

## A VICTORY FOR CIVIL RIGHTS.

THE COMFORT OF COLORED PASSENGERS'  
MUST BE SECURED.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 2.—Judge Morris, of the United States District Court, to-day delivered a valuable opinion regarding the rights of colored people on passenger steamers. There were four cases in all. A party of colored people in August last bought first class passenger tickets on the steamer Sue, from Baltimore to Kinsdale, a point on the Potomac River. They paid \$3 apiece for the tickets. When they went aboard they were refused admission to the after cabin, in which there were a number of white persons, and were offered the forward cabin. This, they claimed, was dirty, and they refused to use it. They sat up all night. They then brought suit against the steamer, and Judge Morris to-day decided in their favor, allowing them each \$100 damages. In his opinion Judge Morris says: "The ship officers admit that there was a different system in respect to the forward cabin in giving out the bed coverings. The reasons given by the officers for this different system they justify by showing that the much greater number of second class colored passengers who used this cabin as compared with the smaller and