

Dr. Lapham has referred to a group of four lizard mounds, as he calls them, accompanied by three round mounds, near the crossing of the old Madison road, one and a half miles above Waukesha. They are in a very high and commanding position, and a sentinel stationed on them could give warning to the inhabitants of the approach of any hostile force.

A somewhat similar arrangement of this effigy, in connection with others, may be seen on the banks of Lake Winnebago. Here the mounds are arranged along the edge of a high bluff. They are represented by Dr. Lapham upon Plate XLI, No. 1, and described as extending some distance near the edge of the rocky escarpment. The fact that the first figure is placed transversely, preceded by two mounds or advanced posts, may have a particular significance. These were situated on S. 36, Tp. 20, R. 18. Another series is found five miles distant, on lots 17, 18 and 19. These are also arranged along the edge of the escarpment, and form a substitute for a wall, as they overlap one another in such a way as to make a continuous line. The writer has discovered two wolf mounds near the outlet of Lake Monona, which are situated in such a way as also to form a sort of barrier or wall, though, in this case, they would seem to be a preventive against the escape of game, for they are associated with a game-drive or trap.

4. Another effigy, which is quite common, resembles the fox. It assumes different shapes, but generally some attitude peculiar to that animal. There are several animals which have nearly the same form, and which, when represented by an earth-work, would be confounded with one another. There may not seem to be much resemblance between the fox and weasel or mink, yet it is difficult at times to distinguish the effigies of them. The relative sizes are not observed in the figures. The attitudes of these animals, however, generally indicate which one is intended. The emblematic mound-builders understood the habits of the animals, and the effigies, in this respect, are always true to life. The fox seen stealthily prowling about, and assumes the natural attitude, whether among a group of other animals, or by itself alone. The weasel is depicted at times, as in the attitude of catching a bird; the mink may be seen on the bank, drawing nearer to its place on the edge