



Miss Fischer operating on the teeth of a girl patient in the public clinic at the University of California College of Dentistry.

(Special Correspondence)

San Francisco, Dec. 10 — Miss Marguerita Fischer, senior in the University of California College of Dentistry here, is one of the few women dentists in the west. She is sole representative of her sex in a class of 40 students, who will be graduated next May.

When her days in the laboratory and lecture room are over, Miss Fischer intends to open an office of her own in San Francisco and specialize in juvenile dental ailments.

"There is a great field for women in dentistry," she says. "While

I admit that men are doing wonders in this work, I believe that women possess the natural tact and ability necessary to succeed with children. The child as a rule enters a dental office in fear and trembling.

"He has been taught to fear the dentist as a terrible bogle. A woman dentist can more easily gain the child's confidence, quiet his fears and proceed with a competent treatment of the ailment. That's why I intend to devote my professional career to the helping of kiddies with aches and troubles in their teeth."

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NO. 60 THE ORIGIN OF MARCELLO

There are many conflicting legends concerning the origin of Marcello, who has been called the builder of the Santa Clara Mission. Marcello and his Indians also set out the willows on the Alameda. As small trees they were brought up from the river and planted. One of Marcello's delights as an old man was to walk in the Alameda and to see how great had grown his children.

One legend concerning Marcello, whose appearance, whose height, and whose manner made him seem very different from the other Indians in the valley, was that he was an Eastern Indian. It was said that he had been lattered by the Indians of the East, who annually at a great fair on the shores of Lake Tahoe met the Indians of the West.

Another legend said that he came from Mexico with others of his tribe as a Mission guard.

Perhaps the most probable theory of Marcello's origin is the following.

When the Fathers de la Pena and Murguia were building the Santa Clara Mission they went into the mountains with Indians to secure redwood trees for the cross. There they encountered Marcello, who was only a savage. His name was Unjama. The mountain Indians greatly resented the coming of the fathers who had arrived on "white-winged birds" and taken possession of the land which really belonged to the Great Spirit.

When the Indians saw the fathers and their assistants felling the everlasting trees great was the anger of the red men. Most indignant of all was Unjama, the strong young chieftain. The Indians chided around the fathers at their work. Finally Unjama leapt upon Father Murguia. The father wrestled with Marcello. The priest and the savage fought until Marcello's nose was bleeding. Then Unjama gave up and placed his bows and arrows at the priest's feet.

Father Murguia bathed the Indian's face, baptized him and named him Marcellus. The Indian, once conquered, called the priest the White God.

However, the savage tribes of the mountains were not conquered. Then they saw that the strangers intended not to leave the valley, and they conspired to drive them out. There were the Quextacos, the Mitaldejas, the Palcines, the Pestoquis, and the Mot-somis. Marcellus heard of the attack that was to be made on the Mission. He left the fathers and went into the mountains, going from tribe to tribe

pleading for peace. He explained why the fathers had come, that they had brought a new god. The Indians in the mountains wanted no new god. They declined to change their purpose.

Then the first woman in the history of the Mission appeared. She was Trutca, daughter of Chief Fisca, sweetheart of Marcellus. He called her the Star of the Mountains. Alone Trutca went to the little Mission and by signs explained to Father Murguia what was about to happen. Father Murguia understood many Indian dialects. It was clear to him that the Mission was to be attacked.

There were only two soldiers serving as guards at the time, but Father Murguia took them and went to meet the Indians. The priest knew that the Indians had great fear of the "fire sticks" of the white man, and so he aimed all with flintlock guns.

Father Murguia and his companions had not gone far when they discovered that the Indians were hiding in the thick underbrush. Bows and arrows began to rain on the missionary and the guards. The holy man and the soldiers returned the fire. The "fire-sticks" did their work. The Indians were terrified, and they fled, leaving two of their number wounded. One was shot through the knee.

The priest dressed the knee and converted the wounded Indian, who afterwards took the name of Wounded Knee.

The story ended happily. Unjama and Trutca were the first couple married at the Mission. Trutca was Marcellus' first wife.