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Bulletin XXVI\* of the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey is devoted to the geography and industries of the state as a whole. It is the introductory number in a series of educational bulletins which will treat of the industrial geography of the state and of selected regions of the state. The present volume is the first of the regional bulletins. Well defined valleys, if not too large, nearly always have a more or less characteristic industrial life; their various activities are knit together and show a notable degree of interdependence; hence, a valley like that of the Lower Fox and Lake Winnebago forms a geographical unit, serving ideally as a type study.

So different are the geographical and industrial conditions in the basin of the Upper Fox from those in the lower valley that the former is not specifically treated in this bulletin. The same is true of Calumet county on the east side of Lake Winnebago.

The bulletin is intended primarily for use in schools, particularly in the schools of the region with which it deals, yet it is hoped that the general reader may find it of some interest.

The writer is indebted to manufacturers, county and city officials, editors, librarians, and others in the valley, whose courtesies he appreciatively acknowledges. In addition to information obtained directly from such sources, county and local histories, newspaper files, and other published material have been consulted. A persistent effort to secure accurate information has been made, but only one who has attempted such a task can realize how difficult is the attainment of accuracy in historical matters. It is hoped that any errors which may have crept in are neither numerous nor important.

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