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GREAT CLAY INDUSTRY
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Decrease in Number of Bricks and Tiles Made—Increase
in Pottery Trade.

The total value of all clay products
manufactured in 1911, according to
H. H. Macdichion, in an advance
chapter from "Mineral Resources" for
that year, entitled "Statistics of the
Clay Working Industries," has been
published by the United States Geo-
logical Survey, as $102,236,381, a
decrease of $1,875,765 from the value
of such products for 1910, when it
came to $114,112,146. 1

Of the two great divisions of the
industry, brick and tile and pottery,
the pottery trade showed an increase.
The decrease in the brick and tile
industry was $8,675. The increase
in the pottery industry was $73,882.

In the brick and tile industry there
were decreases in both quantity and
value of common brick, in the num-
ber of vitrified paving bricks, in the
value of fancy ornaments, in the brick,
and in the value of drain tile, and
architectural terra cotta. There were,
however, increases in the value of
vitrified paving brick, in the quantity
and value of brick in the value of
enameled brick, stove lining, sewer pipe, fireproofing, and the miscellaneous
items. The decrease in the output of
common brick may be partly accounted
for by the increased use of hollow
blocks or tile for the construction of
large buildings and even of dwell-
ings. This form of construction of-
fers many advantages, among which
are economy in construction, the ease
and rapidity with which the ma-
terial can be put in the wall, and its
non-conductivity. It is believed that
there will not be any rapid increase
in the production of common brick in
the future and it is probable that the
use of hollow tile or block will large-
ty increase.

The value of drain tile increased
considerably for 15 years up to 1909,
and then showed a large decrease—15.65 per cent—the largest propor-
tional decrease of all the clay prod-

The decrease is thought to be due to the unusually
dry season, obviating the immediate need for the use of drain tile.
Ohio led all the States in the value of its clay products in 1911, with
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