

**A Colored Man who Successfully Passed
as a Woman for 27 Years.**

Francis Thompson, colored, better known as "Aunt Crutchie," who for the past twenty-seven years has gone about this city in female garb, was arrested, and after medical examination, was pronounced a member of the male sex. The quartette of medical experts who worked into the case also discovered that the dusky Thompson's lowerlimbs were as crooked as a young dogwood tree or a ram's horn. This deformity served as an excuse for the pretended female cripple to promenade the streets on crutches. Thompson is well known to the people of this city as a low-minded criminal of the most revolting character. The Recorder imposed a fine of \$50 upon the prisoner. Not being able to pay the fine, a lot of male toggery was put upon the impecunious Thompson, and he was sent out on the chain-gang to work the streets. An immense crowd of curious and idling people collected about to see the changed figure of the thick-lipped, foul-mouthed scamp, and finding it impossible to drive them off, Thompson was sent to the lock-up again. Known then as Miss Frances Thompson, this person testifies before the Washington Congressional Committee to having been outraged a number of times during the Memphis riots soon after the war. Her evidence appears at length in the official report. It is just probable Mr. Thompson lied.—*Memphis Avalanche.*