

A correspondent of the *New York World*, writes from Memphis, Tennessee, under date of July 13, says, two days ago a warrant was issued for the arrest of "Frances Thompson," foremerly, a witness before a congressional investigating committee and more lately the most infamous procuress in Memphis. Dr. J. H. Nuttall, a well-known Memphis physician, having been in some way advised that there was suspicion as to the true sex of this vile creature, she was summoned before the recorder who ordered an investigation by four of the most prominent physicians in the city. These physicians came into court and testified that this pseudo woman, is really a man and in no respect a woman. The court then imposed a fine upon "Frances Thompson," in default of which she (he) was taken with the chain-gang to the city rockpile, after having been stripped of female attire and endued in the garb appropriate to her (his) sex. Such is the character of the witness on whose testimony and that of a negro named Lucy Smith, who lodged and slept in the same bed with "Frances Thompson," Messrs. Washburn and Broomall, Republican members of a congressional investigating committee to inquire into certain alleged riotous proceedings in the city of Memphis, in the year 1866, made report that "the crowning acts of atrocity and diabolism committed were the ravishing of five colored women." The rape of "Frances Thompson," Messrs. Washburn and Broomall go on to say, "is one to which reference is here made." After stating, according to the testimony of "Frances Thompson," that seven men, who had policemen's stars on their breasts and who were "all Irishmen," had on a certain night entered the house of said "Frances Thompson," Messrs. Washburn and Broomall declare that "the woman, Frances Thompson, was then violated by four of the men, and so badly beaten and bruised that she lay in bed for three days." The testimony of "Frances Thompson," on which Messrs. Washburn and Broomall base their statements may be found on pages 196 and 197 of their report. Thus the evidence of this perjured negro scoundrel, dressed in woman's clothing, was made the thread of a horrible narrative, authenticated by the signatures of two leading Republican members of Congress, printed at the government expense and sent out by tons through the mails under the then existing franking privilege. The vile fabrication served its purpose. But the people against whose good name it was directed have lived down the base calumny and it is now their turn to laugh. Probably there are two men who by this time are fully impressed with the truth of the adage that "he laughs best who laughs last," and those two are Elihu B. Washburn, Minister to France, and the Hon. John M. Broomall, of Delaware county, Pennsylvania. Republican members of Congress and Republican newspapers at present engaged in grinding out a new grist from the "outrage mill" may profit by their experience."—*Pottsville Standard*.