

1672. ascended nearly to its source, notwithstanding the rapids, which render the navigation excessively difficult.<sup>1</sup> They then left it, marched some time,<sup>2</sup> then re-embarked on the Ouisconsing, and sailing always westward, found themselves on the Micissippi at about forty-two and a half degrees north latitude. It was on the seventeenth of June, in the year 1673, that they entered that famous river, which in width and still more in depth seemed to them to correspond with the idea which the Indians had given them of it.<sup>3</sup>

They allowed the current, which is not very rapid at that part, to bear them on, and they had not proceeded far when they discovered the Illinois. They found three towns of that nation three leagues below the place where the Missouri, styled Pekitanoni in his Relation, blends its waters with those of the Mississippi.<sup>4</sup> These Indians

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from St. Ignatius, at Michilimackinac, May 17, 1673: Discovery of the Mississippi, p. 7.

<sup>1</sup> The voyage of Jolliet and Marquette has been treated as unreal by those who wrote in the interest of La Salle; but there is no fact better authenticated. Frontenac's Dispatch, November 14, 1674, N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 121; and Hennepin, Description de la Louisiane, p. 13, published at Paris in 1683, admit it clearly. Father Anastasius, Le Clercq, ii., p. 364; Father Membre, *ib.*, p. 259. Marquette's Journal was not published at once, the Jesuit Relations having been stopped at the instance of de Courcelle, according to d'Alet (Faillon, Histoire, iii. p. 312). It was published from a poor copy, by Thevenot in his Recueil de Voyages, in 1681 (Charlevoix, *ante*, I., p. 83, has 1687 erroneously). This was reprinted by Rich, at London in 1845. A Dutch version, with curious map and plates, appeared at Leyden in 1707. Marquette's account, a con-

temporaneous copy, with his last letter, and his map in his own hand, were preserved at Quebec, and published with a translation by me, in the Discovery and Exploration of the Mississippi Valley, in 1852; they were also printed privately by James Lenox, Esq., in 1855, and at Paris, in the Relations Inédites, in 1861. Jolliet's map, with a letter to Frontenac in 1674, was preserved in the French archives. For the navigation of Fox River, see Discovery of the Mississippi, p. 12.

<sup>2</sup> 2,700 paces: *ib.*, pp. 15, 238.

<sup>3</sup> Discovery of the Mississippi, pp. 16, 238; Recit des Voyages et Découvertes, p. 27; Relations Inédites, ii., p. 254; Voyage et Découverte de Quelques Pays et Nations de l'Amérique Septentrionale, p. 10.

<sup>4</sup> These villages were on the west shore near the Desmoines River: Discovery of the Mississippi, p. 20. Marquette's map names two of the villages Peouarea and Moingwena. The map in Thevenot also places