

into a broad and indistinct gray strip lying along the sky, like a deep plain border to its wide blue surface. To the east, there is a beautiful level plain, dotted over with oak groves, many of them clustering around farm houses, and beyond them the Whitewater Bluffs, their sun-lighted crests reaching up from bases glittering with snow, in very fair imitation of a range of mountains, and growing still bolder in appearance as they curve around the southern boundary of the scene, and everlook the Whitewater,* as its level ice-covered surface winds northward, between ridges covered over with farms, till it reaches the village, and passes through on its way to the Bark river. To the westward, the Whitewater prairie rolls off toward the farther end of the world, covered over with comfortable farm houses and barns, interspersed with clumps of oaks. In the center of this variety of attractions lies Whitewater, a place of about 1600 inhabitants; its wide streets radiating in every direction from the creek, and in the center of the town, filled with teams and people, and adorned with many fine yellow brick blocks, and the surrounding streets built up with neat brick and frame residences, well protected by shade trees, and its whole appearance presenting an aspect of comfort that cannot be excelled.

Whitewater is not one of those precocious western towns, that arise, already incorporated, amid original wildness; but is rather an ancient and plodding place, rejuvenated and carrying on the functions of its formerly lethargic life very much as a skeleton resurrectionized into humanity by a stroke of lightning. The grist-mill, which is the senior in-

*The derivation of the name of this fine stream is well worth preserving. Ex-Gov. Doty gives "*Waubish Nepaywau*" as the Menomonee name, signifying *The White Water*; while the lamented Hon. Solomon Juneau stated, "The river Whitewater is called by the united tribes of Chippewa, Ottawa, and Pottawottamies, *Wau-be-gan-nau-po-cat*, meaning *richly, whitish water*, caused by white, soft clay, in some parts of it.

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