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AN ORIGINAL GHOST STORY

The following story is purely original and was written by one of the pupils in the Ninth Grade here. Their were three of these stories almost paralel in value but because space we offer but one and wish to thank the pupils and teacher for allowing it to appear in print. The story has not undergone a single criticism, neither during the writing nor since.

"When I first came to Amercia I lived in a house in New York which was supposed to be haunted. A lady who lived there during the Civil War and several other people told me about their experience in it.

Having never seen or heard anything like a ghost I had a reason to think they were joking. The first night I stayed in the house I locked the doors so they would not come open. About ten the third night I heard a noise in the cellar but it did not trouble me any, presently I heard a gentle footstep, all the doors banged open, the wind rushed in, and a low cry came from the pantry. It so happend that a lady and her children were sleeping up stairs and when I heard the noise I at once started up to see if it were any of the children who might have gotten up in their sleep during the night and could not find the way back to their room.

As soon as I lighted the lamp the crying stopped but I kept on going up the stairs until I came to the room where the mother and her children were sleeping. They were all so still that it seemed as tho they had been given some drug to put them to sleep.

I went down to my room, closed the doors, blew out the light and got back into bed thinking I could go to sleep. But sleep seemed impossible for I was to much worked up. When I had gotten in bed and was still I heard the same sounds again but this time decided I would not get up and investigate.

The moon was shining very faintly but gave enough light so a person could see in the room. I lay still and listened for the sound of something which I soon heard: A child crossed in a beautiful white robe passed thru the hall-way and the last I heard was the sound of the cellar door closing.

I was so scared I did not sleep a wink that night. The next day I went to the owner of the house and told him I was ready to change my abode, which I did.

This is my first and only experience with a ghost, and all those who do not believe in ghosts need come to me and I will tell them about what I heard and saw in an old haunted house.



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