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THE MISSION GARDENS at San Jose de Tumacacori once had an elaborate though crude irrigation system devised by the Franciscan padres who established a chain of missions across Arizona in the 17th Century. Located ten miles north of the Mexican border, its construction for the most part is of sun-dried adobe bricks laid in mud mortar. Walls of the mission are six feet at the base. Abandoned because of constant attacks by Apache Indian marauders, Tumacacori was left for a century to the ravages of the desert weather until restoration was undertaken by the Federal Government. The mission and grounds were designated a national monument in 1908.

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