

SINGULAR CASE.

A Negro Man Passes for Years for a Woman.

A negro man was arrested by the police at Memphis, on the 16th, who has lived in the city a number of years as a woman and served as a house servant in a number of families without being detected. His make-up as a woman was so perfect as to leave no room for suspicion that he was otherwise. The police refuse to tell how they came to "drop on him," but when they approached him on the subject, he claimed to be a hermaphrodite, but after arrest a medical examination was had, resulting in the discovery of nothing of the kind, but, on the contrary, a perfectly developed male. As soon as the truth was ascertained, he acknowledged the deception, saying he found it easier to get employment as a woman. He also tells startling stories of his career in the guise of a woman, implicating several male citizens whose names are withheld, as it is believed he concocted the stories in order to avoid prosecution. The case is precisely similar to the one discovered here two years ago, in which Frances Thompson, a negro man who gave testimony before the congressional committee as a woman, claiming to have been outraged by a policeman during the Memphis riots in 1866, was discovered to be a fully developed man.