

## THOMPSON'S JOKE.

MEMPHIS, July 11.—A sensation was created here to-day by the arrest of the notorious negro named Francis Thompson, who has figured here for the past fifteen years as the keeper of a notorious assignation house, and passed for a woman. During the sitting of the Congressional Investigation Committee here after the riots of 1866, he figured extensively as a witness, and swore that during the night of the riot she (?) was outraged thirteen times. During the past five years Thompson has been arrested frequently, but always managed to escape the clutches of the law; but the suspicions of the officers being aroused, several physicians were called in and an examination developed the fact that Thompson was a man. He was made to don the male garb and sentenced to the chain gang for 100 days.