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A tablet of red catlinite taken from an archaeological site in Lyon County, Iowa, bears a crude drawing of an animal, apparently a buffalo. This primitive effort to depict life in Iowa illustrates man's urge to preserve a pictorial record of his experiences, surroundings, and achievements. Gradually man acquired more skill in drawing and painting and invented machines to assist him in making pictures. Today man is picture conscious as never before in the history of the world.

This number of The Palimpsest contains a series of pictures and maps illustrating the history of Iowa. An effort has been made to select pictures which are significant in the development of the State, but it has obviously been impossible to include all phases of life in Iowa or to present a complete sequence of events. The pictures included are listed on page 356.
FROM IOWA AND PROUD OF IT

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COURTESY OF J. N. DARLING
BLACK HAWK PURCHASE TREATY COUNCIL
The Territory of Iowa 1838

Scale of Miles

FROM DRAWING BY SHIRLEY BRIGGS IN THE PALIMPSEST JULY 1938
Railroad train at Indianola in 1881

Rock Island Rocket crossing Iowa
CARS PARKED AT IOWA STATE FAIR 1937

TRAVEL BY AIR

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FROM CLOSZ'S REMINISCENCES OF NEWCASTLE  COURTESY OF JEAN G. JOHNSTON

AN IOWA LOG CABIN

HOME OF ANTOINE LE CLAIRE AT DAVENPORT  FIRST RAILROAD STATION WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI

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FIRST CHURCH BUILDING IN IOWA
BUILT BY METHODISTS AT DUBUQUE 1834
FROM MURAL BY EDWIN H. BLASHFIELD IN THE STATE CAPITOL AT DES MOINES
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WESTWARD

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FROM A PICTURE ABOUT 1868

THE OLD STONE CAPITOL AT IOWA CITY
CAPITOL OF THE STATE OF IOWA 1846–1857
PLANTING CORN WITH A HOE

FOUR-ROW CORNPLANTER
REAPER INVENTED BY C. H. McCormick in 1831

MECHANICAL CORNPicker
FROM A PRINT IN PORTRAIT AND BIOGRAPHICAL ALBUM OF DES MOINES COUNTY
FARM RESIDENCE IN DES MOINES COUNTY BUILT 1881
HOME IN INSERT BUILT 1851
FROM AN AIRPLANE PHOTOGRAPH

MODERN FARMSTEAD IN MARSHALL COUNTY

COURTESY OF DON ULTANG AND THE DES MOINES REGISTER AND TRIBUNE