

McGregor, though doubt exists as to whether from the Wisconsin or the Iowa side of the river; two are from Illinois; two are from near Maquoketa, Iowa; all the others are Iowa specimens and, so far as definitely catalogued, are from the southeast quarter of the state. The collection of the State Historical Department of Iowa contains twenty-three specimens, the largest number, doubtless, to be found in any one place. The others are scattered in various collections, public and private.

It will be seen that the total amount of information concerning this unusual type of stone axe is meager and that further data is, therefore, very desirable. It is the hope of the writer that all who possess either specimen or information may be kind enough to furnish the data on the basis of which a definite account of the Keokuk axe may be written.

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THE LOTUS ISLANDS AT NAUVOO

A late issue of the *Chicago Inter-Ocean* contains a sketchy and readable article from a correspondent at Nauvoo, giving an account of a visit to the islands between that city and Montrose, in search of the magnificent and fragrant lotus flower.

More than a third of a century ago, we have sought and found those gorgeous flowers, and the more common water lilies, on the same spot; though in our ignorance of natural history and things, we only knew them as yellow and white water lilies.

The rich flowers rise above the surface of the water on pipe-like stems several feet long; while the broad, green leaves, measuring four or five feet in circumference, rest upon the surface of the water. They are generally found in the deep recesses of the Islands, in still water several feet in depth.

The writer states that plants from that locality have been procured by the commissioners to stock a pond in the New York Central Park.

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