

*Location of the Germans in the United States.*

But while the ideals of German revolutionists have been unrealized, Germans have, without previous concert, continued to concentrate in some few states of the Union. It is a curious fact that German settlement in the United States follows a belt beginning with Pennsylvania and running due west through Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Missouri.<sup>1</sup> In general this may be accounted for by two facts: First, the Germans generally avoid the southern states, because they are not acquainted with the products of the south, while they understand the cultivation of wheat, rye, oats, and other northern products; again, land in the south, before the War of the Rebellion, was held by large land-owners who rarely sold, and free labor was degraded by competition with slave labor;<sup>2</sup> the climate of the south, moreover, was found to be less suitable to Germans. Another reason for their preference was, that the Germans were searching for work, and particularly for land, which latter was abundant in that tier of states during the period of their immigration.

Kapp, writing in 1870, says: "As nearly as a calculation can be made, it has been ascertained that out of one hundred continental immigrants, seventy-five go west, and twenty-five remain in the great cities; while of the Irish and English, twenty-five settle in the country, and seventy-five remain in the eastern cities."<sup>3</sup> Thus the new Northwestern states opening to settlement between 1820 and 1850 naturally received the great mass of Germans who poured out of Germany in those years, owing to political agitations and hard times. The immigrants who came because of the reaction following the uprisings of 1830, settled chiefly in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri;\* while others

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<sup>1</sup> Bluntschli-Brater, *Staats-Wörterbuch*, i., p. 588.

<sup>2</sup> Carl H. Schmidt's *Prämie des Nord-westen* (Manitowoc, 1884), p. 23. The same for 1886, p. 52.

<sup>3</sup> Fr. Kapp's *Immigration and the Commissioners of Emigration of the State of New York*, pp. 118-158. See also Löher, p. 275.

<sup>4</sup> *Das Deutsche Element*, p. 291.