

MASQUERADING AS MEN.

The latest instance of a woman showing an inclination to masquerade as a man is that of Eva Henderson, of Kingston, whose career of deception has been brought to a close by a policeman's bullet.

Some mystery of sex which science does not explain has led women in all lands and ages to seek adventures under the protecting disguise of men's attire. Rather oddly, the preference of such masqueraders has been for the career of a soldier. There have been many cases in the British army, among them those of—

"Dr. James Barry," who gained a wide reputation as a surgeon, fought a duel, served with distinction in the West Indies and died at the age of seventy-one in 1865;

Hannah Snell, whose courage was unquestioned and who was wounded twelve times at the battle of Pondicherry;

Mrs. Christian Davis, an Irish girl, who enlisted to find her husband, who had been carried off by a press gang. She won a reputation for bravery, outlived her first and two other husbands and died at an old age. The stories told of these British women-soldiers relate that they became very much addicted to the manly vices of drink and gambling and the telling of "good stories."

Women also served in the American armies in disguise during the civil war, and when the Spanish war broke out there were numerous instances of women seeking enlistment as men. One notable case was that of Jessie Sherwood, of Waukegan.

But the most renowned of all women soldiers is Nadejda Dourovna, who fought in the Russian cavalry during the Napoleon campaign of 1812. She was decorated with the cross of St. George for bravery on the battlefield, and when she died at the age of eighty-three was buried in the uniform of a captain of dragoons.

Instances of the assumption of male attire by women in this country are numerous. Recent notable cases are those of "Murray Hall," the Tammany politician, who kept her secret undisclosed for a generation; "Mr. Charles Hall," otherwise Caroline Hall, whose death on an ocean steamer in September, 1901, betrayed her sex for the first time; "Ellis Glenn," who exchanged places with an imprisoned brother in a West Virginia jail; "George Green," of Petersburg, and "W. C. Howard," of Canandaigua, who furthered their deception by taking wives and living for years as model husbands until the accident of death revealed their sex.