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Robert Louis Stevenson
New York, 1915.

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Monterey

Dimoneau's Restaurant

pp 148-49 "Of all my private collections of remembered inns and restaurants — and I believe it, other things being equal, to be unrivalled — one particular cause of entertainment stands forth alone. I am grateful, indeed, to many a swinging signboard, to many a rusty wine-bush, but not with the same kind of gratitude.

Some were beautifully situated, some had an admirable table, some were the gathering-places of excellent companions; but take them for all in all, not one can be compared with Dimoneau's at Monterey.

"To the front, it was part barber's shop, part bar; to the back, there was a kitchen and a Salé a Manager. The intending diner found himself in a little, chill, bare adobe room, furnished with chairs and tables, and adorned with some

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oil sketches roughly brushed upon the wall in the manner of Barbizon and Corot.

The table, at whatever hour you entered, was already laid with a not spotted napkin, and, by way of aperitif, with a dish of green peppers and tomatoes, pleasing alike to the eye and palate.

If you stayed here to meditate before a meal, you would hear Simoneau all about the kitchen, and rattling among the dishes."

The fragment broke off, or we would have had a picture of M. Simoneau, the proprietor, with whom "Kawson" played chess and discussed the news daily. At his table there "sat down, day after day, a Frenchman, two Portuguese, an Italian, a Mexican and a Peckham; they had for common visitors an American from Illinois, a nearly pure-blooded Indian Hawaiian and, a naturalized Chinese, and from time to time a Switzer and a German came down from country ranches for the night.

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Steamers Arriving

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"Site of Simonneau's Restaurant"
Stoddard

p137 The cause was the Steam
Navigation Co. The effect was a fatal
fondness for tendering a public recep-
tion to all steamers arriving from
foreign parts, after their some-
times tempestuous passages of
from eight to ten hours. This
insured the inhabitants a more or
less festive night about once
every week or ten days.

p139 A nine o'clock next morning we
were still enveloped in mist, but
the sun was struggling with it;
and from my vantage I inspected
Spanish or Mexican, or Spanish-
Mexican, California interiors,
sprinkled with empty tin cans,
but redeemed by the more
picturesque debris of the early
California settlement - dingy
tells, farlorn cupressess, and a
roselush of gigantic body and
prolific blossom.

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We breakfasted at Simoneau's in the
winter room, with its frescos done in
beer and shroblackening by a brace
of hungry Bohemians, who used
to frequent the place and then
settled their bill. Some of us sat at
that uninviting board and awaited
our turn, while Simoneau poured
over a stoup that was by no means
equal to the occasion. It was a
breakfast such as one is reduced
to in a mountain camp, but
which spoils the moment it is re-
moulded from the charmed circle of
ravenous foresters. We paid three
francs for it, but that was no
consolation; and we never again
darkened the door of one of the
chief restaurants of old Monterey.

p 142 In May, 1770, the final
settlement took place! The packet
San Antonio, commanded by Don
Juan Perez, came to anchor in
the port, "which" - wrote the leader
of the expedition to Padre
Francisco Palou - "is unadul-
terated in any degree from what
it was when visited by the ex-
pedition of Don Sebastian Viscaينو

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in 1602. After this -
the celebration of the Mass, the
Salve to Our Lady, and a Te Deum, -
the officers took possession of the
country in the name of the King
(Charles III.) our lord, whom God
preserve.

When the San Antonio returned to
Mexico, it left at Monterey Padre
Junipero Serra and five other priests,
Lieutenant Pedro Fages and thirty
soldiers.

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A fort was built upon a little hill
commanding the settlement, and
life began in good earnest.

There came gradual changes in
the government; they culminated in
1846 when Captain Merwin, at the
head of two hundred and fifty men,
raised the Stars and Stripes over
Monterey, and a proclamation was
read declaring California a portion

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City of Lancaster's Restaurant
Stoddard, Charles Moore

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in 1802. After this
the celebration of the war, the
order to our lady, and a Te Deum,
the officer took possession of the
country in the name of the King
(Charles 11.) our lord, whom he
proposed to have returned to
Mexico, it left at Mexico, before
Luisiana above and five other
settlements below paper and things
sold.

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A fort was built upon a little hill
commanding the settlement, and
life began in good earnest.

There came gradual changes in
the government, they continued in
1844 when Captain Morris, at the
head of two hundred and fifty men,
reached the town and stayed
Monday, and a fortification was
made between California and Fort...

Mantrop.

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Book

Murphy, Thomas D.

On Sunset Highways,

Boston, 1921.

Book has. 338 pp

Pinsonneau

pp 212-213. Pinsonneau was a rough full bearded old
pauvreman, but he conceived an attachment
for Stevenson which lasted to the day of his death
and never, even under stress of direct need would
he part with the letters or autographed books which
the author had sent him. Neither would he permit the
publication of any portion of the correspondence -
"letters from one gentleman to another" as was his
whim to refer to them. After his death which occurred
a few years ago, his daughter sold the collection to
a San Francisco gentleman, and it is to be hoped
that the letters will ultimately find their way into
print, revealing as they do the very intimate
and lovable side of Stevenson's character.

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P. 359 Tristram Ernest.
Book Romantic California
New York, 1910.

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Julius Simonneau Restaurant.

p. 116. Charles Warren Stoddard, Julian Pitt,
Julius Tavernier — who used to meet for
dinner at a cafe in the plaza kept by
Julius Simonneau, known to every good
Bohemian of his time.

This old triangular plaza has changed but
little since those days, encompassed still by
low, rambling buildings now badly out of
repair, its star-like streets radiating to five
different points of the compass, their vistas
closed either by the deep blue of the sea or
by the pine-clad mountains, and over in
a corner still stands (to quote my regretted
friend Charles Warren Stoddard)

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Jules Simonneau Restaurant.

Paul Charles Gysel.

p. 116. "its sprawling cypress that leans upon
the ancient walls and sighs and sighs for
the days that are no more." Gone, indeed,
are carnivals and bear-and-bull fights,
but a spirit of real romance, unusual in
this our commercial age, still lingers over
the old town of Monterey.

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979.4 Ford Jimmy L. Monterey
F 75 Dawn of the Dawn
Berks Lib San Francisco, 1926.

Simoneau's Restaurant.

pp 189, 190, 208.

In the town of Monterey were two celebrated rendezvous where the Bohemians gathered; the Simoneau restaurant and the Sanchez Balcon. Jules Simoneau was a rare and beautiful character. A Frenchman, a lover of art and letters, fond of the companionship of writers and painters, gentle and refined, careless of worldly wealth, his modest restaurant drew within its genial walls the artist colony of Monterey. Between Simoneau and Stevenson there developed a remarkable and enduring friendship.

Stevenson spent many hours with Simoneau, with whom he "played chess and discussed the universe." Stevenson later wrote, "Of all my private collection of remembered inns and restaurants, one particular house of entertainment stands forth alone. I am indeed grateful to many a swinging cigar board, to many a rusty wine cask, but not with the same kind of gratitude.

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pp. 189, 190, 208

Some were beautifully situated, some had an admirable table, some were gathering places of excellent companies, but take them all for all, not one can be compared with Simoneau's of Monterey.

As Stevenson ^{and} Simoneau "played chess and discoursed the universe," so at these joyous gatherings, merry quips and mind-provoking periphrase are frequently interspersed with learned and illuminating discussions of ^{the} world's problems.

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917.94 Stoddard Charles Warren Book Lns 335 pp.
At 63 In the footsteps of the Padres
Book Lib San Francisco 1902.

"A Memory of Monterey"

Simoneau's Restaurant.

139. At nine o'clock next morning, we were still enveloped in mist, but the sun was struggling with it; and from my window I inspected Spanish or Mexican, or Spanish-Mexican, California interiors, sprinkled with empty tin cans, but redeemed by the more picturesque débris of the early California settlement - dingy tiles, forlorn cypresses, and a rosebush of gigantic bodied prolific bloom. We breakfasted at Simoneau's, in the inner room, with its floors done in beer and shoeblackening by a brace of hungry Bohemians, who used to frequent the place and thus settle their bill. Five of us sat at that inviting board and awaited our turn, while Simoneau hovered over a stove that was no means

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A Memory of Monterey

Amourau's Restaurant.

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equal to the occasion. It was a breakfast such as one is reduced to in a mountain camp, but which spails the mount it is removed from the charmed circle of ravenous forasters. We paid three prices for it, but that was no consolation; and we never again darkened the doors of one of the chief restaurants of old Monterey.

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St 480 Robert Louis Stevenson in California
Burr Lib Chicago, 1911.

Monterey.

Simoneau's Restaurant.

pp. 20-22.

Stevenson's great friend in Monterey was Jules Simoneau, who kept the restaurant. He was a man of unusual intelligence, much of a philosopher, and, like all his countrymen, appreciative of beauty and art. No better adviser had the young art students that congregated in Monterey than he and from none did they receive more wise and stimulating counsel. It happened in later days that Simoneau came to be a sort of oracle amongst the artists, and their sentimental interest in him was increased by his old friendship with Stevenson....

Years afterward when Stevenson was dead and Simoneau grown old and the wine room and restaurant were closed, he and Madame became very poor, but they never considered selling their autographed Stevenson first

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editions, sent them by Stevenson from the different places he was afterward living in, in Europe; nor did Stevenson's letters, though they were offered more than once an amount that would have raised them above penury.

Simoneau would even allow their publication, saying, "They were not ^{to} the public, they were Lewis's letters to me." But day by day Madame, in her neat calico dress, made Mexican tamales, and Simoneau, with flowing white beard and in clean blue overalls, basket on arm peddled them on the streets of Montreux.

Sadder days than these were yet in store for Simoneau. Madame died; Simoneau, through age, became too feeble to work. But lovers of Stevenson would not see the old man suffer, or be forced to part with his books or letters, but gladly supplied his needs.

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Bland Henry Meade
Stevenson's California
San Jose, 1924.

Victoire Jules Simonneau
Facing p. 16.

Simonneau Cottage

pp. 18-19, 23-24.

The white sand dunes and rolling near of the Monterey region were a constant reminder to Stevenson of his England.

Many times he longed for his home shore; though it is said he could not bear to hear the music of "Home Sweet Home", for its emotion was too intense. "Marching Through Georgia", and "Dixie", were however his favorites.

More than twenty years later I became personally acquainted with Simonneau. I called at Fuchsia Lodge, a place romantically named by Charles Warren Stoddard; for Satorra Martinia Simonneau grew forty-eight species of the delicate flower in her narrow city lot.

The way brought to Simonneau's is romantic. On your road you pass the

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Simoneau's Cottage.

pp 18-19, 23-24. Monterey City Hall, once Capitol of the
California; then you come to the ancient home of
the Spanish Governor Alvarado with its iron-
latticed windows more like a jail than a
human habitation; Now you are on Benton Street
and at Simoneau's "Hodge". There is on the
porch the old-fashioned rocking chair, Jules'
favorite resting place.

You remember he practices a quaint philosophy
and you shape your talk so as to try out
his belief, when he informs you his fundamentals
are:

"Don't fret! Don't worry! Pray God for good health!"
I told him I had come first of all to see him,
and then to see his books. Very soon we were
at ^{the} Stevenson's treasury. He handed me
"Underwoods" and I read:

"If ever there was a man good to me it was
Jules Simoneau." — R. L. S.

In "A Child's Garden of Verses" was written

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Simoneau Cottage.

pp 18-19-23-24. Written: "To my good old Simoneau," while the following rare words came from a copy of "The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde": "But the case of Robert Louis Thomson and Jules Simoneau, if one forget the other, would be stranger still" — probably the most beautiful brief book autograph ever written. . . .

In the year 1909 I was again at Monterey and spent many hours with both Simoneau and Stoddard.

The latter's world wandering had at last come to an end by the Fish-Hook Bay.

Suffice it to say of Stoddard we breakfasted, morning after morning, at the Eagle, a little Dalmatian restaurant run by Greco-Romans, in the music of whose talk Stoddard said he could make out words now of Greek origin now of Roman. We had all sorts of talk of California men of letters.

When I called on Simoneau he wanted to talk.

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Simoneau's Cottage.

Apr 18-9, 23-24. His favorite theme, and most of all to be read to, for he was now very old and ill. One day I carried to his bedside my literary autograph album, and read bits of verse mainly from writers whom he knew personally.

What western writers do not know and love Simoneau and Simoneau's Monterey! He hung on lines about Monterey Bay by Stoddard, and wanted them to be read again.

In like manner he was touched by the verses by Markham, Sterling, Miller, Miss Coolbitt, Beshford and others. When I was ready to go he said he wanted to put his name in one of my niches. I saw he was very weak and told him when I came again in the morning and he was fresh, I would have my book with me. I told Stoddard of Simoneau's desire, but I hesitated on account of his illness. Stoddard said: "Go, it will give nothing but delight to

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Dimouneau's Cottage.

pp 18-19, 23-24. Jules to write in your book and he must have his smallest wish gratified.

I was at the Fuchsia Cottage early the next morning and came to a ^{fresh} clean-spread bed with my Gountain pen ready.

His daughter lifted his head and shoulders from the pillow and he wrote, the last time he handled a pen, his most cherished thought:

"Jules Dimouneau, a friend of Robert Louis Stevenson."
At one O'clock that day he died.

Now Stevenson, who had seen that Jules, during the later of his 89 years, lacked for nothing to make him comfortable, erected a monument to mark his grave; not forgetting also a space in the lot and a square on the marble to record a word to the memory of Madame Martina Dimouneau.

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Blair Henry Meade.
Stevenson's California,
San Jose, 1924.

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Stevenson's Monterey friend of friends was
Julius Simoneau a Frenchman educated in
his native land in the University of Forbonne.

Stevenson spoke French with ease. Simoneau
kept a restaurant prices suited Stevenson's
purse; Moreover Julius' restaurant grew to be
a delightful rendezvous for Stevenson, Hadsell,
and Augustin Dutra;

A congenial Quartette,

Half fellows well met. . . .

While there were dark days financially
for Stevenson, Simoneau understood the
situation and considered Fusitola's credit
good as golden eagles.

The part of Simoneau's education that stood
up best was his philosophy; and even later

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Simoneau's Restaurant

pp. 17-18. in Monterey, three years and ten he still
muminated on his old college text and showed
it to his friends as a priceless treasure. He
lived, too the practical deductions from his
thought and talked about health and economy.
--- One evening Stevenson failed to appear
at the restaurant. Nor was he there the next. On
the third day Jules went to inquire at his
friend's rooms in an old adobe now called the
Stevenson House.

The door was locked and no one responded.
Simoneau then went down around outside,
picked up some pebbles and tossed them against
the window. Stevenson came, and proved out. He
was pale and could be seen to be very ill.
Now began a process of nursing with Simoneau^{and}
his wife, Martina, bestowing every attention on the
sick. They took care of him as if he had been their
only son. It is needless to say recovery came soon.
Thus was the friendship of Jules and Robert Louis sealed.

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St 4864 Stevenson California
Berth Hill San Jose, 1924

Casa Bonifacio

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Another aspect in his life in the Old Capital centered in the home of Sr. Srta Bonifacio, known also to her friends as Nachita. Her friendly comfortable home was surrounded by the garden she herself tended. Her lived with her Nellie Van de Grift, sister of Mrs Osborne, who was also domiciled in Lady Nachita's home. Nachita's garden was tended with great care and her flowers grew in profusion, it seemed at her magic touch. Leading from the street to the house was an arbor, upon which luxuriously budded a rose, the Sherman rose it has been called, for Nachita's name had been linked in a kindly way with that of General Teumseh Sherman. . . . It was to Sr. Srta Bonifacio's rose-embowered Casa that Stevenson came to read his manuscripts to the sisters Fannie Osborne and Nellie Van de Grift, who afterwards became Mrs Baucher.

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Another aspect in his life in the Old Capital Centre
in the name of Stromann Bonifacio, known also
to her friends as Jackie. Her friendly con-
fidence came was surrounded by the garden
the happy times. Her last visit her little
The Dr. Gift, sister of the Stromann, who was
also described in Jackie Jackie's name. Jackie's
garden was tucked with great care and her
flowers grow in profusion, it seemed at her
magic touch. Reading from the start to the
name was on her lips, upon which luminous
budded a rose, the Stromann rose it has her
called for Jackie's name had her little in
a kindly way with that of General Stromann.
It was to Stromann's Bonifacio's rose.

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