FUGITIVE SLAVE CASE, BUFFALO, NEW YORK, 1847

VIOLENT ATTEMPT TO RE-CAPTURE A SLAVE. -- Two persons from Covington, Kentucky, one of whom claims to be the agent for the owner of a colored man, named Christopher Webb, who has for some time served as waiter at the Gothic Hall Saloon, told poor Webb that he must return to his master, and when he protested that he was free, one of them seized him and drawing a "six shooter" threatened to kill the first person who should interfere. He however, contrived to escape, and it having been found out that he had been arrested illegally, a warrant was obtained against the agents for the man who thought "he had a right to do as he liked with his own." It was then their turn to escape, which they attempted without delay, hotly pursued by the Deputy Sheriff and people of various hues. The runaways had the start. The affair created much excitement, particularly among our colored citizens and the abolitionists; but the Kentuckians successfully eluded all pursuit.

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An Excitement -- A Slave Case -- A man from Kentucky in quest of his human property, arrived in our city, and finding one of his chattels personal enjoying the largest liberty, seized upon him yesterday afternoon with a view of conveying him back to the land of slavery. He was brought before Justice Dickie, but contrived to escape and it being ascertained that he had been arrested without process, the tables were turned, and a warrant obtained against the master for false imprisonment. It was not the masters turn to escape, which he lost no time in doing-- hotly pursued by a motley group. They flew down Swan street, the pursuers and the pursued-- the master having about half a mile the lead. -- The affair created much excitement for a while, especially among our colored citizens and abolitionists.

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