

perhaps the most common of all. It is found in various localities, ranging from the State line on the south, to the Wolf River, two hundred miles to the north. Scattered along the banks of the various rivers throughout the State, it forms a very conspicuous object. Its position is frequently upon the high bluff, overlooking the valley of the stream. It seems to have been used as an outlook, as almost universally an extensive view is presented from its summit. It is sometimes isolated, being situated on a point of land remote from other effigies, but is oftener found in the midst of groups of other mounds. It is also frequently found in pairs, overlooking the groups. As to the shape of the turtle effigy, there are many varieties, though they seem all to have been modifications of the same type. The variations consist, first, in making the fore-part heavier than the rest of the body; second, in making the hind-parts the heavier; third, in drawing in the body, so that there shall be only a narrow ridge between the legs; fourth, in making the legs either crooked or straight; fifth, the back is made into a ridge, and conical mounds are placed on the hips; sixth, the tail is shortened and made blunt, or dispensed with altogether; seventh, the tail is crooked. It should be said that these various modifications of the turtle shade into resemblances of other animals, the first modified form resembling the tadpole, the third and fourth oftentimes resembling the lizard, the sixth resembling the frog.

We give cuts of each of these forms, referring to them as they are found in connection with other cuts. The first modification will be seen in Fig. 1, Plate I; also in Fig. 17, Plate III. The third, somewhat resembling the lizard, may be seen in Fig. 13, Plate II, although this is a very common form, and resembles the turtle as much as any other of the effigies. The seventh form is presented in Cut 14. The eighth, which may be said to



Fig. 10.— WISCONSIN RIVER.

resemble the frog, found on Wisconsin River, is represented in Cut 10. One locality where the turtle is very frequent as an emblem is at Beloit. Here it is found in the most prominent places, both isolated, in pairs, in the center of groups, on knolls and bluffs, at the end of tongues of land, in positions com-