

CHIEF NAICHE, CHIRICAHUA APACHE.

horrible butchery. Forty-six of the Indians were slain outright, and many more wounded. Geronimo was very much excited when relating this story, notwithstanding more than fifty years had elapsed since it happened. He said that from that time his chief object was revenge. The interpreter, an Apache, said the story was undoubtedly true, as his father has told him the same tale.

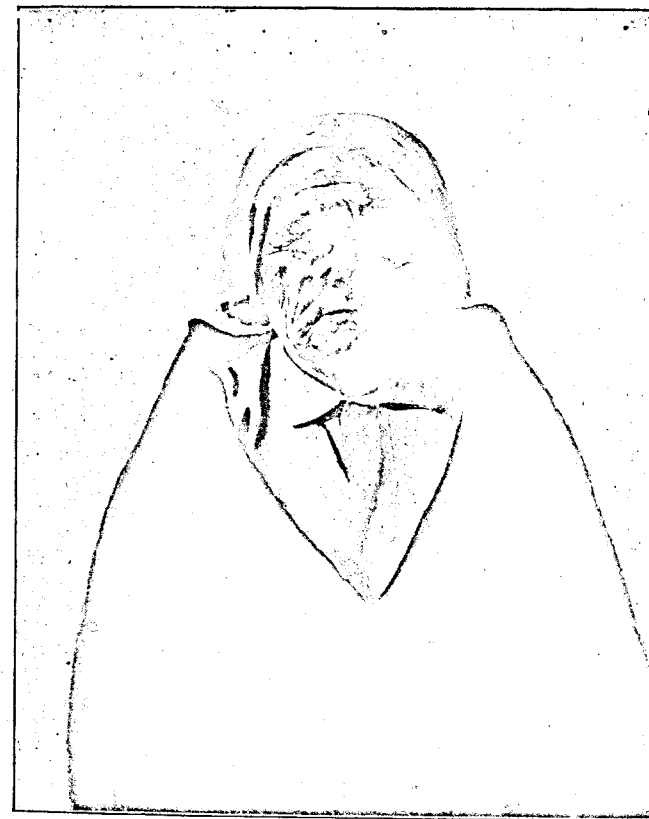
Thomas V. Keam, who has spent the greater part of his life among the Indians, and who is now a post trader

at Keam's Canon, Arizona, for the Moqui and Navajo Indians, related to me the following story about Chief Victoria, a Warm Springs Apache who has almost as bad a reputation as Geronimo. Mr. Keam was at Fort Defiance, Arizona, one day when a Navajo Indian rode into the post excitedly and reported that a large band of Apache Indians were within 200 miles of the post, and were coming that way. The news proved to be true. It developed that the government thought it best to concentrate

the different bands of Apaches, and several of them were brought to San Carlos, Arizona. These bands had always lived apart and some were at enmity with each other. Chief Victoria ruled the Warm Springs Apaches, and as soon as these arrived at San Carlos serious disputes arose between them and some of the other Indians. Victoria asked for permission to return to their own country where they could live in peace and be happy, but this was refused. Finally the Warm Springs band left San

Carlos without consent, and soldiers were at once sent after them to bring them back. Mr. Keam immediately went to the commander of the post and asked to be furnished with an escort, provisions, etc., and he would endeavor to bring back the Indians. The commander gave him an escort of Navajo Indians, one of whom could speak Apache, and being well armed and equipped with plenty of provisions the little party set out to intercept Victoria and his band.

After traveling several days they



CHIEF SANTOS, SAN CARLOS APACHE.