

~~AN INCIDENT OF THE INDIAN WAR.—The Northern Californian, of March 23d, relates the following as among the incidents of the late Indian war at the north:~~

~~At an attack upon one of the Indian ranches, a number of the braves were captured, who had, with squaws and children, deserted the ranch—an inglorious prey. An old chief, the Mowee-ma of his band, then took his stand in the center of the ranch—his household gods shattered around him—deserted and alone, but armed and resolute and would not be taken. A parley was held—the old chief demanded to surrender, but he was firm. The volunteers were brave men, but there were none that could be found to face the imminent muzzle of the old man's levelled rifle. A word given, and he might have been dropped, riddled like a collender; but their orders were to take him alive, and thus one man held at bay, a score. Nevertheless he was taken; he who would not yield to numbers—who feared not death—was taken by one of his old peculiar stratagems. The only surviving wife of the old man—a young squaw—was brought forward, and taking her before him, Lieut. Winslett, advanced, covering his body with this frail, but to him, invulnerable shield. Afraid to fire upon the pair, the old man, after a moment's hesitation, lowered his weapon, and was immediately surrounded and injured.~~

