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July 15th, 1850. }
Mining Prospects—The Fourth of July—Indian Diffi-

culties—Captain Sanger Shot.
Gentlemen—Thinking that a line from this vicinity might interest your readers, I take this opportunity to give you in a few words some idea of the state of things in this place. Our dam is now about finished, and is a very creditable piece of work. I trust that we shall be fairly repaid for our severe toils very soon. On a recent tour up the river, I found the miners on this fork very much discouraged, generally, by their prospects. The river keeps up unaccountably, and notwithstanding the enormous prices of food the men are obliged to be idle yet, and the prospect is not so favorable as far as ascertained, as on the American River, where provisions are cheap and abundant. I trust that the representations of store-keepers and other interested persons will not to any extent induce the unwary to encounter the heavy expense and toil of getting here.

The glorious "Fourth" was celebrated in fine style by the "Sunken Bar Association," and their invited guests. The new State and old States, home, friends, and more particularly—

"The girls we left behind us,"
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were duly remembered. God bless them. There were saddened thoughts mingled with the joyous ones on that day, both here and there. May we meet again in the fullness of joy. The Indians have shown a mischievous and ugly disposition of late and a few miles above have committed many robberies and some murders.

I have recently learned of a desperate battle that took place between the miners and Indians several miles above. The Indians having been guilty of many unprovoked outrages and murders, the whites formed a corps of Riflemen for their common defence. While some seven

minemen for their common defence. While some seven or eight of the company were out prospecting they were suddenly attacked by a party of fifty or sixty of the natives, some of whom were armed with pistols which had been imprudently sold them by the whites. The men stood their ground and were soon reinforced by their commander (Captain Sanger) and some others who heard the firing and rushed to their aid. This little band stood their ground for three hours under a terribly hot sun and in a most disadvantageous position, till at last the Indians disheartened by their slain, retreated. Captain Sanger was mortally wounded, and three others severely; the former was from Massachusetts and the latter from Maine. Lt. Johnson started the next day with the entire force and completely broke up all the enemy's villages or camps and entirely routed the scoundrels, so that no government aid will be needed at present. He is quite sure that he heard either an Irish or a Scotch voice among the enemy—perhaps some disgraced miner. The Maine and Massachusetts men were dreadfully exasperated by the attack on their friends and took fearful vengeance, and the deadly rifles of the Kentuckians and Missourians told with terrible effect.

Yours, Respectfully,

GOLD HUNTER,