

Kau-ray at the portage with his band. Their village was a short distance from there up the Wisconsin, and the Winnebagoes had villages up the Manois [?] and on the Baraboo rivers, and several small ones along down the Wisconsin to near its mouth. They were estimated at that time by the traders best acquainted with them, to be about nine hundred warriors strong. Of the Day-Kau-rays, there were four or five brothers, who were all influential men in the nation, and I knew one sister who had a family of children by a trader named Lecuyer, who had married her after the Indian manner. Tradition says that their father was a French trader, who during the time the French had possession of the country, married a Winnebago woman, the daughter of the principal chief of the nation, by whom he had these sons and daughter; that at the time the country was taken possession of by the English, he abandoned them, and they were raised among the Indians, and being the descendants of a chief on the mother's side, when arrived at manhood they assumed the dignity of their rank by inheritance. They were generally good Indians, and frequently urged their claims to the friendship of the whites, by saying they were themselves half white.*

I suppose that having been so long among the Indians, it will be expected that I should give some account of their manners, customs, religious ceremonies, &c.; but of the Indians who inhabit Wisconsin, I can say very little. The Indians who visit a trading post like Prairie du Chien, are generally seen in their worst state, and I always had such a dislike to the Winnebagoes, that I never sought to learn their language, or much of their customs or ceremonies. The Indians with whom I am most familiar are the Sioux, with whom I spent three winters in their own country, where I saw many Indians who had never seen any

*Mrs. Kinzie conveys the idea, that they boasted of a remote cross of French blood in some former generation; that they possessed remarkably handsome features, and their mother was living as late as 1831, then supposed to be over one hundred years of age. Mrs. Kinzie designates one of the Day-Kau-rays as a "grand old chief"—the same doubtless, mentioned by Judge Lockwood; and another, his very antipodes, was not inappropriately called *Rascal* Day-Kau-Ray; and the One-Eyed Day-Kau-Ray was distinguished for the part he took in the capture of Black Hawk.