

UNCLE SCOTT WAS JAMES G. FAIR.

The doctor was asked whether he had ever met James G. Fair. He promptly replied "no," and was then informed for the first time that the portrait he had identified as that of "Uncle Scott" was in reality the photograph of James G. Fair.

Dr. Piercy again examined the picture closely, and confirmed his previous statement. He was then asked to tell the story of his acquaintance with Mr. Scott. This he did in much the following language, supplementing his statement with facts in answer to the questions put to him:

"It was in the spring of 1894," he began, "that I had noticed a well-dressed gentleman in town, that is in Benicia. His good looks, and the fact that he appeared to have no particular business, attracted my attention, and I spoke of it to others. I suppose the question occurred to me twenty times, 'who is he?' Now, wait a minute, let me get my book. Yes, here it is, April 21, 1894, that is the day on which I attended a young woman at 'The Seminary' in Benicia. This gentlemen had called upon me, if I remember rightly, a day or two before and when I suggested that it would be well for me to see the young woman at that time, he said he did not wish it, but to be ready to come when I was wanted. In fact, he told me to come at his special request only. When the day arrived I was met by a rather small woman of, I should say, forty to forty-five years of age. She said her name was Mrs. Murdock, and introduced my patient to me as her daughter Bertha. The young woman was in much distress. I don't mean physically, for it was a satisfactory case, but she wept continuously, and whenever I saw her she either was crying or had been crying.

THE ENTRY ON HIS BOOK.

"I did what I could to intimate to her that if I could help her in any way I would do so. She was a well-mannered young woman and passably good looking. The case was entered in my book as 'Bertha Murdock, confined of a boy; satisfactory.'"

The doctor was asked how often he saw the young woman.

"Two or three times a day at first," he replied, "and perhaps for five or six days altogether, and then Mr. Scott asked me to discontinue my visits, adding that he would send for me if I was wanted. He told me his name was Scott, and the old lady, Mrs. Murdock, said he was the girl's uncle. He paid me \$25 in gold coin on April 23d. I have the entry in my account book."

This statement Dr. Piercy made after consulting the book referred to, and he read off the entry "William Scott for Mrs. Murdock \$25."

"He simply asked what my fee was and paid it immediately," continued the doctor. "I tried over and over again to draw him out and find out who he was, but he only told me he had been in the livery business in Nevada and I could not get anything more out of him. He at once changed the subject and evidently did not