

INDIAN SLAVE TRADE IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE STATE.—The Humboldt Times says that parties in a remote portion of that county are engaged in the business of kidnapping Indian children and disposing of them to families in the towns and settlements, receiving such a sum of money as may be agreed upon between the high contracting powers, in each instance from thirty to fifty dollars, according to the 'trouble' incurred in obtaining possession of the children. It is intimated—and upon pretty good authority—that stratagem, and sometimes force, is made use of to capture the children, the consent of the children and their relatives being considered of but little importance. What amount of force or cunning is required to obtain possession of these little savages, we do not pretend to say; but any one who has lived long on this portion of the Pacific coast does not need to be told that Indians do not, as a general practice, consent to have their children taken to a distance to reside among strangers.

