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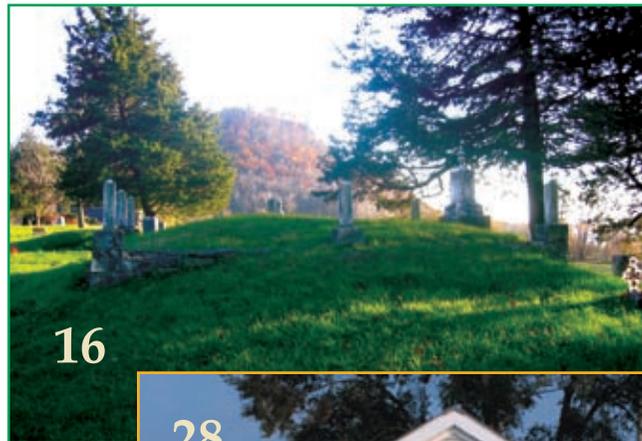
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Cover: A goat prairie in transition along Minnesota's Whitewater River, a tributary of the Mississippi.
(Curtiss Preuss)

Top: Indian mounds are protected by graves of the settlers.
(Robert Boszhardt)

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