

FRANK JAMES.

How the Women Flock Around to Buy Goods of Him in Dallas.

From the San Francisco Examiner.

"The reformed bandit Frank James, late of Missouri, is the latest and biggest attraction in Dallas." This was remarked to an *Examiner* reporter yesterday by Thomas Witherspoon, a broad-shouldered Texas, at the Hess. "Frank is the mildest-mannered man you ever saw. You would think he was a preacher to look at him and listen to the soft cadences of his voice. But you just ought to see how the women flock about him to buy dry goods. It beats the world. It's Mr James this and Mr. James that—a perfect love of a man some of them call him. I don't mean that all the women visit him at the store and dote upon him, but a big per cent of them do—the morbidly curious and mentally off. Frank James does not look like a shooter, nor a bad man. He is of medium size only, very quiet, and his black hair is lately beginning to be well tinged with gray, as is his moustache. He lives in an unassuming way in Dallas, with his wife and two small boys. The boys are not over twelve or fourteen years old. The family seems a very happy one. The store he works in is owned by Worthington, Jones & Co. These people got him away from the St. Louis shoe store by offering a bigger stipend. It is understood in Dallas that he gets \$300 a month. He ought to have more, for in the past four months he has just about doubled the firm's business. It was a lucky stroke, their getting him. Frank James is reported to be poor. People thought for a long time he had a big lot of wealth that he had made in train and bank robberies and hold-ups of one sort and another, that was buried, or at least stored away somewhere, but if so it has been kept secret. Nobody knows where it is. Sometimes they have thought may be Frank James had glided incog to various towns like St. Paul, Omaha, San Francisco, or other towns west and south, and bought property in the names of his wife or sons. Dallas people keep wondering all the time what has become of the swag. Of course, there is a percentage of them though who say they don't believe he has any money—that he was more sinned against than sinning."