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CHUBB, Thomas, mariner, was born in Charlestown, Mass., June 12, 1809. He left home in 1818 and engaged for service on board a U.S. frigate. He was employed in the navy until 1823. Some years afterward he entered into trade for himself, acquiring considerable wealth. In 1836 he sailed to Galveston with a schooner fully armed and equipped, and was appointed admiral of the navy of the Texas republic. He remained in Galveston until 1861 when he joined the Confederate navy, having command of the Royal Yacht. He was captured, imprisoned and condemned to death. President Davis's threat to avenge his death by the execution of ten men prevented the United States from carrying out the sentence. In 1882 he was made harbor-master of Galveston, holding the office until his death, at Post Mills Village, Vt., Aug. 26, 1890.