

A WOMAN WARRIOR.

Miss Hannah Snell Was Recognized and Pensioned.

There have been many women warriors in the world, but it must be admitted that there have been very few whose deeds were such as to claim the admiration of the country for any great length of time. In the annals of woman's warfare there are generally stories of overzealousness, leading to fanaticism and subsequent punishment and disgrace. Seldom indeed has a woman warrior been gracefully recognized by the government of her country.

Within the memory of our grandparents there lived in England a woman named Hannah Snell, who, when but a girl, took the strange resolution of enlisting as a soldier. She served as a marine on one of the vessels of a fleet bound for the East Indies, and showed so much courage that she was repeatedly promoted. Her sex was unknown, and



HANNAH SNELL,
From a print of 1840.

therefore it could never be claimed that Hannah Snell's success was due to partiality or favoritism.

Once, when dangerously wounded, she extracted the ball herself, fearing that she might be discovered and discharged. After long service, she returned to her native home at Worcester, England, where her adventures soon became spread abroad. The government on investigation of her really great career granted her a pension of £20. She died full of years and laden with honors in an inn near Wapping.

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