

THE INDIAN DIFFICULTIES.—As we intimated, the Indian troubles at the Mariposa do not seem to have been, nor to be, nor promise to be, of very terrific or dangerous tendency. It is extremely doubtful, indeed, if any intention exists on the part of any of the tribes to levy war upon the whites, further than a temporary feeling of anger for real or imagined injuries, may induce, and which we think the Indian Commission will be able quietly to settle. In connection, we wish to caution the public not to believe one-seventh of the rumors which they hear about Indian barbarities, unprovoked murders, etc. The tribes in California, almost without exception, are of the most peaceable character, too indolent in disposition to love warlike excitements, and not at all fitted for its pursuits by habits of thought or action. If any impediment to a lasting condition of peace between the two nations exists, it may safely be attributed to the unlawful and conscienceless treatment which they receive from some of the whites. Their slightest resistance is tortured into a heinous offence, and the whole country called upon to enlist in a crusade against them. Rumor's tongue is more flexible in California than anywhere else, and can tell bigger lies. For instance the discontented and war breathing tribes at the Mariposa were represented at first as numbering four or five thousand men: at the next account at nine thousand, and now they are diminished even by the breath of Rumor, to four or five thousand; with a strong suspicion that there are none. At any rate the entire extent of the troubles there is within the confines of one small section, and the miners generally, except in that particular locality, know nothing and care nothing about all this bubble-blown exaggeration of a trifle. There are no troubles on the Merced, the Tuolumne, or the Stanislaus. Persons wishing to go to any of the placers on these rivers or their tributaries, need not be prevented by the very foolish reports which occasionally come teeming through the up river papers.