



A CURIOUS GLIMPSE of MICHIGAN

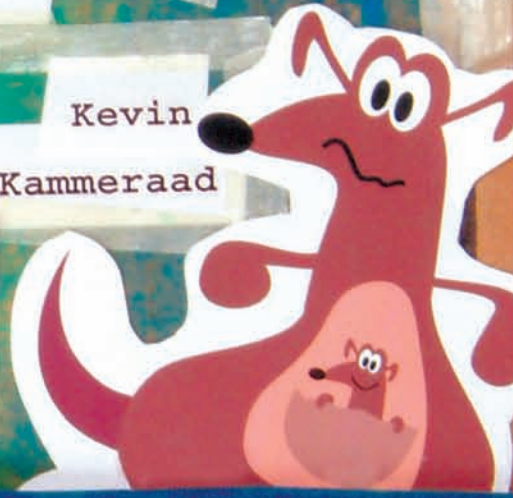
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Lindbergh was famous for flying his plane
Autos are big in the county of Wayne

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Kangaroos don't live in Michigan. →
They're just vacationing.





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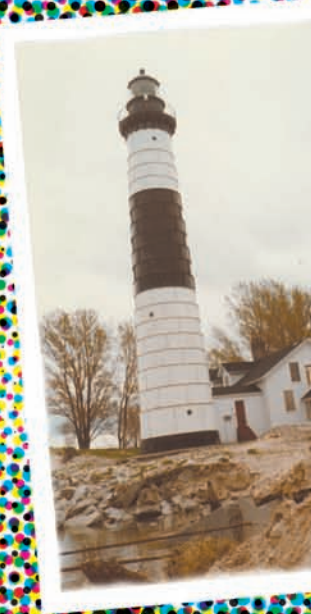
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BOAT UNLOADING AT COAL DOCK, MUNISING, MICH.—11



IRON ORE FIRST DISCOVERED IN UPPER PENINSULA OF MICHIGAN AT NEGUNEE IN ROOTS OF THIS STUMP IN 1844





Maison françoise

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Fort d'Abitibi

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R. aux Ours

es Illinois

R. Macopin

R. des Miamis

Ohio ou Belle Riviere

Portage

Lac Onias

les Oniasontke

nommée par les Riviere

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- K and S

To the memory of John Plummer (teacher and friend)
- R

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MICHIGAN is a nice state.

Michigan

starts with the letter M.

So does the word
"malarkey"

But this book
isn't about

This book is about

MICHIGAN.

Here Are 15 FACTS You



Michigan has the highest production of **cucumbers** that are used for pickling.

We're the dilly, yo!



In Michigan's thumb, on the banks of the **Cass River**, there are ancient carvings known as **petroglyphs**.

In **1978**, over **10,000** old **automobile tires** were crushed into tiny pieces and were used in the paving of a road in **Branch** and **St. Joseph** counties.

On August 16, **1889**, the last **stagecoach** holdup in the United States took place in **Gogebic County**.



Make no bones about it!

Little League Baseball became co-ed in **1973** when Carolyn King of **Ypsilanti** became the **first girl** in the country to play in the League.



You go, girl!

One of the longest running, sanctioned **Monopoly** game tournaments in the nation is held annually in **Spring Lake**.



Tomatoes were first grown commercially in **Michigan** in **1860**.



May Not Have Known...

Michigan was the first state to establish standards for **ground pork**.



Grodey!
The world's largest hairball is housed in the Michigan State University Museum. It weighs over four pounds.



The world's largest tricycle was built in 1998 by students at Bay de Noc Community College in Escanaba.

In 1899, because horses were often frightened by the new "horseless carriages," the Horsey Horseless Carriage Company of **Battle Creek** created a car with a fake horse's head on the front.



Michigan has the highest production of dogsleds in the world.

The people of Glenn fed pancakes to stranded motorists for several days during a blizzard in December of 1937.

In August of 1969, Victor Jackson of East Lansing sailed across Lake Michigan in a bathtub. It took him over 14 hours to travel the 65 miles.

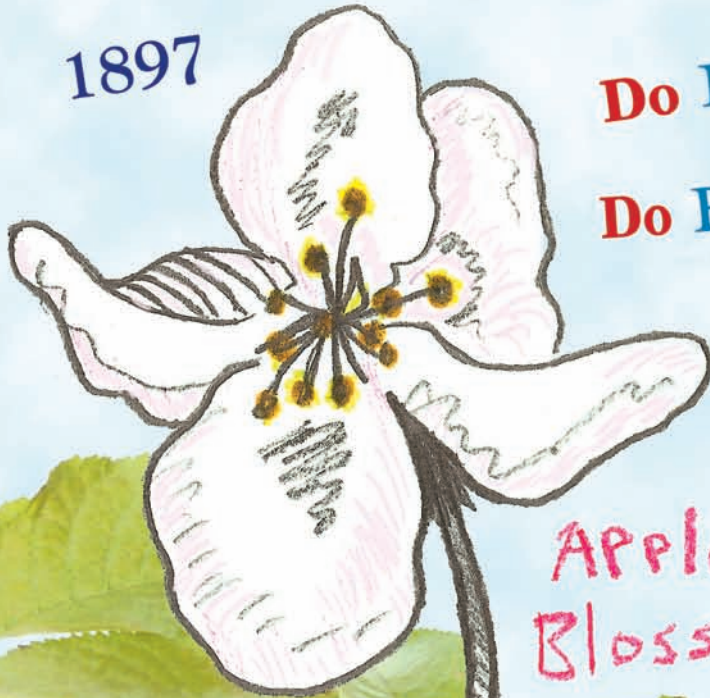
The world's largest **weathervane** is 48 feet tall and stands at the end of a pier in **Montague**.



Whoa!
That's big!

State Flower: Apple Blossom

1897



Apple Blossom

Do Licorice Plants plant licorice?

Do Butterfly Weeds weed butterflies?

Do Sweet Peas ...? Um, no.

But Apple Blossoms blossom apples!

State Bird: American Robin

Did you know?

Have you heard?

Since '31,

It's been our bird.



American Robin 1931

Forest

I read that around 90 percent
Of the Upper Peninsula is forest.

I also read that about 50 percent
Of the entire state is forest.

But here I am in the city,
Where there aren't many trees at all.

So instead of being in a forest,
Along with deer, wolves,
Chipmunks, and such,

I'm sitting here,

Drawing my own.



These were the first Americans

People who lived on this continent since B.C.

People who lived off the land, used the land, but did not abuse the land.

People who treated all living things with respect.

People who appreciated their surroundings and took only what they needed to survive.

These were the first Americans.

Some lived in wigwams, some in teepees, some in caves and mounds.

Some traveled by canoe, some by foot, while others traveled not at all.

Some were farmers, some were hunters, and some were skillful traders.

These were the first Americans.

Some lived near the Great Waters, others in the Plains, still others in the deserts.

All were part of a family, a tribe.

Some were at peace, some were at war, some stayed indifferent.

These were the first Americans.

Those who lived in Michigan were the Ojibway (Chippewa), the Odawa (Ottawa), the Huron.

The Potowotomi, the Sauk, the Fox,

The Menominee, the Miami, and the Winnabago.

They had different names and lived different ways, but these were the first Americans.

Things changed over time.

People from distant lands discovered and settled.

The native people were displaced, dishonored, disrespected.

These new people came in and farmed, and mined, and built.

They had dreams and goals and ideals.

They called themselves Americans.

But let us not forget the first Americans.

State Tree:

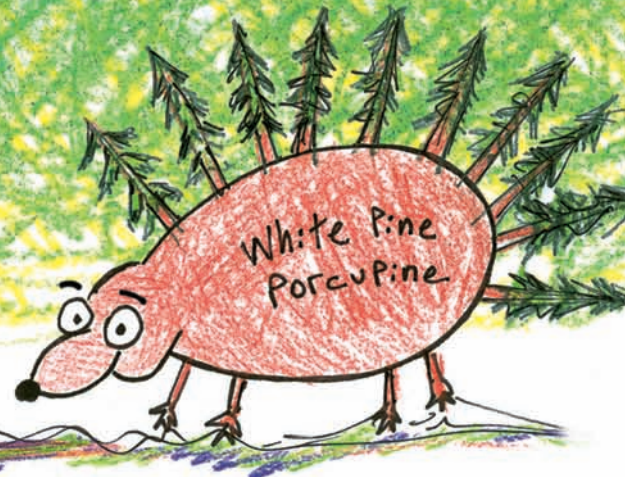
white pine 1955



white PINE SUNSHINE



White Pine Valentine



Enter the Michigan Sweepstakes!

You could win one of the following Michigan products:

- A brand new automobile (1 Ultra-Grand Prize Winner)
- An all expense paid trip to Paradise (2 Super-Grand Prize Winners)
- A lifetime supply of baby food and breakfast cereal (3 Grand Prize Winners)
- A dairy cow and a hog (5 First Place Winners)
- A complete set of office furniture (6 Second Place Winners)
- Golf and bowling lessons (9 Third Place Winners)
- A year supply of maple syrup (10 Fourth Place Winners)
- A bushel of apples (100 Fifth Place Winners)
- A pint of blueberries (550 Sixth Place Winners)
- A quart of cherries (900 Seventh Place Winners)
- A pound of navy beans (2000 Eighth Place Winners)
- Half a pound of fudge and a box of salt water taffy (3000 Ninth Place Winners)
- A smile (9,938,444 Tenth Place Winners)

What previous winners have to say:

"Since I won the bushel of apples, I have not had to go to the doctor once."
-Jacob

"They say my bones are the strongest around!"
-Paul Bunyan, winner of the dairy cow

"I ate my yearly supply of blueberries in one day."
-Babe the Blue Ox

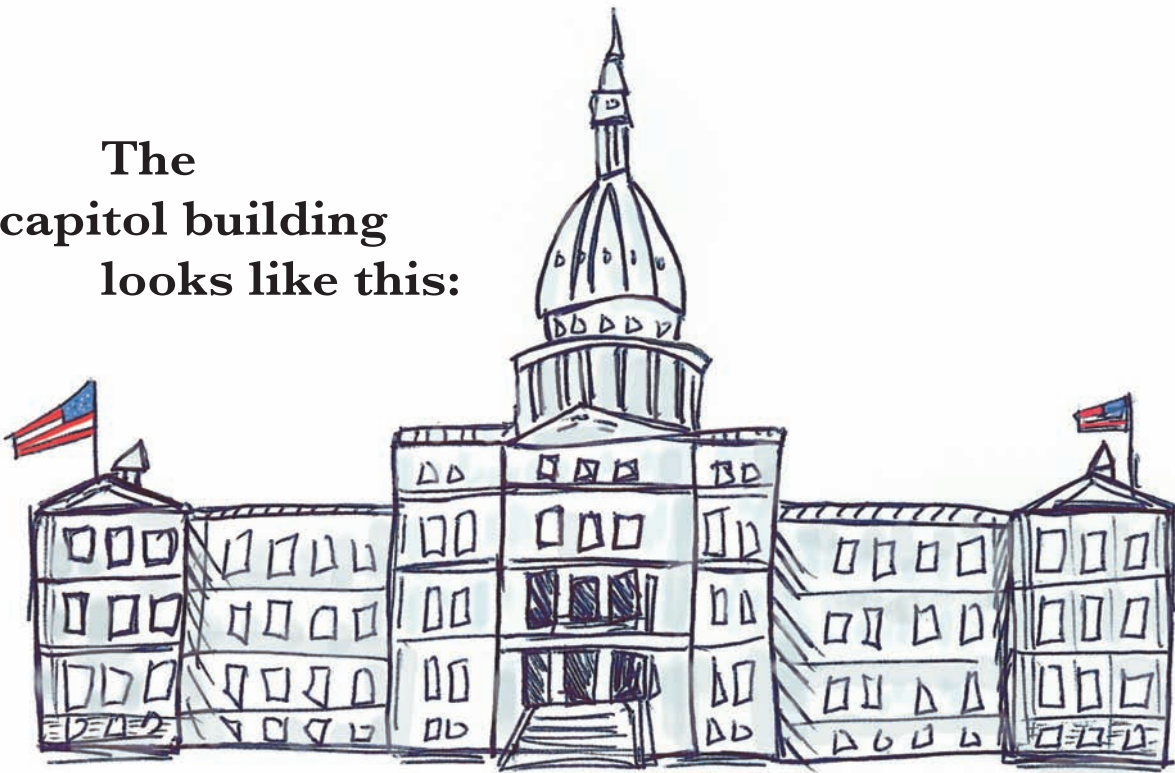
Sweepstakes void in 49 states.

This sweepstakes is not for real. Really. You can't win anything. It's just for fun. There are no prizes. We'd love to give you prizes, but we can't. We're sorry. Maybe in the next book we can do it for real. Maybe not. So in conclusion, there are no prizes. We just want to be clear about that. NO PRIZES! Well, on second thought, ...OK, you can have the smile.



Michigan has a capital city.
It used to be Detroit. Now it's Lansing.
Lansing was almost called Michigan.
So our capital could have been
Michigan, Michigan, and we could have sung:
“Michigan, Michigan” and spread the news.

The
capitol building
looks like this:



They make laws there.
There should be a law that says
people need to be nice.

On January 26, 1837, we officially
became a state, the 26th state of the
United States of America. Because
of that, we think that the number 26
should be our official state number.

Maybe someday, we'll ask the people
in Lansing to make that happen.



CURIOUS QUESTIONS

WHAT WOULD MICHIGAN BE LIKE WITHOUT THE ERIE CANAL?

WHY IS THE UPPER PENINSULA OFTEN REFERRED TO AS THE U.P., BUT THE LOWER PENINSULA IS RARELY REFERRED TO AS THE L.P.?

IS WHAT'S GOOD FOR THE MICHIGOOSE GOOD FOR THE MICHIGANDER?

HOW WOULD MACKINAC ISLAND BE CHANGED IF CARS WERE ALLOWED?

WHY DO WE LET CANADA DUMP ITS TRASH HERE?

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MOUND BUILDERS?

WHAT IF THE GREAT LAKES EVAPORATED OVERNIGHT?

WHY DON'T MORE PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT CHARLES KING?

WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO THE MICHIGAN MONKEY-FLOWER?

HOW WOULD THE AUTO INDUSTRY IN DETROIT BE DIFFERENT TODAY WITHOUT THE RESOURCES FROM THE UPPER PENINSULA?

IF GEESE ARE MORE THAN ONE GOOSE, AND GOOSE RHYMES WITH MOOSE, THEN WHY AREN'T MANY MOOSE MEESE?

WHY DON'T MORE STATES HAVE BOTTLE DEPOSITS?

WHAT WILL MICHIGAN BE LIKE IN ONE HUNDRED YEARS?

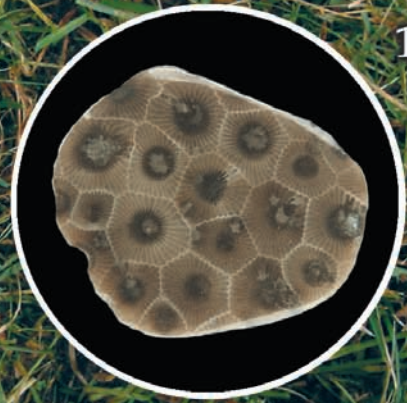
ONE THOUSAND YEARS? TEN THOUSAND YEARS?

A MILLION CA-JILLION YEARS?

American Robin
Size: 9-11 inches
Male: Gray with rusty chest, nearly black eye-ring
Female: Like male
Food: Insects, fruit
Nest: Cup-shaped
Migration: Partial

State Stone: Petoskey Stone

1965



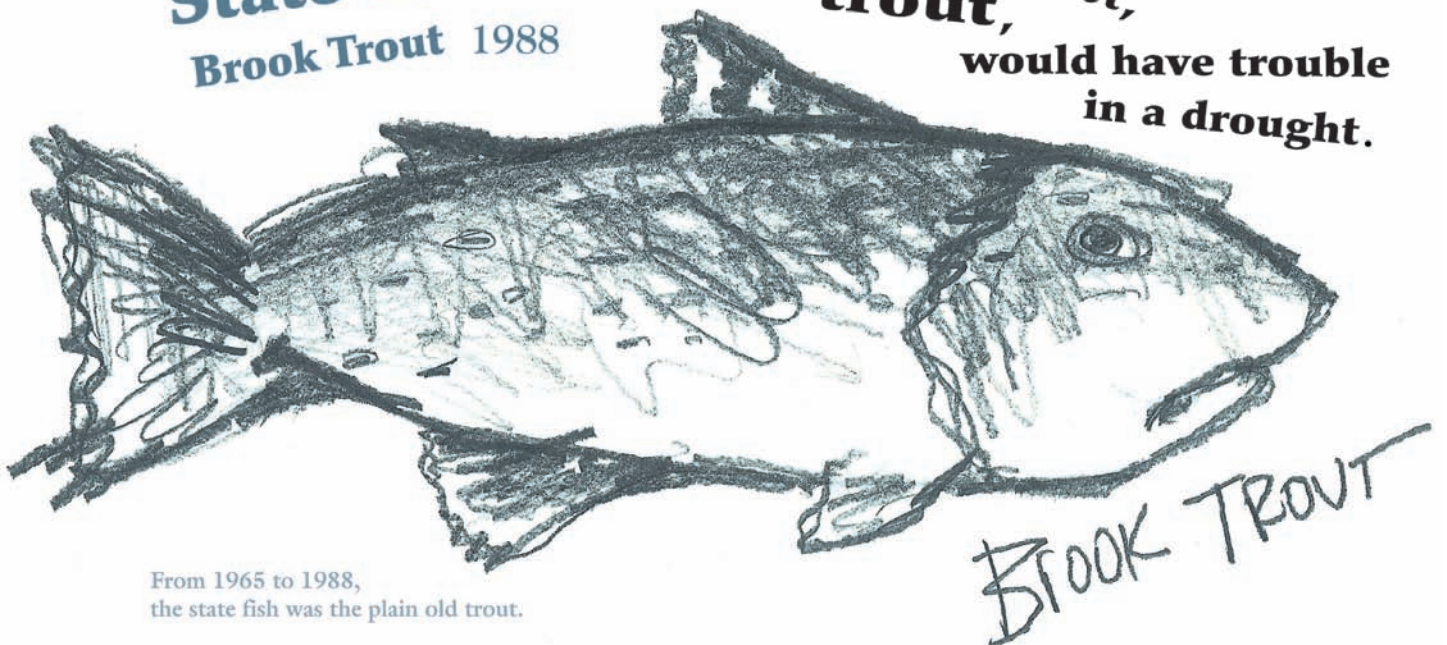
ROCK BOY & Jack

One day, Rock Boy found a stone and carried it home. "How nice," said Mom, "we'll name him Jack." And so they did.



State Fish: Brook Trout 1988

Without a doubt,
a **trout**,
would have trouble
in a drought.



From 1965 to 1988,
the state fish was the plain old trout.

OUR ISLANDS TOTAL 73. ~~THE GRAND~~
THE GRAND HOTEL SERVES AFTERNOON TEA.

SAULT STE. MARIE IS REALLY OLD.
IT ISN'T HARD TO CATCH A COLD.

ON THE LAKES, YOU WILL FIND BOATS.
ON THE FARMS, YOU MAY FIND GOATS.

WE OFTEN GET A LOT OF SNOW. ❄️❄️
BUCKEYES AND HOOSIERS ARE JUST BELOW.

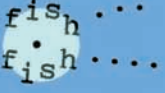
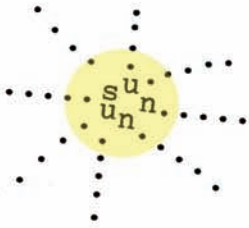
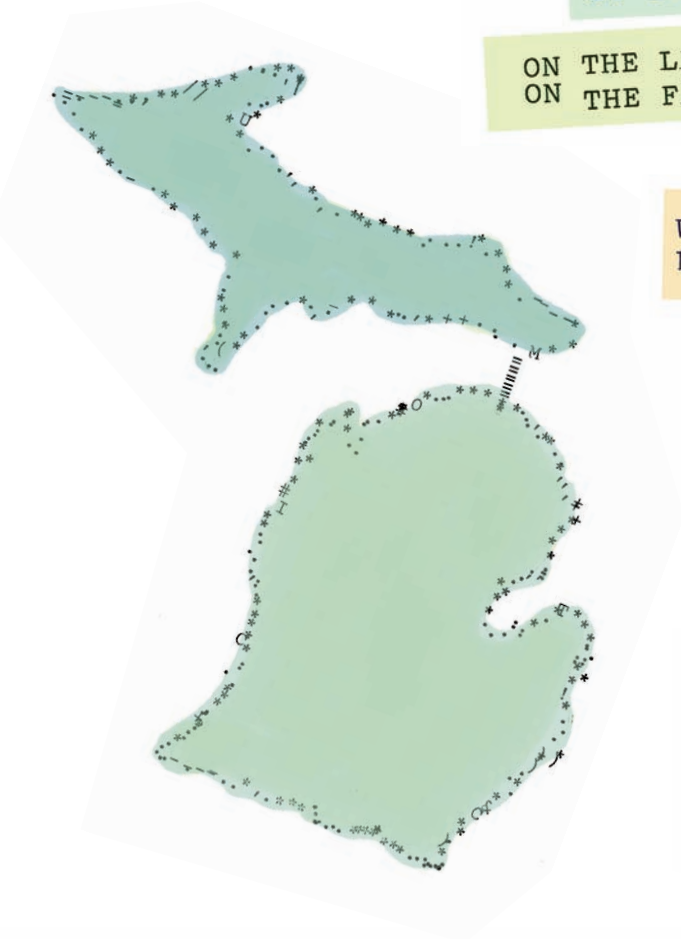
WOLVERINES CANNOT BE FOUND.
UNDER GRAND RAPIDS, TUNNELS ABOUND.

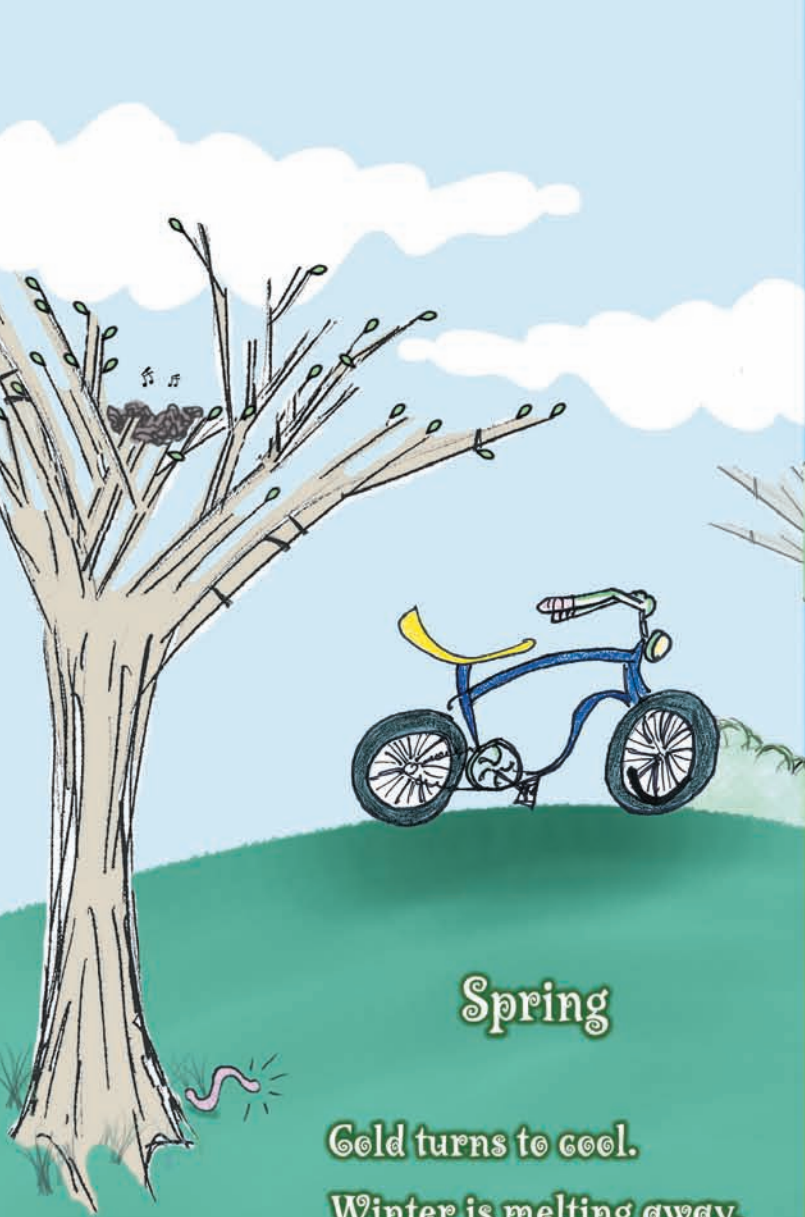
A NORTHERN PERSON IS CALLED A YOOPER.
OUR SANDY DUNES ARE REALLY SUPER.

SO MICHIGAN IS A SUPER STATE.
OH YES, IT'S REALLY SUPER GREAT.

THE POEM IS DONE, THE POEM IS OVER.
IF I HAD A DOG, I'D NAME HIM ROVER.

THE END.





Spring

Gold turns to cool.
Winter is melting away.
My bike is smiling.

—

Specks of green are seen
amid the bare brown branches.
The trees are alive.

—

I hear birds again.
They've come back to make a home.
The worms are worried.



Summertime

Summertime
Free time
Swing-in-the-breeze time

Summertime
Play time
Dance-in-the-park time

Summertime
More time
Skip-to-my-Loa time

Summertime
My time
Fan-in-the-sun time

An Autumn Day The crisp air
rushes around me.
Leaves rustle in the trees, then drop and hit the ground.

crunch crunch crunch
(I go and get my rake.)

crunch crunch crunch

My rake scrapes the ground.

crunch crunch

The leaves are piled together.



My pile is getting bigger.

crunch

crunch

crunch

The pile grows higher and higher.

It's ready.

The rake lands gently in the grass.

crunch crunch crunch
crunch crunch crunch
crunch crunch crunch

Yippee!



Winter Air

The other day I walked outside the door
and trudged through the snow down the block.

The air was cold (ice-cream headache cold).

I stopped

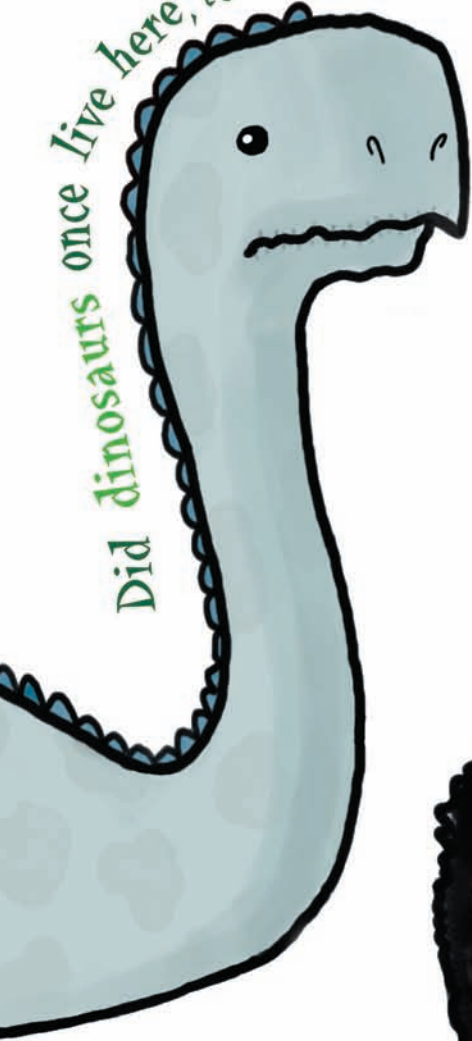
and took in a deep, polar-bear breath,
then another one.

As I stood there,

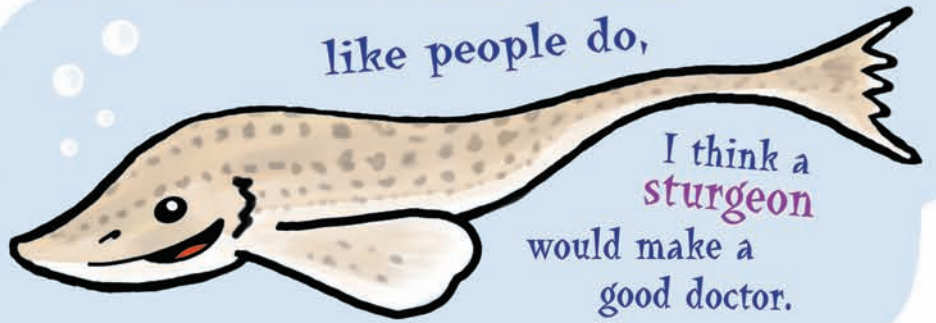
with an icicle on my lip,

I could taste winter.

Did dinosaurs once live here, too?



If animals had careers
like people do,



I think a
sturgeon
would make a
good doctor.

(She'd be a **sturgeon** surgeon.)



Barely
being
seen
is the
black
bear's
scene.

And...

Pairs of bears
bear little bear pairs.

The
ruffed grouse,
a noble queen, perched upon her throne.
Her markings are a feathered robe,
delicately sewn.



**ROCK BOY,
Jack,
and now
Gwen**

**State Gem:
Isle Royale
Green Stone**
1972



Rock Boy was taking
Jack for a walk.

“Look,” he said.
And the
family grew.



**It's gritty.
It's dirty.
It sticks in
your toes.**

**It's grainy.
It's messy.
It sticks to
your clothes.**

**(And is really
quite nice
up my sister's
big nose!)**

**State Soil:
Kalkaska Soil**

1990



“The Fur Trade?”

State Reptile: Painted Turtle 1995

A poem for a **turtle** on a Saturday afternoon

Crickets
are the only
friends of this lone turtle
painted red, as he waits for night
to come.



State Game Mammal:

White-tailed Deer 1997

Dear Deer,
It is not wise
to roam too far,
'cause you may meet
a passing car.



White-tailed Deer

COUSIN JACKS

The **ORIGIN**
of the **pasty!**



**I think we should say thank you
To the copper-mining men**

**Who traveled here from England,
Long ago and way-back-when.**

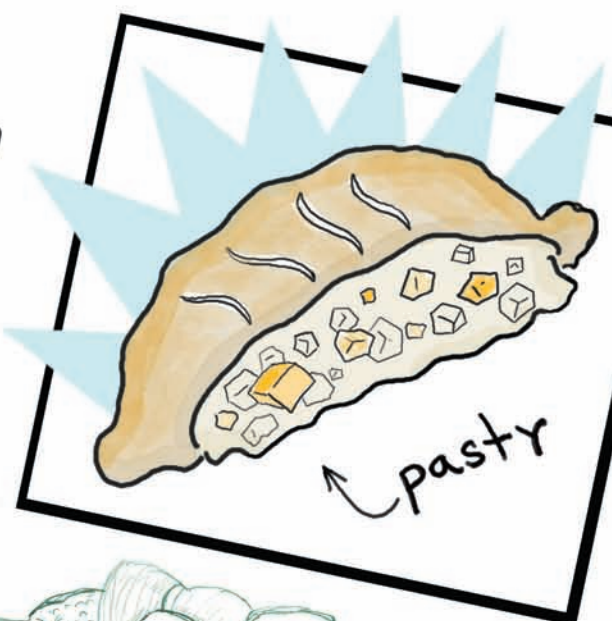
**They brought with them
the pasty –**

Meats and veggies all in one.

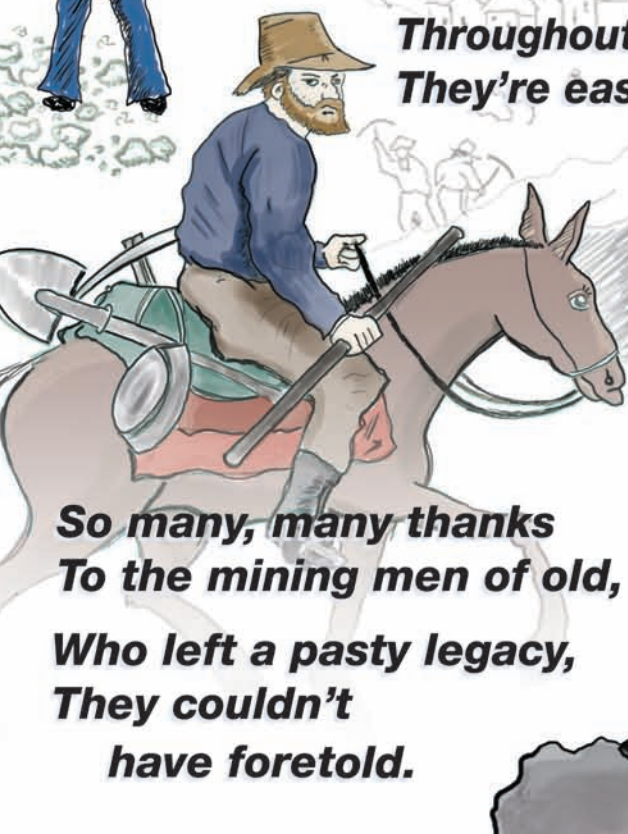
**Long before fast-food,
They could eat them on the run.**

**These men are now long gone,
Yet the pasty has remained.**

**Throughout the whole U.P.,
They're easily obtained.**



**So many, many thanks
To the mining men of old,
Who left a pasty legacy,
They couldn't
have foretold.**



the ERA of LOGGING

(LATE 1830s TO EARLY 1900s)

A Poem For Two

Voice #1 Both Voices Voice #2

**Trees were cleared
It was needed
To prepare the land**

It was a bonus

**It was wanted
By people from other states
Chicago was growing**

The land had to be bought

**Down the rivers they went
The sawmills would cut**

The boards were

The boards were

**Buildings were built
And the process repeated
'Til the trees were no more**

It was needed

For farming

It was a bonus

**That people paid for the
lumber that was cut**

It was wanted

New trees had to be found

The trees had to be cut

They had to be moved

Down the rivers they went

The wood into boards

Sold

Bought

Buildings were built

'Til the trees were no more





There once was a girl from **Clare**
Who said, "I've nothing to wear!"
Her mother was mad,
So without feeling bad,
She sent her to school quite bare.

TOPINA BEE



Michigan
has over
635 cities!

These are
just a few.

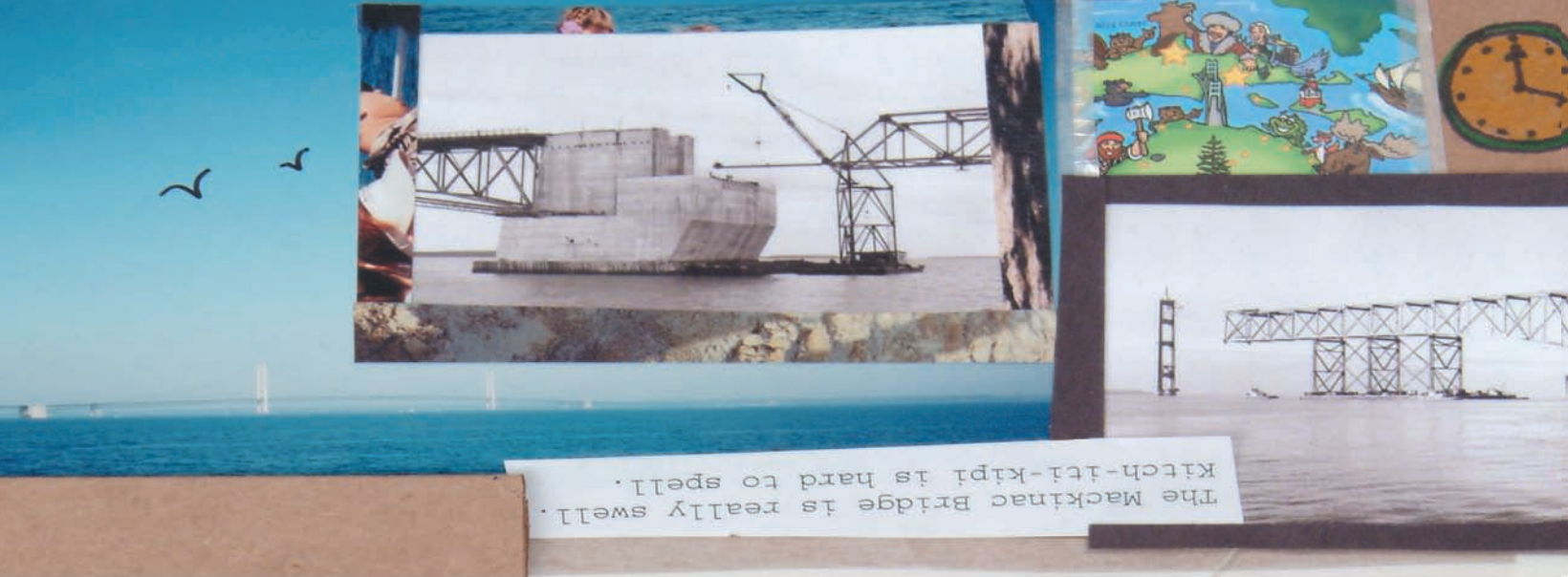


There once was a boy from **Marquette**
 Whose name was hard to forget.
 His name was not Andy,
 Tom, Billy, or Randy.
 His parents had named him **Jeanette**.



There once was a boy from **Houghton**
 Who really enjoyed goin' boatin'.
 He was havin' a blast,
 But was goin' too fast,
 And so, he ended up floatin'.





A Day on the Mighty Mac

It was 4 a.m. My brother stood outside our tent, hollering at us to get up. We rubbed our eyes and groaned as we realized this was really happening. We unzipped our tent and saw that it was still night.

We gathered our things and walked to the designated pick-up spot. Somehow we had missed the first bus, which made us laugh that there were people here crazier than we were.

On the bus ride over, it was a struggle to stay awake. Our half-open lids popped wide open though, when we reached the drop-off point in Mackinaw City. Thousands of people were already in line, and it wasn't even 5 a.m. We had to wait for another bus that would take us across the bridge to St. Ignace where the walk would begin.

An hour in line went by quickly though, as we talked with each other and pointed out the people who had dozens of patches on their jackets, indicating how many other Labor Days had been spent just like this.

Once we finally got on a bus and across the bridge, our eyes again grew wide at the sight of thousands more people waiting here for the walk to begin.





A short time later, the Governor gave the annual commencement speech. The crowd surged forward as one; there was no turning back now. Five miles of bridge lay ahead of us to be conquered. Our spirits were high as we moved ahead, over the water. (I was just praying I wouldn't have to go to the bathroom.)

As we reached the mid-point of the bridge, we slowed down to look behind us at the tens of thousands of people coming our way. It seemed like an endless stream of people. As we turned back around, we smiled – there were only a thousand or so ahead of us.

Our sense of accomplishment grew as we neared the end point. We could see the volunteers who were waiting to hand us our certificates and give us a warm congratulatory smile.

As we took those pieces of paper, it was hard to think of anything but finding a place to give our tired and hungry bodies a rest.

As we all sat over scrambled eggs and orange juice, Dad asked us if we wanted to do it again next year.

I smiled and said, "We'll see..."





Upper Lake

Michigan.

It's the only place throughout the world,

Head of a Wild Bear

**across the lands, that's easy to draw -
just trace your hands!**

Great Water

Sparkling Water

Lakes of the Cat

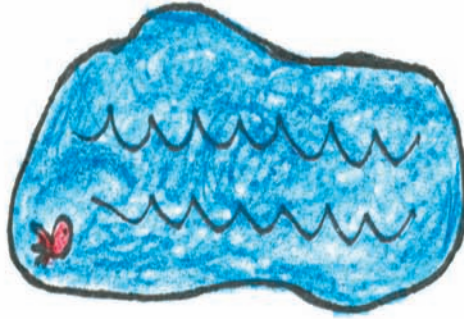
1998

State Wildflower: ????

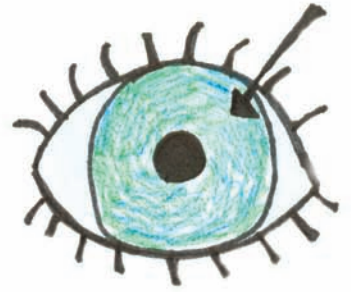
(an endangered species)



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Can you
guess what it is?

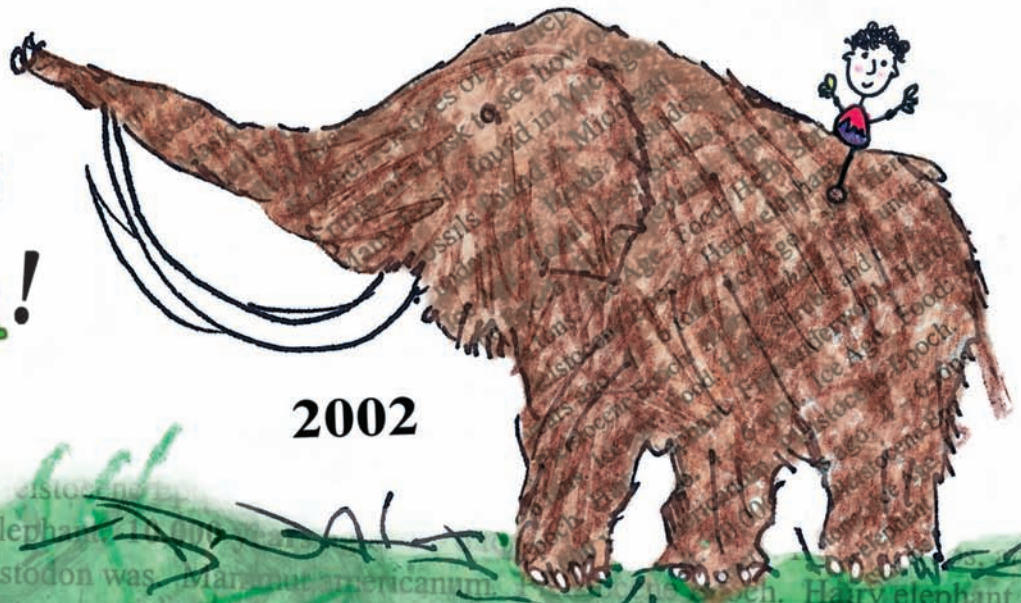
Answer - Dwarf Lake Iris

State Fossil: Mastodon! Mastodon!

He's good for riding on.

He's **big** and **hairy**, not too **Scary**;

Dad would
love one
for the **lawn!**



2002

There's a **whole lot MORE**

to **MICHIGAN**

than what was

in our **BOOK...**

So Do some
RESEARCH

and some
READING,

GO OUT and

take a **LOOK...**

Special Thanks:

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“Wait! wait! **WAIT!** Don't close this **book!**

We can't end this book **YET!** I haven't even been mentioned! **Listen**, there's a **certain bird** (and I don't want to mention any names) that **leaves** the **state** when the weather gets **COLD!** I know, can you even **Believe** it?! I, on the other hand, **stick around** the **ENTIRE** year. Wouldn't it be **great** to have **ME** as representative? It's time to give **someone else** a chance. So what I'm saying is, I think we need to **RE-THINK**



Black-capped
Chickadee

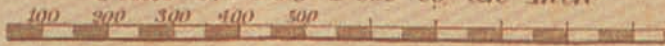
this **whole**
state bird
business!

“Hey! What
about Me?!”

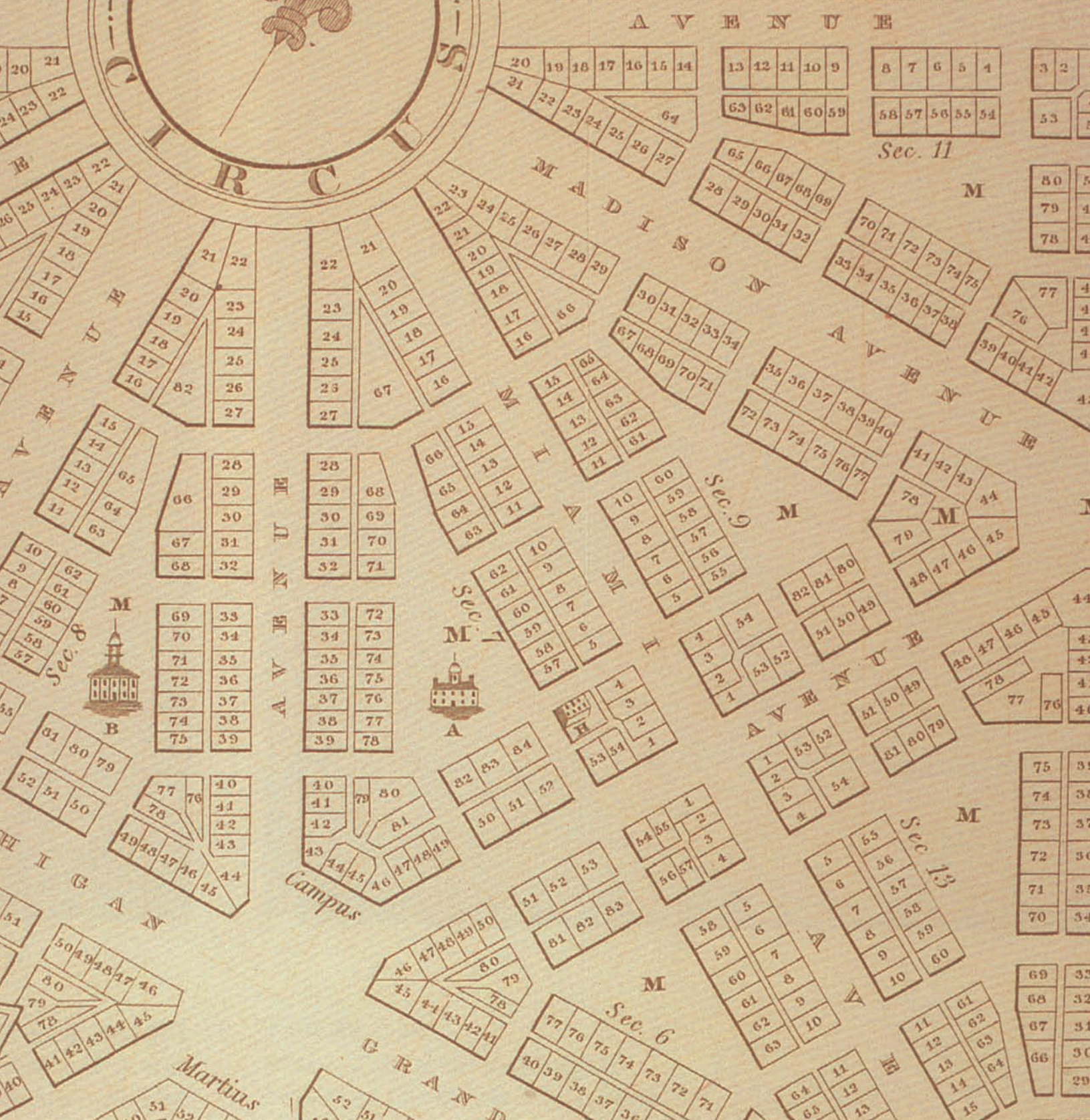
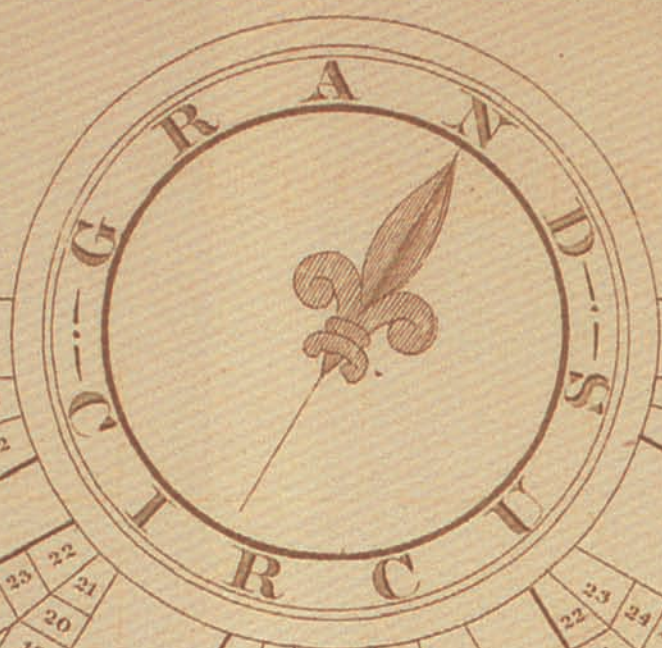


Kirtland's
Warbler

Scale of 500 Feet to an Inch



PLAN OF DETROIT



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Sec. 11

MADISON

AVENUE

Sec. 9

Sec. 7

AVENUE

Sec. 13

Sec. 6

Martins

Campus



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Castle Rock
St. Ignace, Michigan

Saint Fish Hatchery, Painesville, Michigan

ROMBERG

City Hall - Poul City

BRON
CHRISTmas U
Frankenm



Michigan is
pretty great.

This book
is alright, too.

WE'VE LOTS OF RIVERS, LOTS OF LAKES.
IN THE FALL WE USE OUR RAKES.



↑ Bar code ↑

MICHIGAN IS A SUPER STATE.
I THINK IT'S REALLY SUPER GREAT.



Robin

Mason was governor at age 19
Michigan skies are quite serene

STATE



What's going to happen to the Michigan monkey-flower?
How ~~the~~ ^{difficult} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~today~~ without the resources from the
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