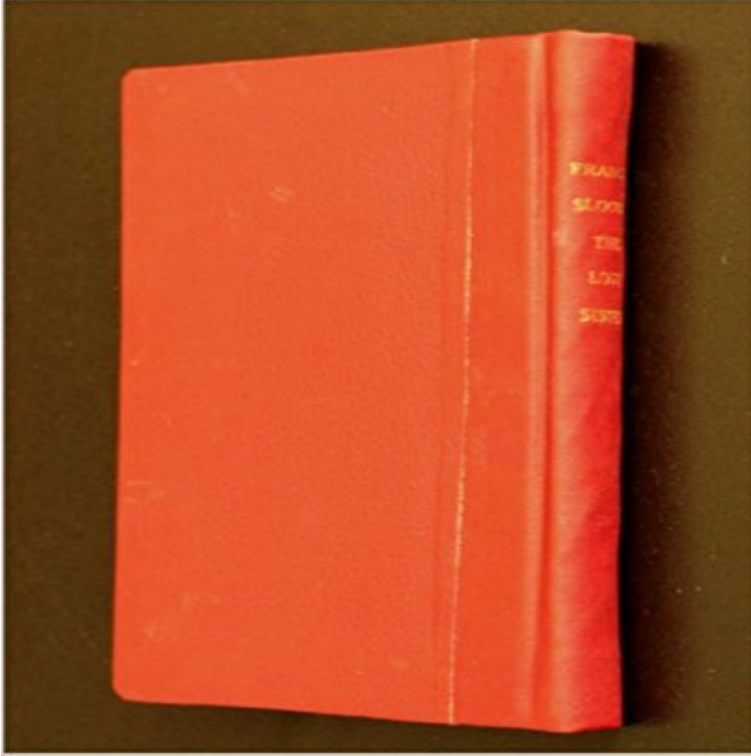


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Fort years ago, when I first read the account of the capture of Frances Slocum, and the persistent efforts of her mother, brothers and sisters to recover her, and her final discovery and death in Indiana, it made such an impression on my mind that I decided, if the opportunity ever offered, to visit her grave. After a lapse of forty years the opportunity came. In October, 1889, I was on a visit to friends at Logansport, Indiana, and remembering that it was near that place she was buried, I determined to carry out my resolution of forty years before. Accordingly, on a crisp autumn afternoon, I found my way to the Indian cemetery on the Mississinewa, and stood beside the grave of the captive. It was pointed out by a grandson, who seemed to entertain almost a holy reverence for the spot, and spoke in the most affectionate terms of his grandmother, whom he had never seen. While standing beside her grave I resolved that if I could obtain sufficient data, I would attempt the work of compiling a consecutive narrative of her life, and put on record fuller details of her wanderings, trials and sufferings, than had yet been given to the public. I fully realized that many newspaper and magazine articles concerning her had appeared from time to time, together with one or two little books, but nothing like an exhaustive biography had ever been printed. This, when the importance of the subject was considered, had always seemed as strange to me as the mystery of her life. To collect the official documents relating to her Indian history, confer with her widely scattered relatives, both white and red, soon proved a laborious task, and more than a year was devoted to the work of preparation. In the progress of research, it was discovered that several grave errors regarding the story of her life had found their way into print, which quickened my interest in the work. Through (Typographical errors above are due to OCR software and don't occur in the

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