

kia, who was then ninety years old, told Father Klein that this monstrance was in use there from her earliest remembrance, and that her mother could not remember when it was brought thither.

Notice of another ostensorium at Green Bay, even more ancient than that of Perrot, has come to my knowledge. This notice occurs among the documents edited by Pierre Margry, regarding French discoveries and establishments in our West and Northwest (vol. ii, p. 178). It appears in detached leaves of an imperfect letter of La Salle, written in 1682. The writer treats of the productions of the Mississippi Valley. He speaks of red copper, and says he knows of one mass weighing more than four quintals. He also describes a species of sand which he supposed to contain quicksilver. In the midst of these accounts I find the following paragraph:

"A savage named Kiskirinanso, that is to say *Wild Ox*, of the Mascoutin tribe [who are laid down in Franquelin's map of 1684 as north of the Wisconsin River], a considerable war-chief among his people, says that in a little river to which he wished to lead me, he had discovered a quantity of white metal, a portion of which he gave to Father Allouez, a Jesuit, and that brother Gisles, a goldsmith who resides at Green Bay (the Bay of the Puans), having wrought it, made the sun-shaped article [*soleil*] in which they put the holy bread. He means the ostensory which this same brother has made there. He says that Father Allouez gave him a good deal of merchandise by way of recompense, and told him to keep the matter secret, because it (the metal) was a manitou, that is to say a spirit, who was not yet developed."

It is scarcely possible that any Green Bay workman two centuries ago can have had the molds and tools needful for executing the elaborate *repoussé* work which we see in the gift of Perrot, and its Kaskaskia counterpart.

Perrot's motives for making the grand present of silver we can only conjecture. Those who believe that he had attempted to poison La Salle eight years before, may fancy that he was remorseful, and sought to quiet conscience by a gift laid on the altar. But those who think him to be unjustly charged with such a das-