

"Franklin Thompson's" Career.

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Congressman Cutcheon to-day put in two bills, one to remove the charge of desertion standing against the name of Franklin Thompson, of the Second Michigan Infantry, the other to grant a pension of \$12 a month to Mrs. Sarah E. E. Seeley, alias Franklin Thompson, for service as a soldier in Company F, of the above named regiment. In 1861 an interesting juvenile enlisted in the regiment at Detroit giving the name of Franklin Thompson, aged eighteen, and served two years with the regiment. Most of the time Thompson was employed as a mail carrier; for a while, also, a orderly, serving as such to General Orlando M. Poe at the battle of Fredericksburg. At that battle Thompson, wearing a dainty velvet cap with a squirrel tail plume, rode about on horseback carrying dispatches. Colonel Dillmann, of Detroit, remembers the particulars. The behavior of Thompson was desecret and brave, and, although toward the middle of her second year of service her comrades had some suspicion of her sex, nothing was ever divulged. The regiment went to the West, and Thompson, being then sick with malarial fever, was ordered to the hospital at Lebanon, Ky. The notion of going to the hospital did not suit her. She deserted and returned to her home at Flint, resumed her appropriate attire as a woman, and when her health was restored went to Oberlin College, Ohio. While there she wrote the book called "Nurse and Spy." Subsequently she entered the hospital service at Harper's Ferry and elsewhere, continuing until the war closed, when she returned again to Flint, and not long after married Mr. Seeley and removed to Fort Scott, Kan., where she now resides. She has quite a family of children, and her old comrades of the Second Michigan are interesting themselves in her behalf.