

costing the Government one hundred and fifty dollars apiece. They were speedily put upon the scent of Indian scouting parties, but proved utterly inefficient. The public believed the hounds were to trail Indians, but reports show their use was to capture Negro slaves. The Seminoles were a species of game to which Cuban hounds were unaccustomed, and they refused to form acquaintance with the new and strange objects.

The Indians had a secret peculiarly their own of throwing the dogs off the scent, and the experiment, to close the war thus, proved a failure, and served no other purpose than to reflect dishonor on our nation.

Wild Cat, after his escape from prison, was a terrible and unrelenting foe. Occupying with light canoes the miry, shallow creeks, and matted breaks upon their border, he was unapproachable. A flag was sent him by General Worth, but well remembering another flag which had met betrayal, capture and chains, the daring hero fired upon it and refused to meet the general. In the summer of 1841, General Worth's command captured a little daughter of Wild Cat and held her for ransom. The little girl—his only child—was the idol of the old warrior's heart. On learning of her capture, Wild Cat relented, and, once more guarded by the white flag, was conveyed to General Worth's camp. History gives an interesting account of the old chief's approach. His little daughter, on seeing him, ran to meet him, presenting him with musket balls and powder, which she had in some way obtained from the soldiers. So much overcome was the fearless savage on meeting his child that the dignified bearing so carefully practiced by all Indians, gave way to the most tender emotions.

The moral suasion, the humanity of General Worth made a friend of Wild Cat, and he yielded to the stipulations.

The speech of the old chieftain, because it breathes the same sentiment of the Seminoles of to-day, we give below. Addressing General Worth, he said:—

“The whites dealt unjustly with me. I came to them when they deceived me. I loved