

### Southern Items.

Rudolph Hausman and Frederick Pothman, wealthy planters and mill owners, living six miles from Aiken, S. C., were murdered a few nights ago, and their house burned. Hausman, a German, lived in Cleveland, Ohio, for twenty years, engaged in the notion business, and Pothman, his nephew, acted as agent for the old man. The object was undoubtedly robbery alone, as the mill and other valuable property was not fired. A search in a negro house in Aiken discovered a lot of property which was identified as the property of the murderers men. Warrants were issued for the arrest of the suspected negroes. The leader of the gang is Adam Johnson, a notorious outlaw, feared and hated by both whites and blacks. The county was greatly excited, and the woods were scoured for the capture of the scoundrels..... Francis Thompson, the notorious negro who for years figured as a woman, and imposed on the Congressional Committee in connection with the Memphis riots of '66, died at the hospital at that city recently, after a long illness.