

GHOST STORIES.

The Shadow of the Reed Pool.

From the French of 'L'abbé Mende.

At the close of a rainy day in mid-summer my weary horse reached the summit of a little hill crowned by a jump of young pines, and through the branches of the trees I caught my first glimpse of the chateau of Les Aulnes lying in the misty embrace of the valley.

heavy gate just far enough to admit me. This must be the wife of the old steward.

Madame Chartier withdrew to prepare my sleeping apartment; not in the chateau, which long years of neglect had rendered almost uninhabitable, but on the first floor of this house in which they lived.

swift glance. I was alone, undoubtedly; no one had spoken my name or disturbed my slumber.

moon and rested on the paler face. I recognized it—the face of the portrait—the face of Madeleine!

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