

d on the Fourth of July, 1778, was first read to the continental congress on that day, which thus is It is the anniversary, too, of more

It was the death day, in 1826, of two of the republic's greatest men, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. On July 4 1831, five years later, James Monroe reathed his last. Sixty years later on July 4, 1891, Hannibal Hamlin, vice president during President Lincoln's first term, breathed his last.

The death of both Adams and Jeffrson on the day accepted as the nation's birthday was a strange coincidence. The day was one neither forof the immortal document which officially first saw the light just 50 years cfore their death; both remembered the date, and each was cognizant of the other's mortal illness.

Adams was past 90; Jefferson was bout seven years younger, yet he bad lived 13 years more than the threscore and ten years allotted by Holy Independence day was just being ush-ered in, Jefferson, even then dying, bu with memory not yet altogether impaired, muttered, "This is the Four of July." In the morning Adams, the same thought apparently running through his mind, roused himself to ask, "Does Jefferson still live?" Adams died a little after midday, Jefferson a few hours later.

pressive structures to be seen in the elty of Washington were laid on July Washington's monument in 1848, and the extension of the Capitol building in 1851. Daniel Webster was the orator on the second of these occasions, and the well rounded, sonorous sentences of address roused intense enthusiasm in the audience.

THE BIRTHDAY OF HAWTHORNS. On July 4, 102 years ago, Nathaniel

Hawthorne, held abroad to be the most representative American writer, was born at witch-ridden Salem, and though there are many among the crit-ical who will not agree that he of al our literary lights best reveals the national character, it is agreed that he is one of the very few Americans shose work in letters has become clas-

early colonial days, the somber exis-tence, the crass superstitions and the grim punishments meted cut to of-fenders against the moral law in New England were typical of all the colon-ists is absurd, of course,

In the colony of New York, with its mixed English and Dutch population; in the colony of Pennsylvania, where dwelt the Quakers; in Macyland, whose the Virginias, peopled by colonists who were utterly unlike the stern, intolerant religionists of New England, in all these colonies there was little of which Hawthorne's writings were in the least descriptive.

Colonial life in most of these parts of the great country which is now the United States has never been well described in literature. It was left to Thackeray, an Englishman, to paint the lights and shadows of life in Vir-ginia in the immortal pages of "The Virginians." Washington Irving In 'Diedirch Knickerbocker's" equally wholly Dutch, but his picture was much too grotestue as Hawthorne's

There is no open-minded student of New York in colonial days who be-lieves that all the New Englanders were either straight-laced or superstithose who proudly proclaim themselves of Knickerbocker stock were as comicoperatically "thick" in their head-pieces as "Diedrich Knickerbocker" portrays them.

HAWTHORNE A. STRANGE MAN.

Hawthorne was as singular as he was gifted. He was reserved to the point of ultra-shyness, even with those whom he knew to be the kindest of John G. Whittier, who was supposed to have known Hawthorne better than most, said not long before his death:

"Hawthorne was a strange puzzle. I never felt quite sure whether I knew him or not. He never seemed to be doing anything, and yet he never liked to be disturbed at it."

Hawthorne's closest friend during all the later years of his life was Horace Ingersoll of Sulem. They first met at New Haven, Conn., in 1828, and until Hawthorne's death, in 1864, were close friends and never separated for long. In his old age Mr. Ingersoll, who lived to be nearly 90, and died only 15 or 16 years age, used to like to talk about his old friend Hawthorne. talk about his old friend Hawthorne. Ingersoil was subject to frightful fits of temper, which led to occasional periods of coldness between them. Their greatest falling out was over Their greatest falling out was over thorne's personal romance—that though Hawthorne's loss of the plot of "Evan. he married Sophia Peabody, he was en-

ocem of that name. Ingersoli heard the story from drs. Halliburton of Boston. ing a writer himself, he reteld it to Hawthorne, who said he would write a novel based upon it. Six years passed, and Ingersoll, who knew Longfellow, told the story to him. Longfellow, told the story to him. w, either recognizing its value mor than Hawthorne had, or being more its details in his haunting verse.

In his later years Ingersoll used to show with pride the presentation autographed copy, which the poet sent to him, recalling with amusement that he attempted, when telling the story to Longfellow, to indicate how it should be written. Longfellow did not follow

not think he ever fully forgave me for telling the story to Longfellow,"

Many of his friends knew of Haw-

Nathaniel Hawthorne, Romane-Vathaniel Hawthorne, Romane-er, and Giuseppe Garibaldi, Patriot, Were Born, and Three Presidents Died on the Fourth, \$ fawthorne's Personal Romance —His Struggles and Final Great Success — Garibaldi's Hawthorne's Personal Romance Eventful Life-Once American «Citizen.

The United States Has Won Great Victories on Its Birthday, the Latest of Which Was The Naval Battle of Santiago.

death, wrote thus of the change in Hawthorne's affections:

The Declaration of Independence Was Not Signed, Only
First Read to the Continental Congress on That Day.

"He was instantly attracted to Sophia Peabody, and, though the young people stroye against their mutual attraction, it came to the knowledge of the elder sister, who told them at once that her heart had room for them together as well as separately, and she proved it by her life and he

ON JULY 4TH

NEWS OF THE

DESTRUCTION

OF CERVERA'S

FLEET OFF SANTIAGO

ON JULY 4TH

THE DECLARATION

FIRST READ TO THE

OF INDEPENDENCE WAS

CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

When he saw thee who art blest,

He but judged thee as the rest."

HAWTHORNE'S LITERARY SUC-

You can get a notion of the difference

ture in Hawthorne's day and the present time when you remember that he

was so hard up in 1849, when let out of his \$1,200 a year job in the Salem cus-tom house that his friends headed by one George Hilliard, were moved to

Hawthorne accepted it, and a sympathetic biographer says that it "was probably the hardest sacrifice" of sen-

timent he ever made. His letter replying to the letter accompanying the gift

is a masterpiece in its way, written, one cannot but fancy, with the most careful

ittention to its literary style. In it

ared for by one's friends, sweet to think that they deem me worth up-holding in my poor work through life. And it is bitter, nevertheless to need

the man who fails. Nobody has a right to live in the world unless he be

rounder days later, on Feb. 2, 18as, he wrote the closing words of his finest romance. "The Scarlet Letter." Later President Pierce made him consul to Liverpool, the best paying office then in the gift of the federal government, and his emoluments as consul and the returns from "The Scarlet Letter" gave presented to him for the remainder of

prosperity to him for the remainder of

Past compare and loveliest,

and present it to him.

to good purpose,"

Sophia Penbody modeled a notable bust of Laura Bridgman (as famous in flicted and similarly educated, is to-day) and used the sum of money she received for it to buy her wedding outfit with. She was the heroine of the halfforgotten poem by Elizabeth Barrett Browning, "Bertha in the Lane." In this poem, however, the elder and re-nouncing sister dies of a broken heart, whereas in real life she outlived by many years the sister for whom she "sewed the wedding gown," as the oem mistakenly tells it. Here is one

He would love but me slone; hou wert absent—sent before,

and his friends, with interest, the sum which they had given him in 1849. GARIBALDI, APOSTLE OF FREE.

Gluseppe Garibaldi, not an American born, but for a time an American citigen, and as truly a devotee of politi-cal liberty as any of those who signed the Declaration of Independence, was born on July 4, 1807.

The story of his life as a fighting Italian patriot is one of the world a

greatest romances. He was first en-South America for an asylum. He served the new forgotten republic of Rio Grande de Sul and later the re-public of Urnguay. In 1847 he return-ed to Italy, and entered the service of the Roman republic. Defeated, he was exiled again. This time he came to the United States. This was in 1850, the year that Hawthorne completed "The

for money as Hawthorne ever was, but entirely without the supersensitiveness h was Hawthorne's curse through Confronted with a "plentiful lack of cash," the great Italian established a candle factory on Staten Island, in the harbor of New York, and apparently decided to live the rest of his life he took out naturalization papers and

manifested a good deal of interest in the politics of his adopted country. However, he remained here only four Italy, and returned to its shores, thing as a farmer on the island of prera. Five years later he was in the by Sardinia and France against Aus-tria, and he was a figure in most of the

JULY ATH IN AMERICAN WATERS The Fourth of July has been a big day in the wars of the republic. In 1861, July 4 was the first day of the ex-tra session of Congress, with eight states unrepresented. On July 4, 1863, Vicksburg surrender-

ed to General Grant.
On the same day news was sent over

won at Gettysburg.
On July 4, 1864, Grant was gradually driving Lee back, though at a terrific cost of human life, 640,000 men having

been slaughtered in two months. On July 4, 1898, we got the news that Cervera's entire Spanish fleet had been destroyed off Sautiago by the United States fleet, that 600 Spaniards had been killed and drowned, and 1.402 duce such tales and romances as Haw-thorne's would not need to wait till he was nearing 50, as he did, before se-curing recognition. He was 49 when, in 1853, he was able to repay Hillard taken prisoners on the day before,

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