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## FABRICATION OF MARIA MONK

DETECTED AND EXPOSED.

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In commencing the exposure of Maria Monk's falsehoods, we cite the following from a Dublin journal :—

“ From the columns of a Montreal paper we learn, that the system, of which Rebecca Reed was the first agent, has found another and a fitting tool in the person of a young woman of light mind and depraved habits, named Maria Monk, a native of Montreal. From the depositions of Doctor Robinson, a justice of the peace for Montreal, it would appear that in November, 1834, a young woman was found in the neighbourhood in a destitute condition, who stated that she was the daughter of a Dr. Robinson. Upon being confronted, however, with her alleged father, she admitted that she had uttered an untruth; and that in reality her father was one William Monk, of that city. She stated, that in consequence of temporary insanity, to which she was subject, her parents had kept her chained in a cellar for four years. When it was remarked to her that her person bore no marks of manacles or any other mode of restraint, she replied that her mother took care to cover the irons with soft cloths to prevent them injuring the skin. From this time until August last Dr. Robinson lost sight of this strange story-teller. It would seem, however, that in the interval she made her appearance in New York, in a very destitute condition, where she excited the interest of the lovers of the marvellous and the haters of Popery, by alleging all manner of crimes against the monks and nuns of the General Hospital of Montreal, out of which place she asserted she had escaped. It is said the authorities at New York deputed a Mr. Hoyte (who represented himself