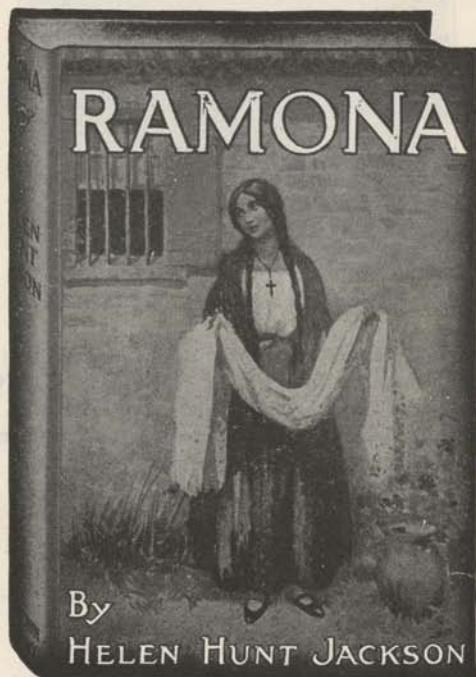


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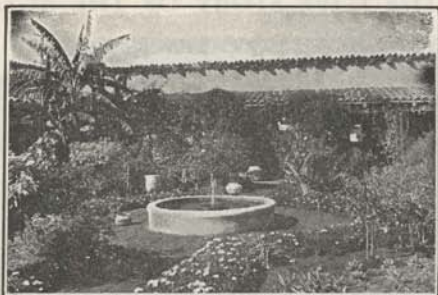
The Most Beautiful and Romantic
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Old Town - San Diego

WHERE CALIFORNIA BEGAN

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The Fountain at Ramona's Marriage Place

Fifteen minutes' ride from the business heart of the thriving, bustling city of San Diego, lies "Old Town," the most hallowed and historic spot in all California, where Father Junipero Serra first planted the cross, built the first mission and started the civilization of California.

WHAT YOU CAN SEE AT "OLD TOWN"

The old Plaza and Monument where Lieut. Rowan first planted the U. S. Flag.

The first church and Old Mission Bells.

The first palm tree in California, 162 years old.

Old grave yard with crumbling walls and faded wooden head boards.

The Serra Cross of Tile.

Serra Free Museum.

First brick house in Southern California.

The first Olive Press.

And the World Famous

RAMONA'S MARRIAGE PLACE

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YET ALL THIS WOULD BE FORGOTTEN

were it not that way back in 1884, Helen Hunt Jackson gathered, in Southern California, the material, around which she wove a story so sweet and beautiful, so throbbing with love and life and sympathy, that it sent a thrill around the reading world. She called the story "Ramona," and as "her heroine was married to Alessandro, her Indian sweetheart, in the chapel, just across the plaza in Old Town," the old "Estudillo House," which covers nearly a city block, became known as the "Marriage Place of Ramona," and thousands of tourists have since enjoyed its beauty and romance. Built originally in 1825, it is one of the most beautiful and interesting places in the world. Its adobe walls are three to four feet thick. Its roof is covered with tule and curved tile; its rafters bound with rawhide. In the court yard, running wild with flowers, the walks are laid out with tile made by the Mission Indians 165 years ago, and here one sees the first mill wheels, the "Spanish Kitchen," the Old Fashioned Oven and the "Wishing Well."

IN THE MUSEUM ROOMS

are shown hundreds of relics of the past, including Father Horton's furniture and the old registers from the Hotel Horton. Arm chair used at Guajome Ranch by Helen Hunt Jackson while writing "Ramona." Old Spanish chests. Piano brought around the Horn in 1851 and presented to the lady that made the first American flag planned by General Fremont in the Old Town Plaza. The famous Black Madonna of Mt. Seratt. Collection of Mission paint-



"Wishing Well" at Ramona's Marriage Place

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Five Points



ings and Statue over 250 years old. Spanish filter 125 years old. The Mexican caretta. Aguanaldo flag captured by Lieut. Sidney Maize. Rare collection of Indian Baskets, Blankets and Curios and hundreds of interesting objects.

IN THE CHAPEL ROOM

Through the mission arch, one looks upon a cycloramic painting of California, showing the old Missions and the geographical points covered in the story of "Ramona." Here one sees the full glare of day, the rising and setting sun, the twinkling stars and lighted windows and hears the mission bells and the charming story which has been woven about the Missions and Ramona. Out in the patio the bees are buzzing 'round the kitchen door and you sit and dream of the days that are gone listening to the music of the fountain breathing the peace that passeth understanding in the land where it is always afternoon.

HOW TO GET THERE

Drive west on Broadway to Santa Fe Depot (Kettner Boulevard). Turn to right. Continue due north (passing 5 points) and go straight ahead to Old Town; or take Yellow Bus marked Ramona's Home at west side of Plaza, 3rd and Broadway to Old Town and

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