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From "SALONS COLONIAL & REPUBLICAN."

Men and women, still in the prime of life, distinctly recall the rubicund face and portly form of Mrs. Rush as she appeared on the street while taking her vigorous constitutional. One person remembers her in a crimson silk gown, which may have served to throw her far too brilliant complexion into the shade, while still another recalls the stout figure of the lady of fashion, enveloped in a green velvet "mantilla," as she stood upon the sidewalk enjoying raw oysters, in a truly democratic fashion, at Tatem's famous oyster-stand on Twelfth Street near Spruce.