



FREE AS A FREEMAN.

CHAPTER XXII

LIBERTY ATTAINED.

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There is no necessity for any extended notice of
 the incidents of this part of my life. There is no-
 thing very striking or peculiar about my career as a
 freeman, when viewed apart from my life as a slave.
 The relation subsisting between my early experience
 and that which I am now about to narrate, is, per-
 haps, my best apology for adding another chapter to
 this book.

Disappearing from the kind reader, in a flying
 cloud or balloon, (pardon the figure) I leave by the