated.

This particular method calls for the use of a strong spearhead fixed in a



Killing a Hippopotamus.

heavy block of wood, which is hung from a line passed over a branch of a tree in the animal's path. The cord by which the spear is suspended is made to run across the path, a few inches above the ground, and is so ranged that when the beast stumbles against it the spear shall be released to fall and strike it.

Well knowing that their quarry, though badly wounded, may yet take to the water and escape, the natives attach to the wood holding the spear a long line which ends in a float; thus the great beast can always be located, whether it be alive or dead. The hippopotamus is generally inoffensive, but when pursued in boats by hunters it is subject to fits of rage and is dangerous. That the hippo is capable of being tamed and of becoming much attached to man has been proved in many instances where the animals have been kept in captivity. The hippo appeared in the ancient Roman spectacles and is supposed to be the behemoth referred to in the book of Job.

The hippopotamus is rapidly disappearing from its old haunts in Africa, as Colonel Roosevelt discovered in his recent hunting tour. The flesh is highly esteemed by the natives and the fat, of which there is a thick layer immediately under the skin, is a favorite African delicacy and is known as "lakecow bacon."

### Dead Crane Comes to Life.

Lake Charles, La.—Carrying a crane he believed to be dead, Henry Ackers was walking to town from Coon creek, where he shot the fowl, when it suddenly came to life and began pecking pieces out of Ackers' face with its bill. It tried for its captor's eyes and nearly succeeded in getting them. The crane was of the sandhill variety and measured seven feet from tip to tip.

### Girl Falls in Boiling Soap.

Winston-Salem, N. C.—While playing with other children in the yard of her parents' home in Stokes county, Gertrude Hargrove, twelve years old, stumbled and fell into a kettle containing boiling soap, sustaining scalds from which she died.

### Farmer Buried Alive.

Shawnee, Okla.—Edward Wilkinson, a farmer, was buried alive here by tons of dirt, when the walls of a well caved in on him. While standing on an iron ring as he was lowered into the well, the walls suddenly caved in.

### Baby Hanged on a High Chair.

Allentown, Pa.—As Mrs. Howard Long was cooking supper in her home her baby, one year old, slipped from her high chair, was caught by the neck on the edge of the table and strangled to death.

### Britons Get Big Contracts.

London.—Contracts amounting to over \$2,000,000 have been signed in London for the construction and equipment of the waterworks a Buenos Ayres with new pumping machinery.

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