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CHASING A GHOST
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In 1862, after the death of his beloved wife, the philanthropist Mrs. Frederick Law Olmsted, he returned to his native New York City to live a quiet, uneventful life. He had served as an officer in the Union Army during the Civil War, and had been instrumental in organizing the famous 3rd New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment, known as the "Hardee's Roughs." Mrs. Olmsted had been his constant companion and confidante, and her death had left a deep void in his life.

He was a man of simple tastes, and preferred solitude to social gatherings. He was a devout man, and spent much of his time in prayer and meditation. He was a deeply religious man, and his faith was a source of comfort to him in his later years.

He was a man of great wisdom, and his counsel was sought by many. He was known for his patience and kindness, and his words were often quoted by those who knew him.

The last day of June, 1862, found Mr. Olmsted in his study, surrounded by his beloved books and papers. He was working on a new book, which he hoped would be his legacy to posterity.

He was the last to leave the house, and as he closed the door behind him, he turned to his wife and said, "Goodnight, my dear. God be with you." And then he was gone.

He was 50 years old, and his death was a great loss to his family and friends. His memory lives on, and his legacy continues to inspire those who knew him.