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**Fred. Douglass Thrashed.**

The *New York Globe*, under the head of "unblushing impudence and merited punishment," gives the following account of what happened on Friday last, in Broadway:

"Fred. Douglass, the impudent negro who has of late taken upon himself the privilege of abusing our country, its patriots and Constitution, without having that chastisement which he so richly merited at the hands of our republicans, who would condescend to notice his blasphemy and negroisms, had the audacity yesterday to walk down Broadway, the principal promenade in our city, with two white females resting on his arms. Several citizens, who had noticed this disgraceful scene, followed the impudent scamp to the battery. On observing that he was watched, the negro commenced laughing and sneering at the gentlemen, who were behind him. One of them could not withstand the provoked and justifiable temptation to award to the negro that punishment which his daring rascality had subjected him to. The gentlemen stepped up to him and politely requested the females to leave their ebony companion and place themselves under the protection of a gentleman who was standing near by. The women very quietly did as they were desired to do, and then the indignant and insulted gentleman administered to the back of the negro a "dressing" that he will have occasion to remember some time hence. Maddened justice forgets the dictates of law in a case of this kind; and personally, we can see no reason why it should not."

We feel much obliged to the "indignant gentleman" who administered the punishment; but what a commentary does the proceeding furnish upon the conduct of the Northern people towards the slave? They denounce slavery, assist fugitives to escape, and spend much breath and but little money for the amelioration of the black race; and yet when they see a colored "gemman" acting upon the principles of equality for which they contend, and escorting one of their own "kith and kin" through the streets, they follow him and horsewhip him for it! But we repeat: we are heartily obliged to the *New Yorker* for giving Douglass a "dressing;" and while his hand is in, we would be glad if he would do the same with Garrison, Phillips and other bosom friends of Douglass among the whites.—*Savannah Republican.*