

MOSES BOWMAN - tries to snatch his children

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Moses Bowman, colored created no little excitement on South Washington Street Tuesday evening in a vain attempt to kidnap his children. Mose is an "ornery cuss" any way you take him. Two years ago he gave his wife and two children the cold shakes, since which time the poor woman supported herself and brought up the kids by laboring over the wash tub. Last Monday Mose "slid" into town as quietly as he had departed. Tuesday evening he perched himself on the Catholic Church steps, his wife having rooms over Poole's grocery and displaying a couple of papers of candy soon had the children at his side. He then began telling them how much fun they could have by going to another town with him, that they could romp on Easy Street at their will, etc. At this juncture Mose's fairy stories were brought to an abrupt close by the sudden appearance of the wronged wife who came dashing upon the scene wielding a murderous looking butcher knife. Like the man in the song, "Once was enough for him," and the gait he struck down Washington Street would have made Nancy Hanks shed tears. The children are once more safely under the mother's wing while Mose is wandering some place in this broad land of ours. - kbz