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**Churntown taken by the Indians.**

**MESSRS EDITORS.**—You seem from your leading editorial of last week, to be sadly posted on the state of affairs on the east side of the Sacramento river, and I propose to give you a few items.

Churntown is not taken by the Indians, nor is it at all likely ever to be so taken. Neither has there been any Indians killed around here for the last two years, nor have they stolen five dollars worth of property during that time. This much, so as not to alarm the friends and relatives of those who are now residing here.

There has been over twenty new buildings erected here so far this season, and more are yet in requisition. About one mile below here a new town has recently sprung up named Manikinsville—named thus for the reason that there are 11 members of one family of that name located there—and it bids fair to rival Churntown very soon. Newtown, Buckeye and Quartz Hill are all much improved this season, and the buildings are generally neat and substantial.

A great number of emigrants with their families have located permanently on ranches in this quarter.

This is one of the most healthy positions in California. No white person has yet been known to die here of any natural cause; and it is bound to be one of the best farming districts in Northern California. Serious ideas are now being entertained of the practicability of bringing Pitt River in here, both for mining and agricultural purposes. Several new ditches have been completed here this season, and more are in progress.

The enterprising company owning the Quartz

Hill ditch have finished their labors, and now are only waiting for water to realize \$10 to \$16 per day. The ditch is supposed to command some of the best placer mining ground in this county. The Newtown Ditch Co. have also finished another new ditch.

Miners around here at the present, who have some water to work with, are making from \$3 to \$5 per day. Some choose to be throwing up dirt, while others lay back for sluicing when water comes.

And last, though not least, we are blessed with the sight of quite a respectable portion of the "gentler sex," all of whom are young and pretty.

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OH!—Mrs. Woods was recently fined \$50 by the Recorder of San Francisco, for assaulting Deputy Sheriff C. A. James, and battering him with a cow-hide. The officer of the law had intimated that Mrs. Woods was no better than she should be— and that if her virtue should by any means "strike in" like the measles, no immediate fatal consequences would ensue. For this, that lady entered a restaurant where the ungallant officer was enjoying a porter-house steak. "took by the throat the *un*-circumsized dog, and smote him"—with the aforesaid twisted and dried remnant of the hide of a female beast.

CHANGE.—The mutations of time are wonderful. We distinctly remember, on one occasion in our school-boy days, being caught by the master looking over the top of a dog-eared copy of Webster's "Speller," when we should have been looking into it. We were attracted by the beautiful little mouth, and rosy cheeks, and blue, laughing eyes, and sunny curls of her who had completely bewitched our little boyish heart. Beautiful little Ciara, thou art in Heaven