

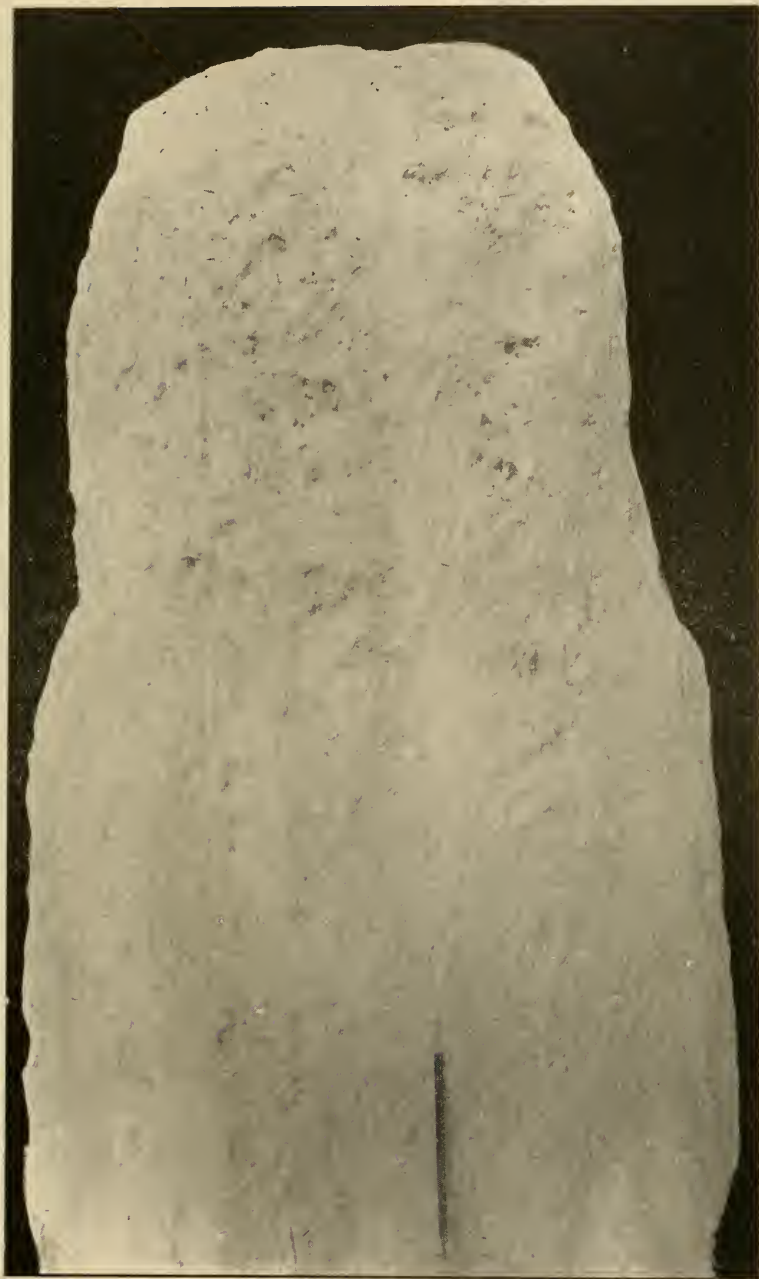
AN INTERESTING BOWLDER.

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On the lawn in front of the residence of Thomas B. Miller, one-half mile north of New Richmond, Montgomery County, Indiana, stands the very interesting boulder, a cut of which is given herewith. It is nearly five feet in length, and from two to three feet in diameter. It is roughly cylindrical in shape, and so white as to give most people who see it the impression that it has recently received a copious coating of whitewash. A closer examination shows a curious and beautiful structure, which may be compared to that of an immense stick of white taffy, strands of which had been drawn out into small ropes, braided, twisted and then doubled or folded, given a final pull and allowed to cool.

A small fragment analyzed at the chemical laboratory of Rose Polytechnic Institute, Terre Haute, Indiana, by Mr. J. W. Shepherd, was pronounced foliated serpentine. It was found in excavating the cellar of the residence, in front of which it stands. A smaller boulder of the same material, and no doubt a fragment of the larger one, was found near it in the excavation.

The location is on the ridge of the Darlington-Independence Kame Moraine and near the parallel boulder train mentioned in the article on the Physical Geography of the Great Bend of the Wabash. Its presence, in the region where found, may be explained in the same way that the presence of the thousands of others may be explained, but its composition and structure mark it as so uncommon that its source would throw much light upon the direction and distance of movement of the drift in the region where it was found. It is hoped that this description may meet the eye of some person who can give information as to its probable source.



BOWDER OF FOLIATED SERPENTINE, NEW RICHMOND, INDIANA.