

FONDAVEDA THE OLD STONE HOUSE OF MYSTERY

RICH in romance, fable and legend, the tale of a French fugitive in exile, the scene of the occasional wanderings of the spirits of an old mission priest and his sweetheart, a fair French maid from the mandates of the church, the dwelling place of a stork, said to be the one that always carries the stork, and at times accompanied by a ghostly figure—a ghostly figure—such as Fondaveda, the oldest residence on the island, the town place, two miles distant from Louisville, N.Y.

The house is indeed a mystery on its name, for the Spanish word, "Fonda," meaning "place of rest," and "Vedra," the Russian word meaning "all truth," never more mysterious than the "Fonda Vedra" building, which has been the scene of the restless spirits of a former occupants room at midnight and the turbulent scenes of their past lives.



The House of Fondaveda

SHROUDED IN MYSTERY.

The place seems shrouded in mystery, and the negroes living nearby give it a wide berth when the shades of night have fallen. The stork, it is said, is located in the room occupied by the fair daughter of the French family that dwelt there over a century ago, and which was the scene of the present occupants, who are no more superstitious than the average, say that about once a year a scraping noise can be heard in that corner of the building as though spirit hands were scrubbing the stones. In the morning the stones are wet, and a roset of the exterior of the building is dry and shows no change in color.

At the present time, at Fondaveda, there is a red brick building whose actions are, to say the least, not regarded as normal by the best people of the entire world. The colored people declare the dog is sane, and his attenuated frame, shifting eyes, quivering nostril and strange erratic actions seem to support that theory. The animal will suddenly dart aside as though dodging a blow from an unseen hand. Again it rushes madly forward as though in obedience to a sharp command heard only by its own alert ears. Then, in a instant, and for no apparent reason, it jumps suddenly, rises on its hind feet and walks several yards. Again it is off, tearing around the right and left and again coming to the place at full speed, every dog, as if by a sudden halt and rising on its hind feet.

After such a performance, it usually stands rigid and immovable, staring straight ahead, for at least 20 minutes. It has never been seen to his own weakness except under the old willow beneath whose drooping branches the body of the mission priest is buried. It is, fortunately, not vicious. Indeed, one cannot come within five feet of him, for he is off in an instant. But it is at night that the animal's actions are stranger. Then it walks up and down the path leading from the mission chapel to the willow window in the house of Fondaveda, whining in a low, gruesome tone. After a final run to the willow tree, it crawls into an old empty box there, curls up and goes to sleep as would any sane, healthy dog. The animal has never been able to "stand fire" and hence is of no value in the hunting field.

Though it is hard to believe in the presence of these "dwelling" near Fondaveda, who say that not once, but several times in their lives, they have seen a most marvellous and "creepy" exhibition of "ghost walking" at the old chapel.



From his Hands a Rosary Sweeps

church and his God sealed his lips, for he was a mission priest, true to his high calling, and the one of his faithful communicants. He had looked upon the face of woman and dared to love!—he who had already chosen his bride, the church! But his strength was as the strength of ten. And so his love burned into the ashes of outlived heart-breaking, or found solace and rest in that "peace of God" that passeth all understanding. And so, too, with the beautiful French girl, for, though she returned his love, the story runs, she fretted out her life in silence through all the years.

Even to this day, the legend continues, the maiden's soul haunts the room which in life was warmed by her presence. They say she has been seen, on the nights when the priest has kept his lonely vigil, standing in the low French window that faces the chapel, half hidden in the shadow and the filmy curtain. There she stands with clasped hands and burning eyes gazing longingly, tearfully at the



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restless priest, love-tortured, pining to and fro without. Neither guests the other, for neither knows what the other is near. Only the pale star, the silver moon and the eye of the Eternal Isthmus see.

However true or untrue the story may be the fact remains that the room in the house is never occupied. The family now living at Fondaveda frankly admit that they heard peculiar noises in the room at the dead of night. If one is skeptical, they are usually willing to put the room at his disposal for the night.

The history of Fondaveda, dealt with important personages. When the exiled king of France, Louis Philippe, taught school at Bardetown—which is not far distant from the chateau—he made the intervals between his labors bright days of rest at Fondaveda, for it was strikingly similar, in many respects, to the dwellings of his own land, which were enshrined in his heart. Indeed, Fondaveda made such an impression on the exile's mind that years later, when the bishop of Bardetown came to call upon him—as he had often done in the woods of Fondaveda—at Paris, where Louis Philippe had assumed his rightful place in the own kingdom, he recalled with relief the many happy days spent at Fondaveda and the quaint incidents that brightened his lonely exile.

The Countess Octavia Hensel, a noted French woman, gifted in numerous ways, later loved the place for many years. "I love Fondaveda," she was often heard to say, "because it is so like the little chateau the Emperor Napoleon gave me Josephine, and in which she lived for so many years in the suburbs of Paris."

The Countess died some years ago. She was well known throughout the Middle States as a musician of rare talent, and won much fame at home and abroad.

What further mysteries, what other noted personages, if any, will dwell at Fondaveda, what will eventually become of the old building and its rugged mission-house—who can tell? From its solid outline and its deep-dug foundations, it bids fair to stand for another century, weathering the fiercest gales of the Storm King and defying the devastating hand of Time.

WHERE WERE POTATOES FIRST GROWN?

In the garden of "Elizabeth's House," Brixton Hill, in England, are said to have been grown the first potatoes in Europe. A rival site, however, is that of Lord Burghley's old garden in the Strand. In favor of the former it may be said that Sir Walter Raleigh, who shares with Sir Francis Drake the honor of first introducing the potato in England, lived at Brixton Hill near "Elizabeth's House." Formby, in Lancashire, also claims the honor of being the site of the first culture of the potato in England.

They are said to have been grown there by a Frenchman, who sailed with Sir Walter. The earliest cultivation of the potato in the British Isles was probably at Youghal, on the south coast of Ireland, where this navigator had an estate. It has been generally accepted that the potato was brought to Virginia, and that it was cultivated there by the natives.

Sir Joseph Banks and De Condolle both lent the weight of their authority to this view. But it has been ascertained that the Indians of Virginia, though they used a number of tuberous roots, did not know the potato.

One of these roots was the plant sometimes grown as an ornamental climber in our gardens and called by botanists "Apos tuberosa."

The Indians called the roots potatoes, and the French Canadians knew them as "Pomme de terre." The potato being really a native of South America, was scarcely likely to be known to the Indians of Virginia. And yet the potato undoubtedly was brought to England as part of the cargo of one of Sir Richard Greenville's ships and landed at Plymouth, and the ship had come direct from Virginia and called nowhere on the way. On the voyage home, however, it had encountered and captured a Spanish ship from Santo Domingo. The potatoes were a part of the cargo of the vessel. Thus the potato first reached England as part of the booty taken from a Spanish war prize.

More than half of France's tobacco imports come from the United States.

THE OLD STONE HOUSE.

This "place of unrest," as it might more appropriately be called, is built of huge blocks of rough-hewn, white stone, colored a rich ivory by the centuries, years that have silted down their tones, a compound of winter snows, summer showers and golden floods of sunshine over the sloping roof and long narrow French windows set deep in their massive frame. Many of the stones are 10 feet in length and all are from two to three feet thick. A new roof and a frame porch have been added by the present occupants, who are interested in the growing of ginseng. Over the sun-tanned face of the stone at the rear of the building the slow-creeping ivy has draped its evergreen veil, through which gleam like crystal eyes, resentful of concealment.

Close by, as was the custom of the devout French, stands a little chapel, like a sentinel keeping watch over those who dwell within the old edifice. Well-set, deep-creviced and boldly outlined, its huge blocks of stone, in Latin cross, emblematic of the religion taught within when those sturdy first settlers heaved their lonesome way through the wilderness to rest upon the fertile lands of Kentucky. In the yellowed leaves of an old history called "The French Mission in Kentucky," Fondaveda is mentioned as the home of a wealthy French family who built the place prior to 1798. Close by the chapel and almost under the great cross, carved deep in the massive stone, is a weeping willow tree, beneath whose drooping branches is buried the body of one of the French mission priests, who long years ago followed the call of the Christ Child into the Kentucky wilds.

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Full Moon	d 6 h 10 m 13 a m
Last Quarter	d 14 h 2 m 11 p m
New Moon	d 21 h 8 m 12 p m
First Quarter	d 28 h 11 m 7 a m

Day of Week	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	High Water
1	Fr	7:52	4:52	2:38	6:17	6:3		
2	Sa	7:52	4:52	3:49	7:33	7:2		
3	Su	7:52	4:52	5:00	8:45	8:0		
4	Mo	7:52	4:52	6:05	9:48	8:4		
5	Tu	7:52	4:52	7:10	10:41	9:2		
6	We	7:52	4:52	8:15	11:24	10:0		
7	Th	7:52	4:52	9:17	12:08	10:4		
8	Fr	7:51	4:51	10:19	12:46	11:3		
9	Sa	7:51	4:51	11:21	1:23	12:1		
10	Su	7:51	4:51	12:23	2:00	12:5		
11	Mo	7:51	4:51	1:25	2:37	1:3		
12	Tu	7:51	4:51	2:27	3:14	2:1		
13	We	7:51	4:51	3:29	3:51	2:8		
14	Th	7:50	4:50	4:31	4:28	2:6		
15	Fr	7:50	4:50	5:33	5:05	2:4		
16	Sa	7:49	4:49	6:35	5:42	3:2		
17	Su	7:48	4:48	7:37	6:19	3:9		
18	Mo	7:48	4:48	8:39	6:56	3:7		
19	Tu	7:47	4:47	9:41	7:33	3:5		
20	We	7:46	4:46	10:43	8:10	4:3		
21	Th	7:45	4:45	11:45	8:47	5:1		
22	Fr	7:45	4:45	12:47	9:24	5:9		
23	Sa	7:45	4:45	1:49	10:01	5:7		
24	Su	7:44	4:44	2:51	10:38	5:5		
25	Mo	7:44	4:44	3:53	11:15	6:3		
26	Tu	7:43	4:43	4:55	11:52	7:1		
27	We	7:43	4:43	5:57	12:29	7:9		
28	Th	7:42	4:42	6:59	1:06	7:7		
29	Fr	7:42	4:42	8:01	1:43	7:5		
30	Sa	7:41	4:41	9:03	2:20	8:3		
31	Su	7:41	4:41	10:05	2:57	9:1		

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