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A Legend of Lake Koshkonong.

Many of the guests of Koshkonong hotel, kept by that genial landlord, Robt. Carr, Esq., have viewed the large Indian mound situated about forty rods south-east of the hotel, in a piece of second growth timber, and looked with curiosity upon the various other mounds in that locality, yet but few persons have heard the story of the origin of these works of a prehistoric race.

While stopping for a few days lately at the above named hotel, during an afternoon ramble the writer met an old Indian on the shore of the Lake near the foot of the bank upon which the large mound is located. His lodge was made under the spreading branches of a willow tree near a spring of clear, cold water; with him were his two sons, both very old men. The ancient Indian has made periodical visits to this spot from a time beyond which the memory of no white man runneth back. This relic of a past century repeated to me, in broken English, the following "Legend of Lake Koshkonong."

There dwelt, many years ago, on the banks of the lake at this place *Ko-ka-mo*, an Indian chief, and his family consisting of his wife, two sons and a daughter. The latter, *La-lu-ma*, was known far and near for her great personal beauty and rare accomplishments. Her form was as lithe and yet as sinewy as the antelope's. With large expressive eyes whose lustre rivaled the stars; a rich-hued transparent skin through which the red blood could be seen when she blushed at some gallant remark of a warrior; and with her long, glossy, black hair braided down her back, or twined about her head, with here and there a white flower entwined in its folds, she was the admired of all the young men of her tribe, and also of those of other tribes who were so fortunate as to have seen her. None could manage a canoe more skillfully, or shoot an arrow with more success than she; and many a trophy from the water and the forest added to the family larder, attested her proficiency in the hunt. Scattered about on both sides of the river which at this point flows out from the lake, were the num-

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