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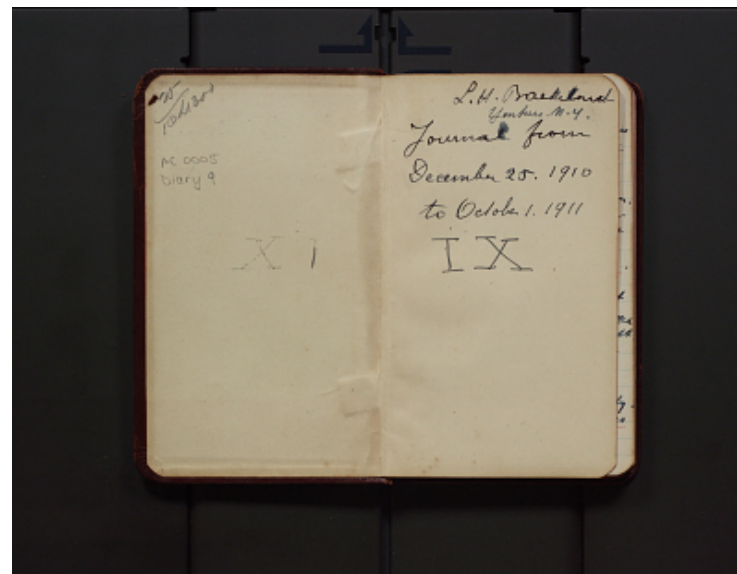
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L.H. Baekeland  
Yonders, N.Y.  
Journal from December 25. 1910 to October 1. 1911

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December 26. Quiet day stayed indoors and wrote many new year letters

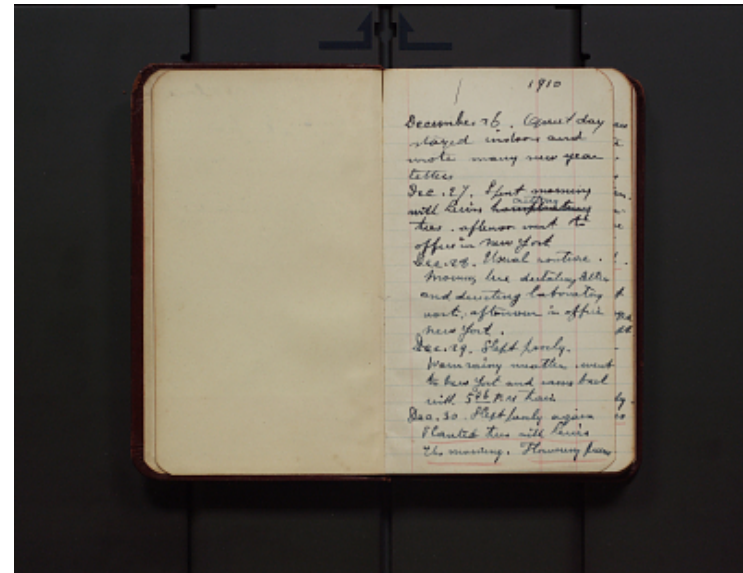
Dec. 27. Spend morning with Lewis ~~hours~~ planting ~~cutting~~ trees. afternoon went to office in New York

Dec. 28. Usual routine. Morning here dictating letters and directing laboratory work; afternoon in office New York.

Dec. 29. Slept poorly. Warm rainy weather. went to New York and came back with 546 P.M train

Dec. 30 Slept poorly again Planted trees with Lewis this morning. Flowering prune Planted trees with Lewis

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tree removed before house. big deep roots and planted near lower slope of hill.

Made some varnish for Welsbach Co by adding some new A to varnish N?1. Went to New York and met. Rebman, [[Diche?]], Blair of Gottfried Paterson at office. Then went to University Club and met Anthony who introduced me to Geo. [[M. Finney?]] whom I ~~propose~~ promised to send copy of my writing; he is a lawyer and in as far as he says that his favorite authors are

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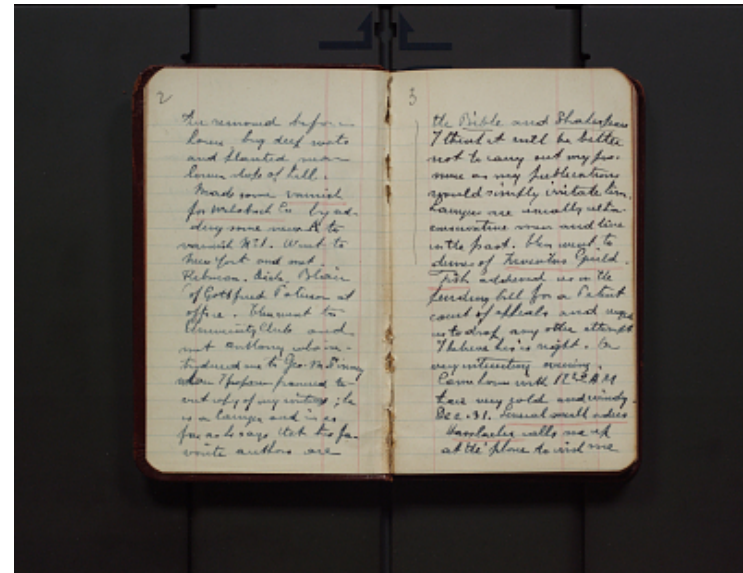
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The Bible and Shakespeare I think it will be better not to carry out my promise as my publications would simply irritate him. Lawyers are usually ultra-conservative men and live in the past. Then went to dinner of Inventors Guild. [[Fish?]] addressed us on the pending bill for a Patent court of appeals and urged us to drop any other attempt. I believe he is right. A very interesting evening.

Came home with 12 20 AM train very cold and windy.

Dec. 31. Several small orders Hasslach calls me up at the 'phone to wish me



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happy New Year. Spent most of day in laboratory. Took nap in afternoon. Cold crisp weather. went to bed early. Children are at another party.

January 1. 1911

a most foggy rainy lukewarm day. Spent morning ~~reading and planning~~ reading and planning. Afternoon drove to New York visiting first to Hasslach's, wife and children in; then to Bach's, then to Baskerville to inquire about their boys health who just came back from hospital, operation

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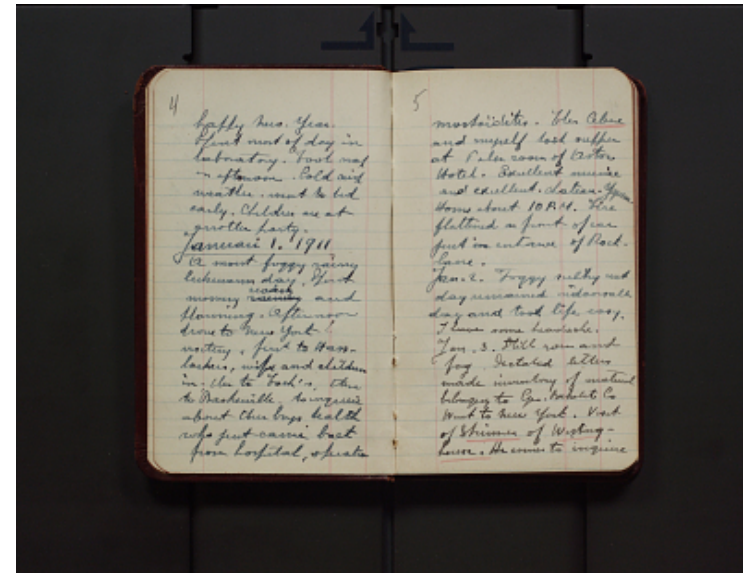
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mastoiditis. Then Celine and myself took supper at Palm room of Astor Hotel. Excellent cuisine and excellent. chateau. Yquem. Home about 10 P.M. Tire flattened on front of car just in entrance of Rock. lane.

Jan. 2. Foggy sultry wet day remained indoors all day and took life easy. I have some headache.

Jan. 3. Still rain and fog. Dictated letters made inventory of material belonging to Gen. Bakelite Co Went to New York. Visit of Skinner of Westinghouse.

He comes to inquire



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whether we can furnish promptly 15 barrels etc.

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This sounds good. Then came Cummings of Johns Mandeville. wants to impregnate water-closet seats. Showed him our samples.

Jan. 4. At 11 AM. meeting of directors of General Bakelite. Williams and Dubois absent. Lunch with Roessler. Foersterling and Hasslacher at Drug Club

Felt heavy? and gloomy and tired. Went to automobile show at Grand Central Palace. One floor was filled with flying machines and models

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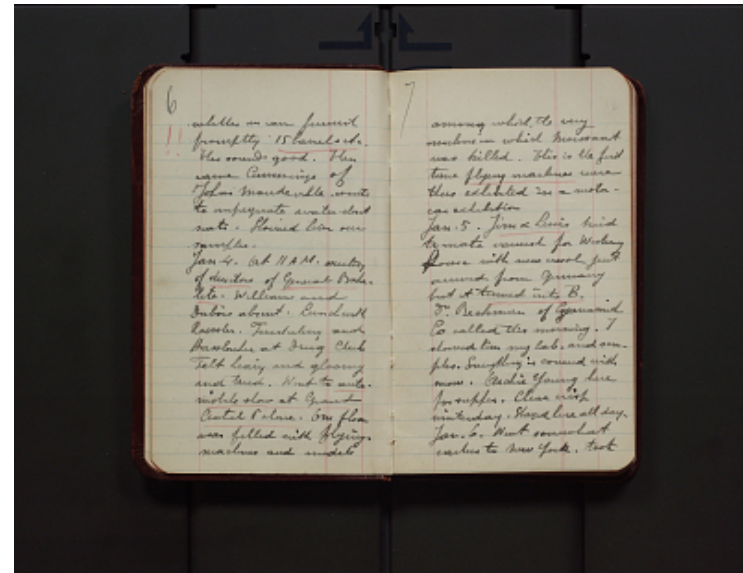
among which the very machine in which Moissant was killed. This is the first time flying machines were thus exhibited in a motor-car exhibition

Jan. 5. Jim & Lewis had to make varnish for Westinghouse with new cresol just arrived from Germany but it turned into B.

Dr. Bechman of Cyanamid Co called this morning. I showed him my lab. and samples. Everything is covered with snow. Archie Young here for supper. Clear crisp wintersday. Stayed here all day.

Jan. 6. Went somewhat earlier to New York. took

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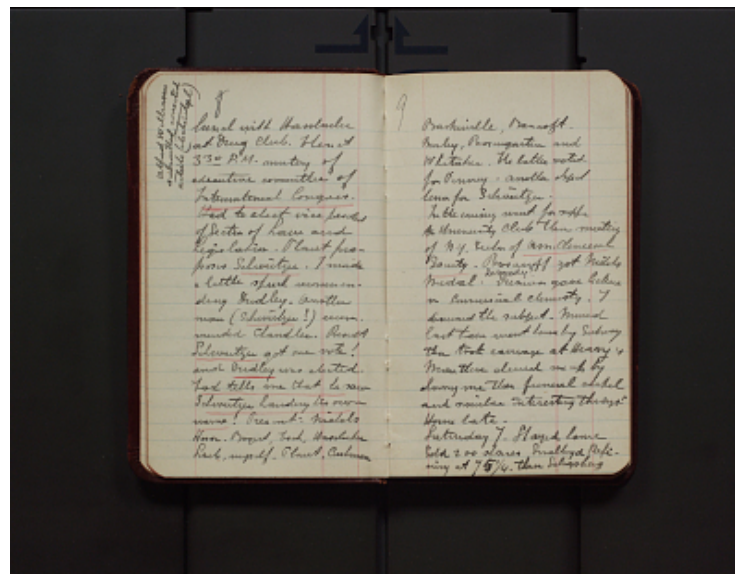
Lunch with Hasslacher at Drug Club. Then at 3 30 P.M. meeting of executive committee of International Congress. Had to elect vice president of Section of Law and Legislation. Plant? proposes Schweitzer. I made a little speech recommending Dudley. Another man (Schweitzer?) recommended Chandler. Result Schweitzer got one vote! and Dudley was elected.

Tach? tells me that he saw Schweitzer handing his own name! Present: Nichols, Hesse, Bogert, Tach?, Hasslacher, Loeb, myself, Plant, Cushman

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Baskerville, Bancroft, Morley, Rosengarten and Whitaker. The latter voted for Pinney. Another object lesson for Schweitzer. In the evening went for supper to University Club then meeting of N.Y. Sectn of Am. Chemical Society. Revianoff? got Nichols Medal. Kennedy? Duncan gave lecture on commercial chemistry. I discussed the subject. Missed last train went home by Subway then took carriage at Henry's Man there slowed me up by showing me their funeral chapel and similar interesting things! Home late.  
Saturday 7. Stayed home sold 200 shares Smelting & Refining at 75 1/4 thru Seligsberg



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Remained home and had a restful day

Sunday 8. Mild day somewhat cloudy. Strolled thru lower garden at Untermyers then got visit from [[Tach?]] Mrs. [[Tach?]] and Moore in motor car of latter. [[underlined in red]] Showed [[Tach?]] further progress in varnish, and gave him samples. [[underlined in red]]

Took nap then Obermeyer of ~~[[strickethrough]]~~ Habirsha ~~[[/strickethrough]]~~ ~~[[Habersham?]]~~ came to call. Celine went with Motor Car to New York to musicale at Warburgs. Professor ~~[[Parr?]]~~ here this morning. ~~[[strickethrough]]~~ In the afternoon ~~[[Acheson?]]~~ visited us with Mrs. A. and his daughter in limousine. are living now in N. Y.

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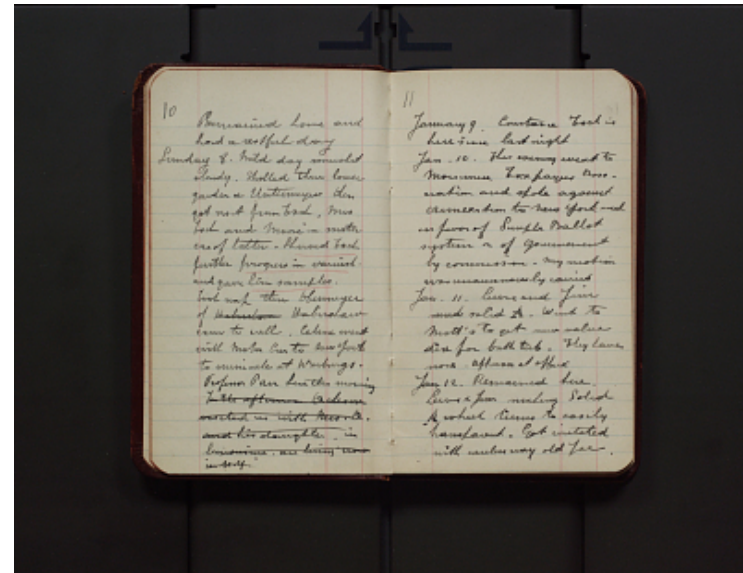
January 9 Constance back is here since last night.

Jan. 10. This evening went to ~~[[Maximum?]]~~ Taxpayers Association and spoke against annexation to New York and in favor of Simple Ballot system or of Government by commission. My motion was unannumously carried.

Jan. 11. Lewis and Jim made solid A. Went to Mott's to get new value dise for bathtub. They have none. Afternoon at office.

Jan. 12 Remained here. Lewis & Jim making Solid A which turns to easily transparent. Got irritated with careless way old Joe.

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attends to his boiler. Poor old chap he does the best he can.

Jan 13. Rain. went to dentist. then to office. Cheerless day.

Jan 14. Here all morning in laboratory and dictating letters. Warm unpleasant weather. In the afternoon drove to reception at Prof. Bogerts Unpleasant weather rains dogs and cats. Went to meeting with George for single ballot, organized by Ten Eyck. Only about 10 present (at Y.M.A. rooms) very distressing affair with

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enthusiasm shown. No wonder politicians rule this country. Came home tired

Jan 15. (Sunday). [[Acheson?]] here this afternoon in limousine with his wife and widowed daughter

Jan 16. Went to dentist; then to office. Lederer [[came?]] to see me for jewelry. Cutting for closet seats. (John Mandeville) Irritation [[at office]] on account of [[inserted above line]] Mays [[inserted above line]] incompetent typewriter. [[at office]]

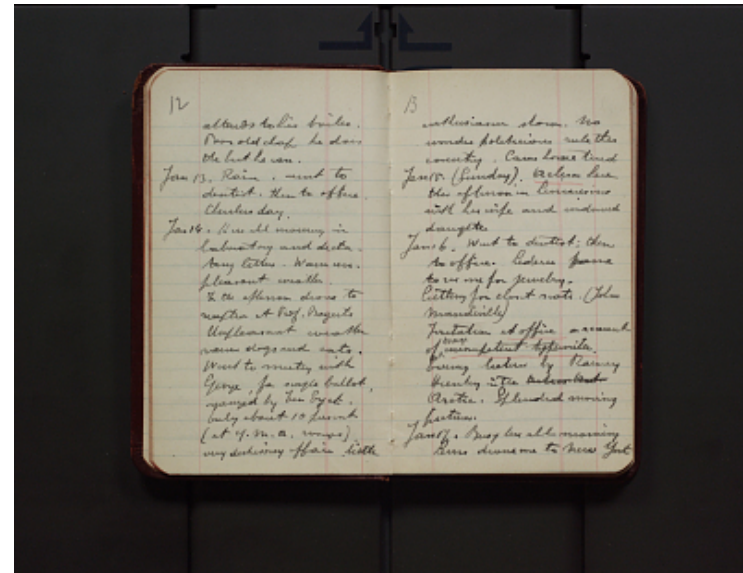
Evening lecture by Rainey

Hunting in the ~~[[strikethrough]]~~ [[land?]] Arctic. Splendid moving pictures.

Jan 17. Busy here all morning

Lewis drove me to New York

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but belt was off fan motor overheated and got stalled at 180 st  
Met Dr Takayama and Talamine? at office showed samples of Bakelite  
[[/underlined in red]]. Then had lunch together at Drug Club with Nichols,  
Baskerville

Loeb, Tach? etc

Jan 18. Toothache last night and to day. Ted Casey  
[[/underlined in red]] announces me he does not want to go to Perth  
Amboy more bother and irritation. May [[/underlined in red]]  
[[/underlined in red]] is away since Friday. Got lunch at 4 P.M. Had meeting of  
Protal [[/underlined in red]] Co for 2 to 4 P.M. Peters,  
Williams, Kent, V. Sinteren

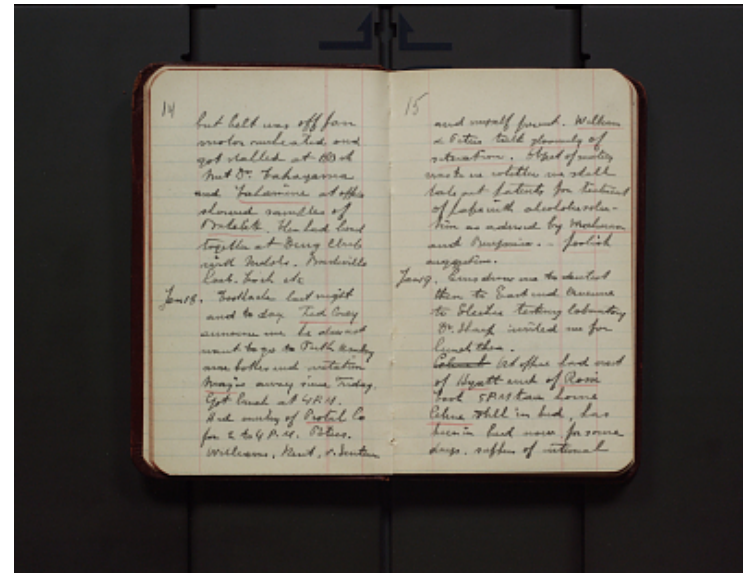
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and myself present. Williams and Peters talk  
gloomily of situation. Object of meeting was to see  
whether we shall take out patents for treatment of paper with alcoholic  
solution as advised by Wiedman [[/underlined in red]] Benjamin [[/underlined in red]]. -  
foolish [[/underlined in red]] suggestion.

Jan 19. Lewis drove me to dentist then to East end Avenue to Electric  
testing laboratory Dr Sharp invited me for lunch there. ~~Celine b~~  
At office had visit of Hyatt  
[[/underlined in red]] and of Rossi [[/underlined in red]]  
[[/underlined in red]] Took 5 P.M train home Celine [[/underlined in red]]  
[[/underlined in red]] still in bed, has been in bed now for some days, suffers of internal  
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pains. George reads Mr. Dooley and makes us all laugh. This illness of Celine takes away her valuable help at a time when I need it most.

Jan 20. Took lunch with Hasslacher. then got securities for Seligsberg and put them in my box.

10,000. B.R.T

100. U. S. <sup>[[inserted above line]]</sup> Steel <sup>[[inserted above line]]</sup> com.

200. V. C.

and gave him 200 S. & R. com.

At 3 P.M meeting with Mr Siegel of Lockport <sup>^</sup>[[ Industrial Fibre Co.]] and [[Cutting/Cuttry?]] of John Mandeville explained then in detail how Bakelite

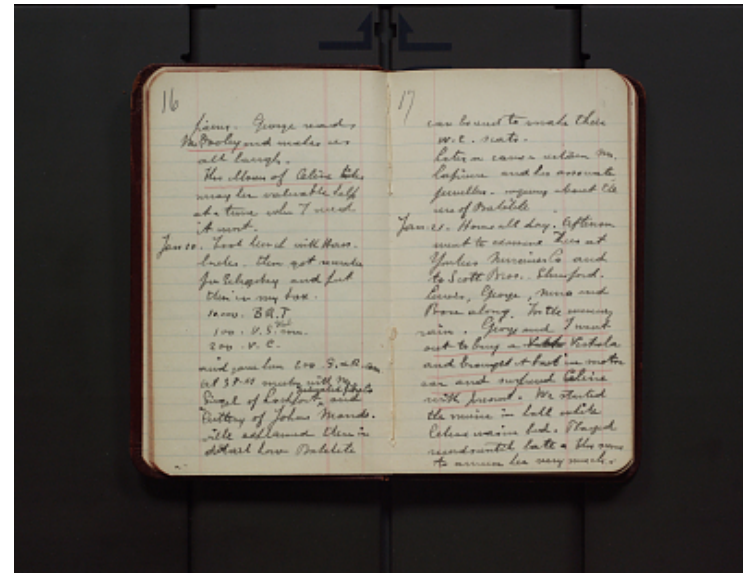
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can be used to make their w. c. seats. Later on came a certain Mr Lapiere and his associate jewelers. inquiry about the use of Bakelite.

Jan. 21. Home all day. Afternoon went to examine trees at Yonkers Nurseries Co. and to Scott Bros. <sup>[[Stansford?]]</sup>. Lewis, George, Nina and Rose along. In the evening rain. George and I went out to buy a ~~Vitola~~ ~~Victrola~~ and brought it back in motor car and surprised Celine with present. We started the music in hall while Celine was in bed. Played records until late. This seems to amuse her very much.  
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Jan. 22. Restful day. Slept in afternoon. Remainder of day played phonograph.

[[vertical red line in margin highlighting the remainder of this day's entry]] It is wonderful what a progress has been made in these talking machines. No more those nasal tones of the old Edison phonograph. The illusion is sometimes complete

Jan. 23 Has snowed during night. Landscape all white Mild weather. Motored to Steadmans to buy more phonograph records and to return those we do not want. Took 12 51 train to New York and returned with 5 31 P.M train. Played the new records all evening

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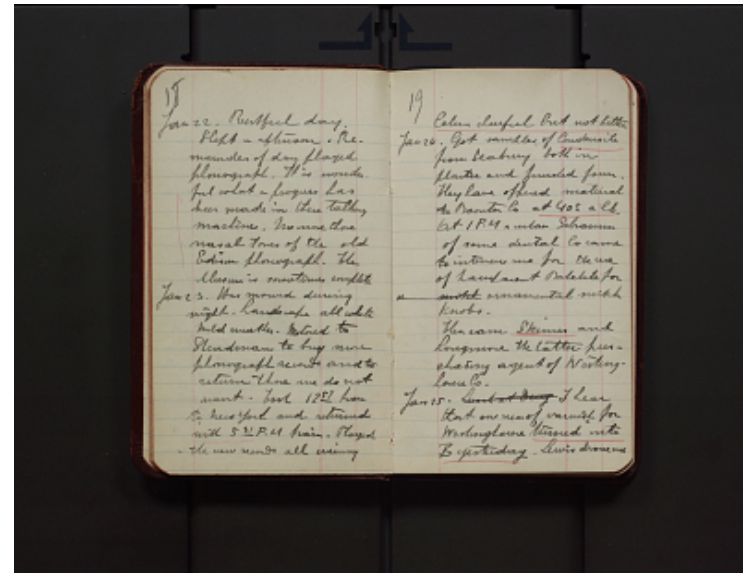
Celine cheerful but not better

Jan 24. Got samples of Condensite from Seabury both in plastic and finished form. They have offered material to Boonton Co at 40 c a lb. At 1 P.M a certain Schramm? of some dental Co came to interview me for the use of transparent Bakelite for ~~switch~~ ornamental switch knobs.

Then came Skinner and Longmore the latter purchasing agent of Westinghouse Co.

Jan. 25. ~~Lunch at Drug~~ I hear that one use of varnish for Westinghouse turned into B yesterday. Lewis drove me

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to 10 20 A.M train.

Returned records I do not want. Lunch with Dr. Frank and one of engineers of Portal Telegraph Co at Drug Club. Took 5 15 P.M train home.

Jan. 26. Lewis drove me to 10 20 P.M train. Lunched at Drug Club with Brock?, Seabury and Hasslacher They want more money for their enterprise and besides want monopoly for rubber - Bakelite.

Took train to Perth Amboy at 3 40 P.M.

Foggy rainy day. Was glad to see that Rossi has done excellent work. and that we shall

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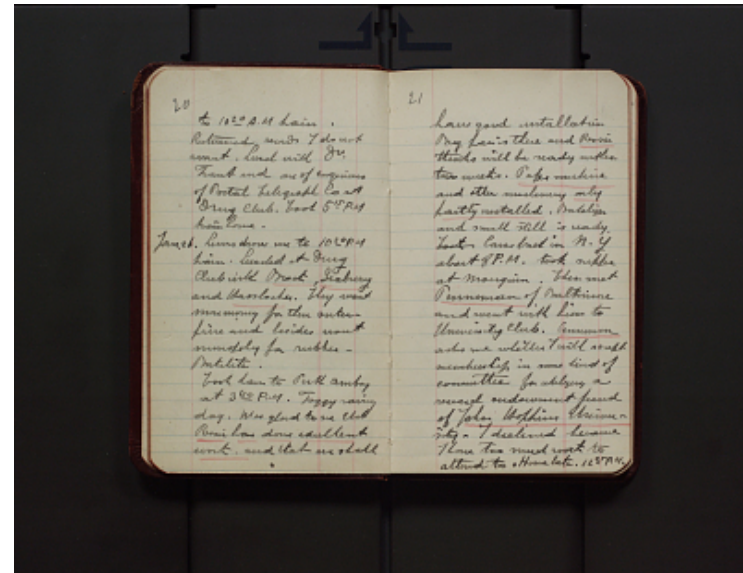
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have good installation [[Big?]] [[Harris?]] is there and Rossi thinks will be ready within two weeks. Paper machine and other machinery only partly installed. Bakelizer and small still is ready. ~~back~~

~~[[/strikethrough]]~~ Came back in N.Y about 8 P.M. took supper at Mouquin. Then met Penneman of Baltimore and went with him to University Club. Penneman asks me whether I will accept membership in some kind of committee for utilizing a research endowment fund of John Hopkins University. I declined because there's too much work to attend to. Home late. 12 35 P.M.

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and felt very tired.

Jan. 27 ~~[[striketrough]]~~ Took ~~[[/striketrough]]~~ Feel [[underlined in red]] insufficiently rested. [[/underlined in red]]. Took 12 [[underlined]] 57 [[/underlined]] PM. train to New York. All afternoon at office. Miss Evans is ill too this cripples me still further in my work! ~~[[striketrough]]~~ At ~~[[striketrough]]~~ Evening supper off ~~[[striketrough]]~~ Invent ~~[[/striketrough]]~~ [[underlined in red]] Inventors Guild at Martins. [[/underlined in red]] Evening was devoted to discussing amendments proposed by Wadsworth relative the Patent Court of Appeals bill. Met Bianchi and came home together on last train. [[underlined in red]] Feel very tired. [[/underlined in red]]

Jan. 28 [[underlined in red]] Feel insufficiently rested. [[/underlined in red]]

Stayed home all day. Took

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nap. after lunch. The Loebs came here with their car to visit Celine. [[underlined in red]] Celine feels better but still in bed. [[/underlined in red]]

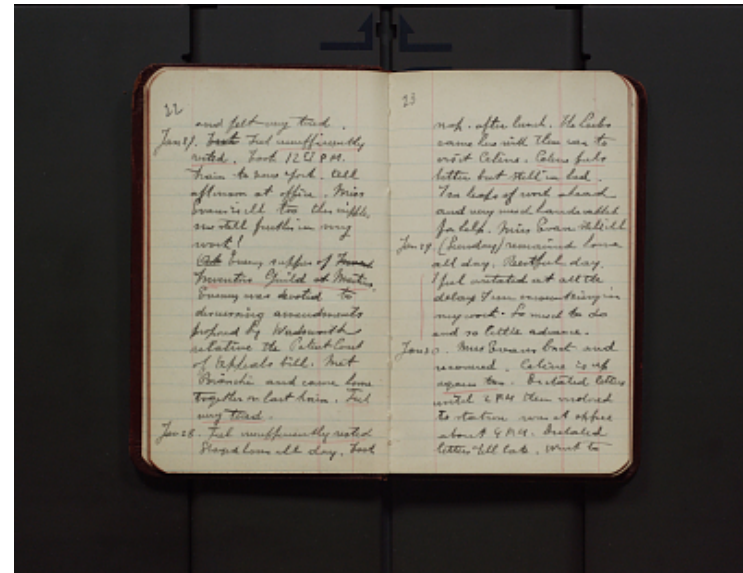
I see heaps of work ahead and very much handicapped for help. Miss Evans still ill

Jan 29. (Sunday) remained home all day. Restful day.

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I feel irritated at all the delays I am encountering in my work. So much to do and so little advance.

Jan 30. Miss Evans back and recovered. [[underlined in red]] Celine is up again too. [[/underlined in red]] Dictated letters until 2 P. M then motored to station was at office about 4 P.M. Dictated letters till late. Went to

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University Club for supper then meeting at Society Chemical Industry executive committee. Lewis came to fetch me went home with Baskervilles and Coblenz in my car. Slept badly. Fish supper was too heavy.

Jan. 31. Dictated letters all morning then hurried to office HM Potter there from Los Angeles who came specially for molded Bakelite parts for his amalgamation machine. Went to visit Chemists Club [[?]] with Potter met the other trustees there together with Bradley to find quarters for inventors guild. Mortar and plaster everywhere, but

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things look very promising

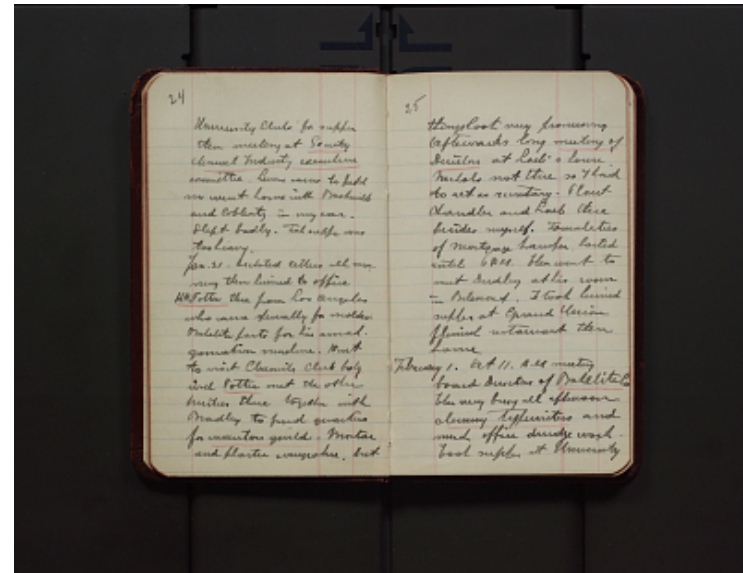
Afterwards long meeting of Directors at Loeb's house. Nichols not there so I had to act as secretary.

Chandler and Loeb there besides myself. Formalities of Mortgage transfer lasted until 6 P.M. Then went to meet Dudley at his room in Belmont. I took hurried supper at Grand Union restaurant then home

February 1. At 11.A.M. meeting board Directors of Bakelite Co. Then very busy all afternoon.

clumsy typewriters and much office drudge work. Took supper at University

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Club with Potter and Dudley then show Dudley to his hotel and Potter to  
[[~~69 East~~]] 44 East

6[[~~st.~~]] then Lewis drove me home.

Feb. 2. At noon [[Wickes?]] of  
[[Victor Talking machine]] Co took  
lunch with me at Drug Club. we talked over molding Bakelite for records.  
Says his results are very encouraging. [[Thinks]  
Bakelite is the material they want. [[Promised further]  
samples. At 2 P.M I hurried to meeting of [[Inter]]

[[?]]. Congress [[chemistry?]] in Nichols  
office. Took 5[[31]] P.M train for Yonkers  
Feb. 3. Got an order of [[12 Barrels]]

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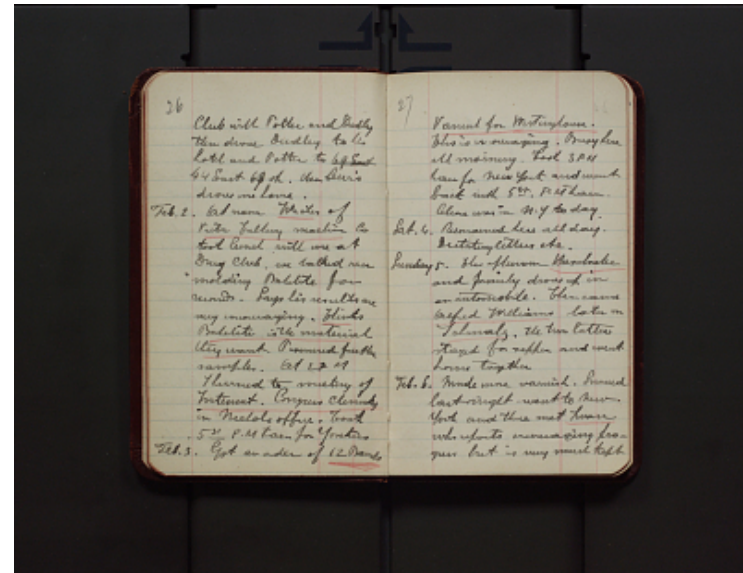
[[Varnish for Westinghouse]] This  
is encouraging. Busy here all morning. Took 3 P.M train for New York  
and went back with 5[[45]]. P.M train. Celine  
was in N.Y today.

Sat. 4. Remained here all day. Dictating letters etc.

Sunday 5. This afternoon [[Hasslach]]  
and family drove up in an automobile. Then came [[Alfred Williams]] later on [[Schmalz?]]. the two latter stayed for supper and  
went home together

Feb. 6. Made more varnish. Snowed last night. went to New. York and  
there met [[Lewis?]] who  
reports encouraging progress but is very much kept

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back on account of indecisive attitudes of officers of Protal Co.

An Italian engineer came to see but Gordon told him I was too busy and would not invest money in his wireless ~~companion~~ invention  
Feb. 7. Four inches snow. Stayed home all day. I feel very tired. Got a large box with phonograph Victor records Wicks and Celine and myself spent all afternoon listening to each of them. Gave me a headache

Feb. 8. Left early this morning Got mad because Mr. Frank is again late and kept me from getting away chemist of Rossi

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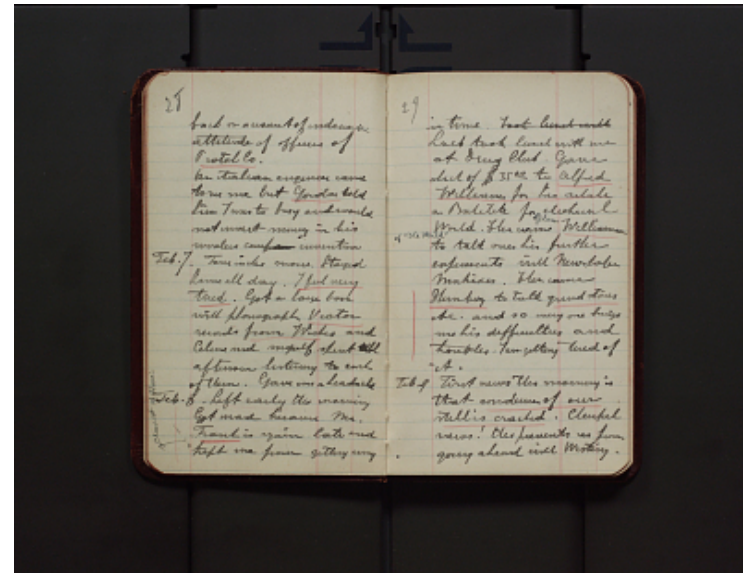
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in time. ~~Took lunch with~~ Loeb took lunch with me at Drug Club. Gave check of \$35.00 to Alfred Williams for his article on Bakelite for Chemical World. Then came <sup>^</sup>Glenn Williamson of "The World" to talk over his further experiments with Newspaper Sternberg to talk grind stones etc. and so every one brings me his difficulties and troubles. I am getting tired of it.

Feb. 9 First news this morning is that condenser of our still is cracked. Cheerful news! This prevents us from going ahead with Westing

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[[house {hyphenated end of Westinghouse}]] order regular after I have emphatically promised regular deliveries. Put Lewis and Jim to it it. Rushed to New York there a certain Mr Heller of that Bobbin Company in Pittsburgh came to see me about his bobbin which he wants to make waterproof. Came home more depressed. No end of work, every day more difficulties. I begin to feel mentally very tired.

Feb 10. We find out we cannot mend condenser as more cracked tubes are showing up. so I telephoned to Perth Amboy to get

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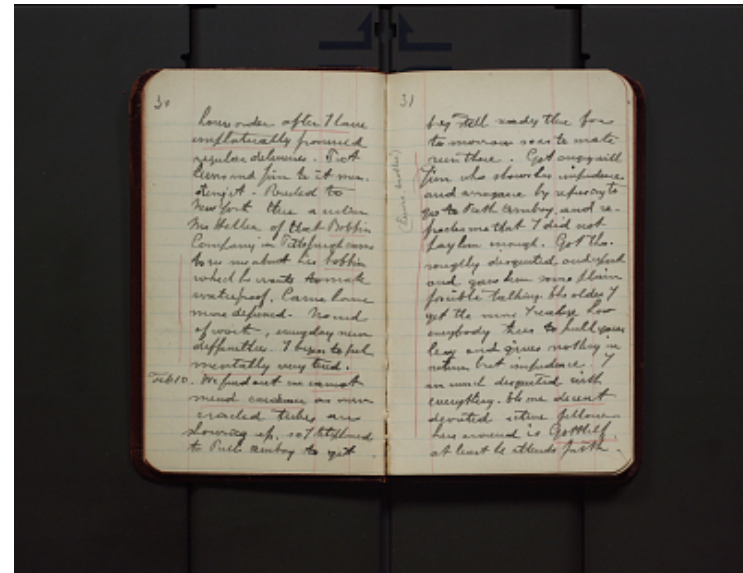
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big still ready there for to morrow so as to make

run there. Got angry with Jim who shows his impudence and arrogance by refusing to go to Perth Amboy. and reproaches me that I did not pay him enough. Got thoroughly disgusted and upset and gave him plain forcible talking. The older I get the more I realize how everybody tries to pull your leg and gives nothing in return but impudence. I am much disgusted with everything. The one decent devoted active fellow here around is

Gottlieb. at least he attends faith

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{faith-}fully to his work. ~~T~~ ~~Thurlow~~ promised me that he will sell me for five hundred Dollars one thousand dollars of his stock for Lewis whenever I ask him. This in order that Lewis may be able to buy some stock. Lewis left my service some time later after having had trouble with his wife, and became very careless about his work. See further. Went to N.Y at 3 P.M If I only could have a vacation far removed from my every day surroundings! Motor car is in the repair shop since ~~satur?~~ Friday on account of frozen pump which sheared off bevel gears of timer. But got it back to day.

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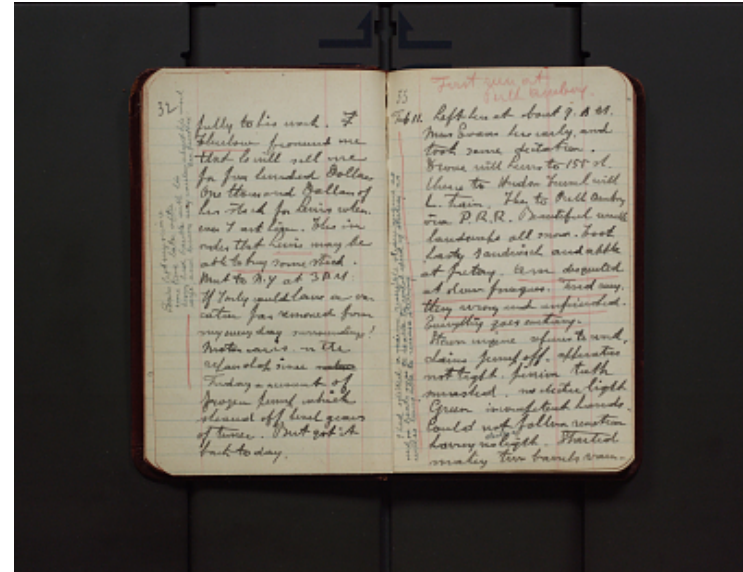
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Feb 11. Left here at about 9. AM. Mrs Evans here early and took some dictation. Drove with Lewis to 155 st. thence to Hudson Tunnel with L. train. Then to Perth Amboy via P.R.R. Beautiful weather landscape all morn. Took hasty sandwich and apple at factory. Am disgusted at slow progress. Find everything wrong and unfinished. Everything goes contrary. Steam engine refuses to work. chains jump off. apparatus not tight. pinion teeth smashed. no electric light Green incompetent hands. Could not follow reaction having no <sup>^</sup>electric light. Started making two barrels varn-  
[[vertical note in left margin, underlined in red]] I had selected a marine reversible steam engine as used on boats so as to be able to control speed of stirring as well as being able to reverse stirring [[end page]]



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[[Note in top margin]] reason for wanting reversible boat steam engine was that I had used successfully a similar engine for my outfit in Yonkers. [[end note]]

{varn-}nish, reaction became violent before we knew it. Pressure bigger and bigger. was afraid still was going to explode so made them all run out while I watched, knowing better what to expect, finally mastered reaction. Distilled off about 145 liters instead of 150. ~~[[striketrough]]~~ Dick ~~[[striketrough]]~~ Lost my temper several times Finally managed to pull~~[[?]]~~ this without a complete break down. then when everything was finished and while we were groping in the dark Frank foolishly took lantern to look in the still. A big alcohol

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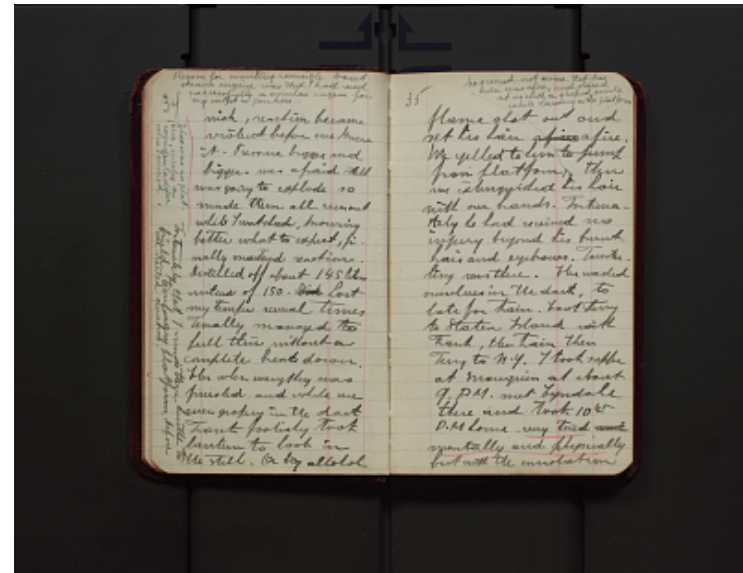
[[second note in left margin apparently written contemporaneously]] Fortunately that I made them hustle to build temporary platform [[added later in different pen]] before started operation. ~~[[added later]]~~ [[end note]]

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flame shot out and set his hair ~~[[striketrough]]~~ after ~~[[striketrough]]~~ afire. We yelled to him to jump from platform ~~[[insert in upper margin]]~~ he seemed not aware that his hair was afire, and stared at us with a stupid smile while landing~~[[?]]~~ on the platform ~~[[insert]]~~ then we extinguished his hair with our hands. Fortunately he had received no injury beyond his burnt hair and eyebrows. Foesterling was there. Then washed ourselves in the dark, to late for train. Took ferry to Staten Island with Frank, then train then Ferry to N.Y. I took supper at Mouquin at about 9. P.M. met Tyndale there and took 10 45 P.M home. very tired mentally and physically but with the consolation



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that Frank had not been injured and that my ten barrels of Varnish were finished. I doubt very much whether I shall not have to spend much time in Perth Amboy to hustle them up and to get things going. This is now almost 5 months since we started and we are not yet ready! [[All above text marked with vertical red line]]

Sunday 12 Did not sleep well. Spent morning reading and writing.

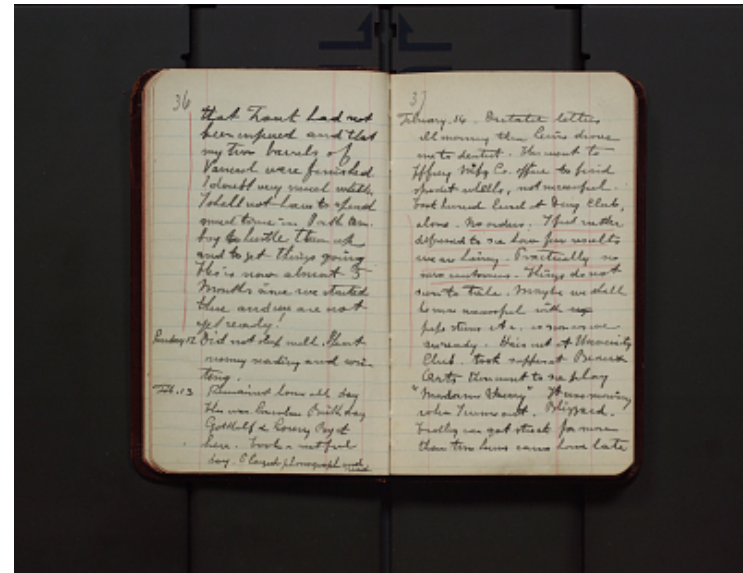
Feb. 13 Remained home all day. this was Lincolns birthday Gottlieb & Lorenz Byet[[?]] here. took a restful day. Played phonograph and read

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February. 14. Dictated letters all morning then Lewis drove me to dentist. We went to Jeffrey Mfg Co. office to find sprocket wheels, not successful. Took hurried lunch at Drug Club, alone. No orders. I feel rather depressed to see how few results we are having. Practically no more customers. Things do not seem to take. Maybe we shall be more successful with ~~word~~ ~~pipe stems etc.~~ as soon as we are ready. Hair cut at University Club. took supper at Beaux Arts then went to see play "Madame Sherry." It was snowing when I came out. Blizzard. Trolley car got stuck for more than two hours came home late

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February 15. Everything white. Remained home all day dictating letters Feb'y. 16. Dictated letters and remained in lab. until noon. Lewis drove me to Cortlandt. Subway. Came home with 5 P.M. Celine and children at station with the car. - Slept poorly 45

February 17. Left here at 8. AM with motor car. Saw interior of Pennsylvania Station for first time. Imposing structure. Arrived Perth Amboy about 11 A.M. Thurlow and Frank are there now. Made one run Varnish for Westinghouse 3 barrels, successfully. Then made a second run also 3 barrels.

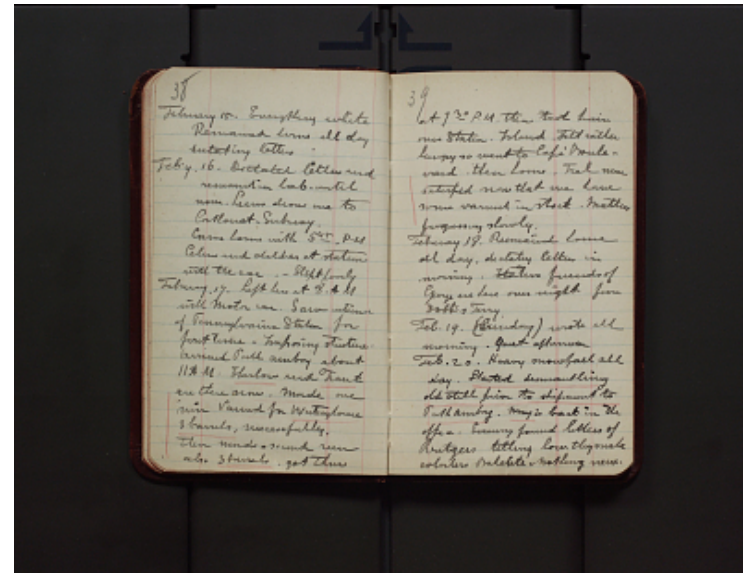
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at 7 <sup>30</sup> P.M. then took train over Staten. Island. Felt rather hungry so went to Cafe Boulevard. then home. [vertical red line in left margin] Feel more satisfied now that we have some varnish in stock. Matters progressing slowly. [red line]  
February. 18. Remained home all day, dictating letters in morning. ~~Two friends of George are here over night from Dobb's Ferry.~~

Feb. 19. (Sunday) wrote all morning. Quiet afternoon.

Feb. 20. Heavy snowfall all day. Started disassembling old still prior to shipment to Perth Amboy. May is back in the office. Evening found letters of Rutgers telling how they make colorless Bakelite. nothing new.



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Feb. 21. Meeting of executive committee of Protal Co at Peters & Williams. 2 P.M. Wiedman not there, he is in Louisiana. but Benjamin is there. decided to close up. Williams & Peters seem to be tired of the whole thing At 5<sup>45</sup> went to Plaza Hotel to meet Mr. deWalle belgian Consul at New Orleans went with him to University Club. Supper there.

Feb. 22. Henry Noel Potter here in Yonkers (Washington's Birthday) Told me that the women folks of the Wiedmann family are calumniating? me now after all the generosity I have shown towards Wiedman and his confounded Protal Co

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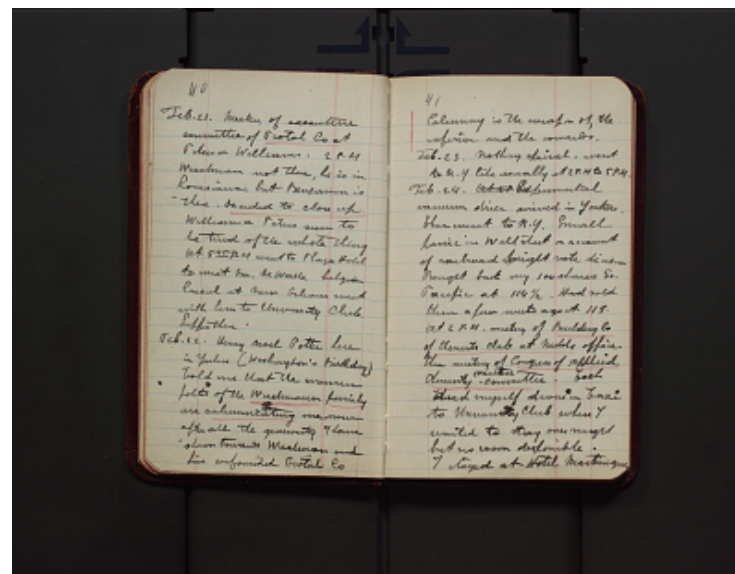
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[[vertical red line in left margin]] Calumny is the weapon of the inferior and the cowards. [[/vertical red line]]

Feb. 23. Nothing special. went to N.Y. like usually at 2 P.M. to 5 P.M.

Feb. 24. ~~At 2 P.~~ Experimental vacuum drier arrived in Yonkers. Then went to N.Y. Small panic in Wall Street on account of railroad freight rate discussion Bought back my 100 shares So. Pacific at 114 1/2. Had sold them a few weeks ago at 118. At 2 P.M. meeting of Building Co of Chemists Club at Nichols office. then meeting of Congress of applied Chemistry <sup>^</sup> committee of applied Chemistry. Jack and myself drove in taxi to University Club where I wanted to stay over night but no room [[?]]. I stayed at Hotel Martinique



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Went to dinner at Martins of Inventors  
x Guild. A certain lawyer Mr Bliss of Washington there,  
talked in great lawyers style but I answered him in my way and ended by  
making general onslaught on lawyers in general. Felt very tired and  
rather disgusted at having thus lost my evening. Went to sleep at  
Martinique Hotel

Feb 25. Took 9:06 A.M train to Perth Amboy. Hurlow has made a run of  
varnish of 3 barrels. things look much  
more ship-shape at the factory. Took train back at 12:45 P.M. Hasty

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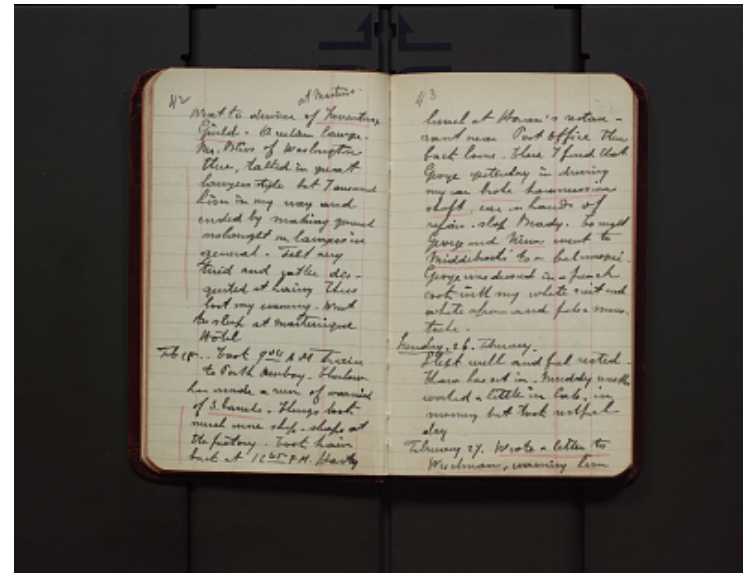
lunch at Aaron's restaurant near Post office then back home. There I  
find that George yesterday in driving my car broke  
transmission shaft. car in hands of repair. shop Brady.  
To night George and Nina  
went to Middlebrook's to a bal masque. George was dressed in a French cook with  
my white suit and white apron and false moustache.

Sunday. 26. February.

Slept well and feel rested. Thaw has set in. Muddy weather worked a  
little in lab. in morning but took restful day.

February 24. Wrote a letter to Wiedman, warning  
him

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[[red underline]] to stop ^[[the]] ~~his~~ the dangerous nonsense of his wife's calumnies. [[red underline]] Dictated letters all morning. Stayed home all day working with vacuum drier & filter press in relation of wasted Solid A.

February 28. [[red underline]] Met Denwell[[?]] at 2 P.M. at Williamstreet[[?]]. told him about our arrangement with Bakelite Gesellschaft on regard to exportation. Told him about our price of \$2.10 per lb. wholesale [[?]] C. He did not kick much. Came home with 6 <sup>15</sup> P.M. Car at station with Celine and the children

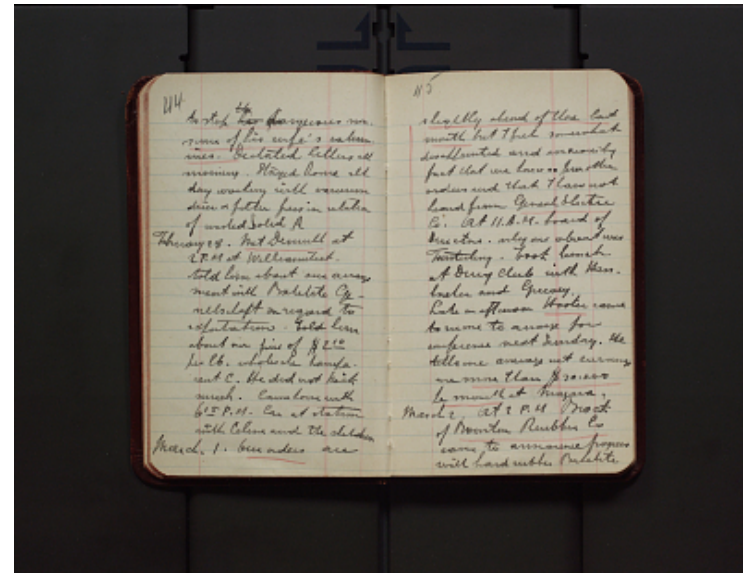
March 1. [[red underline]] Our orders [[red underline]] are

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[[red underline]] slightly ahead of those last month [[red underline]] but I feel somewhat disappointed and anxiously fret that we have so few other orders and that I have not heard from [[red underline]] General Electric [[red underline]] Co. At 11. A.M. board of directors. only one absent was Fosterling. Took lunch at Drug Club with Hasslacher and Greevey. Late afternoon [[red underline]] Hooter[[?]] [[red underline]] came to see me to arrange for conference next Sunday. He tells me average net earnings are [[red underline]] more than \$20.000 per [[?]] month [[red underline]] at Niagara.

March 2. At 2 P.M Brock of [[red underline]] Boonton Rubber Co [[red underline]] came to announce progress with hard rubber Bakelite [[vertical red line in left margin from "month but I feel somewhat" to "Co. At 11.A.M. board of"]]



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[[vertical red line in margin highlights the remainder of this date's entry]] but says is delayed by red tape at Western Electric Co and asks extension of option. Told him we would not press the matter for awhile. Told me also that Mrs. Wiedman has been calumniating me to a certain Mrs. Putnam who is a friend of Mrs. Brock and the latter has warned her husband against me.

Took 5 31 P.M train home

March 3. Dictated letter to Wiedman to Brock and to Potter sending copy of my letter to Damrosch. Drove to Cortland with Celine. came back from New York with 5 31 train

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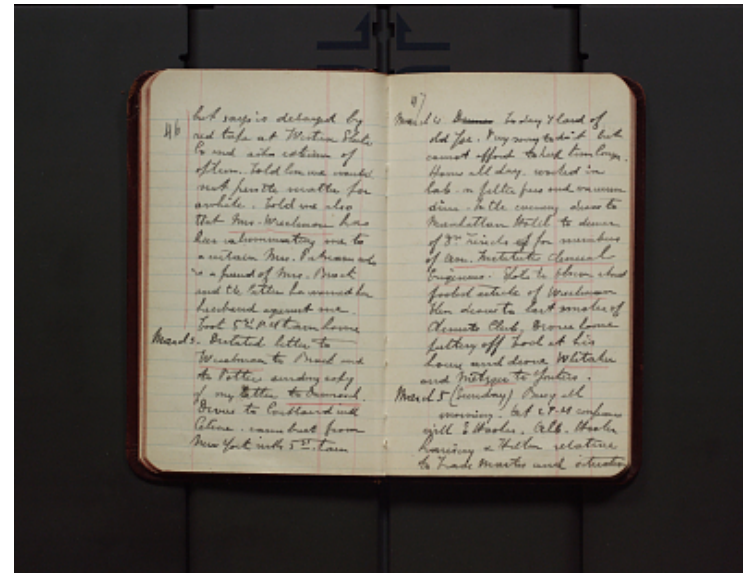
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March 4. ~~Dinner~~ Today I laid off old Joe. Very sorry to do it but cannot afford to keep him longer. Home all day. worked in lab on filter ~~and vacuum drier~~. In the evening drove to Manhattan Hotel to dinner of Dr. Herichs ~~of~~ for members of Am. Institute Chemical Engineers. Spoke to Olsen about foolish article of Wiedman then drove to last smoker of Chemists Club. Drove home putting off Tach at his house and drove Whitaker and Metzger to Yonkers.

March 5 (Sunday) Busy all morning. At 2 P.M conference with E. Hooker. Alb. Hooker Lansing & Hilton relative to Trade Marks and situation

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of foreign patent rights. Celine was in N.Y with the children at a concert at [[Mrs. Herters?]]. Came back at six. Hooker and the others remained for supper than all drove back in Hookers car to Greenwich  
March 6. Snowed much last night. Everything white again. Cold crisp weather Remained home all day occupied in lab.

March 7. No orders; this is very discouraging. Drove to Cortland with car. then to office. Then went with Hasslacher to Engineers Club to where dinner was held in honor of WH Nichols

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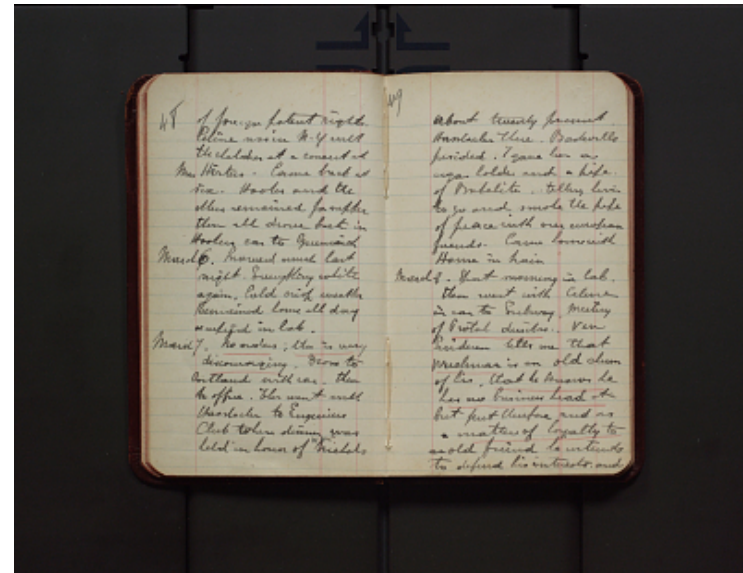
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About twenty present. Hasslacher there. Baskerville finished. I gave him a cigar holder and a pipe of Bakelite. telling him to go and smoke the pipe of peace with our european friends. Came home with Horne in train

March 8. Spent morning in lab. then went with Celine in car to Subway. Meeting of Protal directors. Van Sinderen tells me that Wiedman is an old chum of his, that he knows he has no business head etc but put therefore and as a matter of loyalty to an old friend he intends to defend his interests. and

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[[left margin note]] Got telegram from Niagara from [[Converse?]] to send more qualified expert for [[explosion?]]. I sent Brennerman. [[/margin note]]

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not do anything which might be unpleasant to Wiedman  
Wiedman is now in Louisiana. Wiedman  
Benjamin Wiedman did not come to meeting altho' he knew that we were to vote on cessation of company. Mr. Patterson the president of the Protal Co was there for the first time since he had his automobile accident. He tells me that last year it was decided to discontinue the salary of Wiedman but that he Patterson had favored to continue the salary for one year more giving as reason that in as far as I

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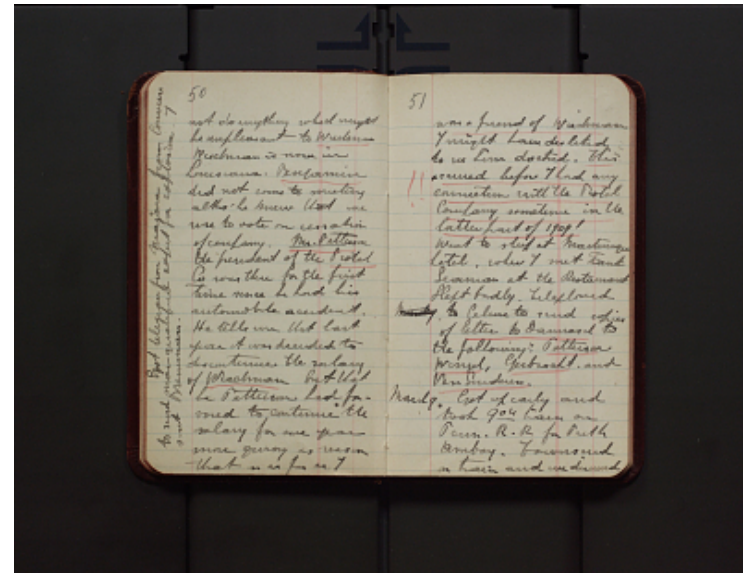
Wiedman was a friend of Wiedman. I might have disliked to see him docked. This occurred before I had any connection with the Protal Company sometime in the latter part of 1909!

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Went to sleep at Martinique hotel, where I met Frank Seaman at the Restaurant Slept badly. Telephoned ~~March 9~~ to Celine to send copies of letter to Damrosch copies to the following: Patterson, Wenzel?, Gerbracht?, Van Sinderen.

March 9. Got up early and took 9 <sup>04</sup> train on Penn. R.R for Perth Amboy. Townsend on train and we discussed

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the patent situation Townsend seemed much pleased with our factory I made a run of transparent solid A. (3 barrels) first run which got along very nicely Townsend left at 2 P.M met Tischer? of Pittsburgh at Packer's? Hotel. He told me that he has tried Boontons insulators; finds cannot use them on account of excessive hysteresis. X

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Bad night, rats. In room, little sleep. feel very much depressed by what Tischer? told me. ~~in a~~

In my waking hours I see much

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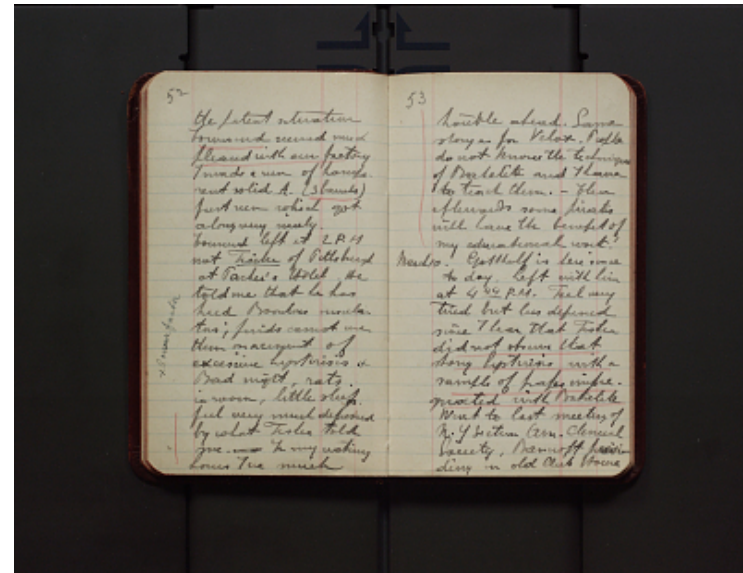
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trouble ahead. Same story as for Velox. People do not know the technique of Bakelite and I have to teach them. - Then afterwards some pirates will have the benefit of my educational work!

March 10. Gotthelf is here since to day. Left with him at 4<sup>44</sup> P.M. Feel very tired but less depressed since I hear that Tischer? did not observe that strong hysteresis with a sample of paper impregnated with Bakelite

Went to last meeting of N.Y Section Gen. Chemical Society, Bancroft presiding in old Club House

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[[red underline]] Felt very very tired. [[/red underline]] Celine is at opera with Mrs. Mohlman waited at Club house until 12 <sup>15</sup> A.M. when Lewis came with car and Celine and I took Baskerville Metzger and Whitaker along. ~~[[red underline]] Lynn. [[/red underline]]~~ General electric <sup>12</sup> ~~[[red underline]]~~ (Lynn. Mass) has given an order for one barrel Liquid A <sup>12</sup> ~~[[red underline]]~~ so I feel better about ~~[[red underline]]~~ this. ~~[[red underline]]~~ I was afraid they had stopped their orders entirely.

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March 11. Home all day. Worked in lab. during morning ~~[[red underline]]~~ Henry Noel Potter ~~[[red underline]]~~ here for supper. He

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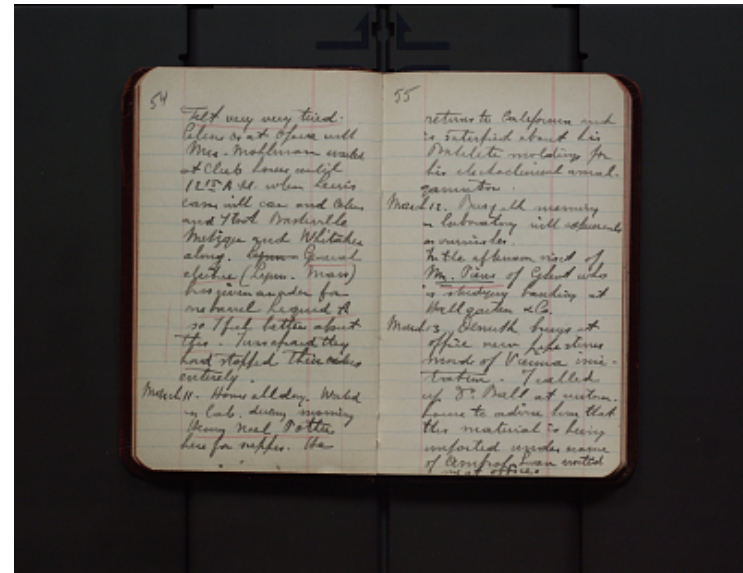
returns to California and is satisfied about his Bakelite moldings for his electrochemical amalgamator.

March 12. Busy all morning in laboratory with experiments on varnishes.

In the afternoon visit of [[Mr. Pierre?]] of Ghent who is studying banking at Hallgarten & Co.

March 13. Demuth brings at office new pipe stems made of Vienna imitation. I called up Dr. Ball at customhouse to advise him that this material is being imported under name of Ambrol. Swan visited me at office.

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March 14. All morning in laboratory. Lewis spreads gravel on road. Took 1:10 train to N.Y.

March 15. All morning in lab. Afternoon met that foolish man Schultze of that rubber Co who says that Bakelite leaks the electricity of 4 dry cells! At 4 P.M. meeting at Robbins beautiful office, top of Park Row building to count ballots of Inventors Guild. ~~[[?]]~~ Mershon, Kelly, ~~[[?]]~~ and Cooper Hewitt there. The latter showed new lamp of his

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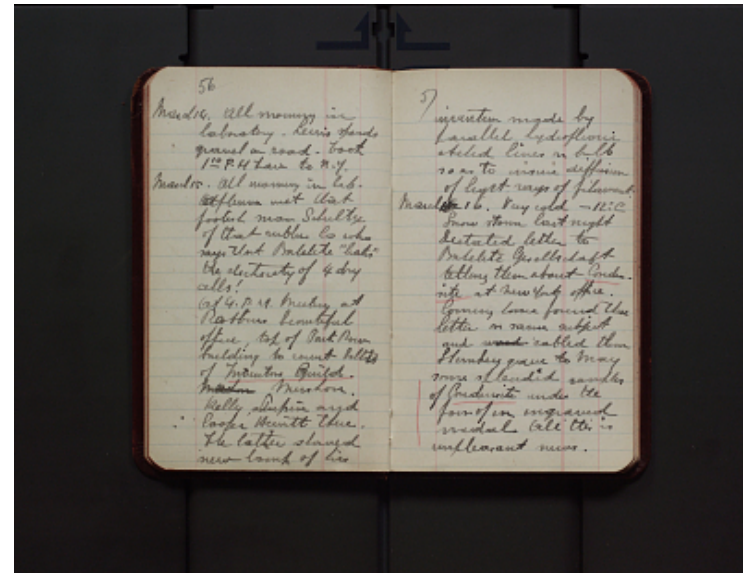
invention made by parallel hydrofluoric etched lines on bulb so as to insure diffusion of light rays of filament.

March ~~[[incorrect date scribbled out]]~~ 16. Very cold - 12°C

Snow storm last night dictated letter to Bakelite Gesellschaft telling them about Condensite at New York office.

Coming home found their letter on same subject and ~~[[?]]~~ cabled them ~~[[Hernbey?]]~~ gave to May some splendid samples of Condensite under the form of an engraved medal. All this is unpleasant news.

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but Celine as usually

optimistic and when in the evening we were sitting in the hall with our children before a smoking hearth fire and beautiful clear cold moonlight night outside I felt happy again.

March 17. Slept badly last night. Spent morning in laboratory.

This is the opening day of the New Chemists Club building.

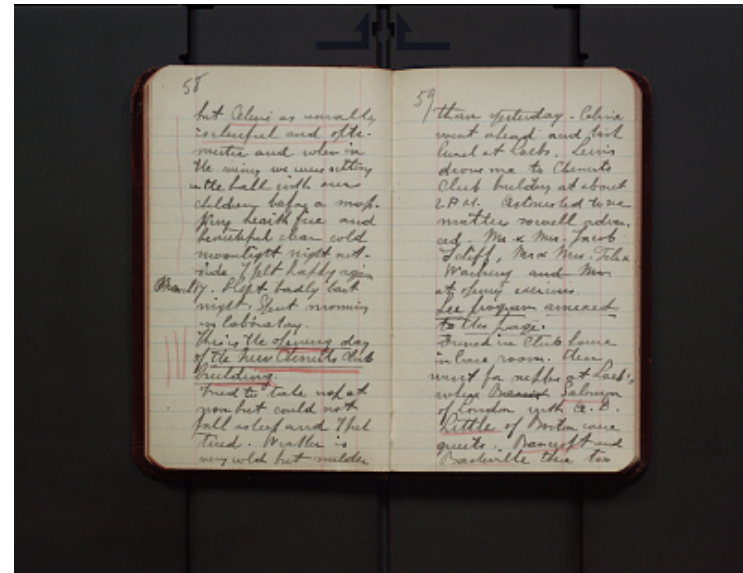
Tried to take nap at noon but could not fall asleep and I feel tired.

Weather is very cold but milder

See program annexed to this page.

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than yesterday. Celine went ahead and took lunch at Loebs. Lewis drove me to Chemists Club building at about 2 P.M. Astonished to see matters so well advanced. Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Schiff, Mr. & Mrs. Felix Warburg and Mr. Salomon of London with A. D. Little of Boston were guests. Bancroft and Baskerville there too



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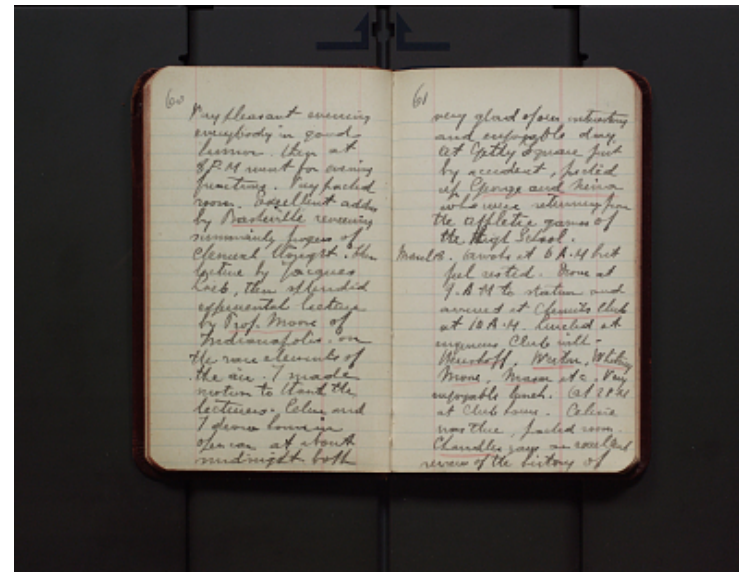
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Very pleasant evening everybody in good humor. then at 8 P.M went for evening functions. Very packed room. Excellent address by Baskerville reviewing progress of clinical thought. Then lecture by Jacques Loeb, then attendid experimental lecture by Prof. Moore of Indianapolis. on the rare elements of the air. I made motion to the lectures. Celine and I drove home in open car at about midnight. both  
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very glad of our interesting and enjoyable day. at Getty Square just by accident, picked up George and Nina who were returning from the athletic games of the High School. March 18. Awoke at 6 A.M but feel rested. Drove at 9 A.M to station and arrived at Chemists Club at 10 A.M. Lunched at engineer Club with Westerhoff, Whitney, Moore, Mason etc. Very enjoyable lunch. At 2 P.M at Club house. Celine was there, packed room. Chandler gave an excellent review of the history of



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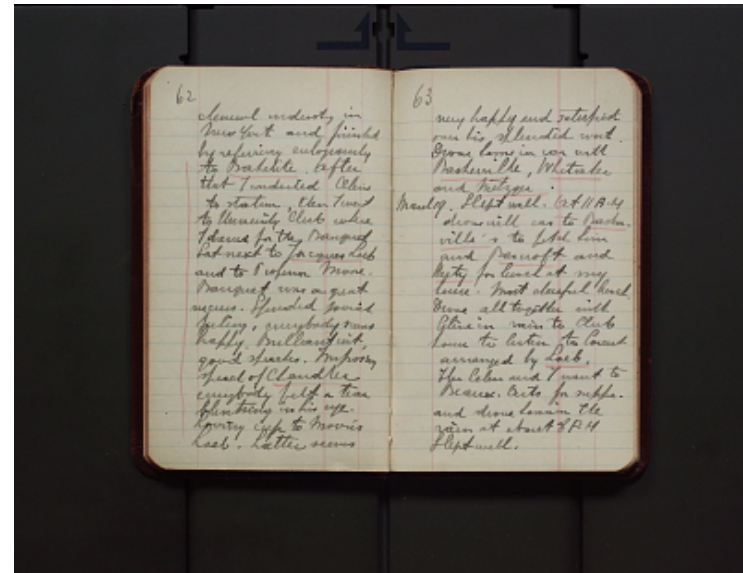
chemical industry in New York and finished by referring [[?]] to Bakelite. After that I conducted Celine to station, then I went to University Club where I dressed for the Banquet. Sat next to Jacques Loeb and to Professor Moore. Banquet was a great success. Splendid jovial feeling, everybody seems happy. Brilliant wit, good speeches. Imposing speech of Chandler everybody felt a tear glistening in his eye. Loving cup to Mavis Loeb. Latter seems very happy and satisfied over his splendid worth. Drove home in car with Baskerville, Whitaker and Metzger.

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very happy and satisfied over his splendid worth. Drove home in car with Baskerville, Whitaker and Metzger.

March 19. Slept well. At 11 A.M. drove with car to Baskerville's to fetch him and Bancroft and Hertz for lunch at my house. Most cheerful lunch. Drove all together with Celine in rain to Club house to listen to Concert arranged by Loeb. Then Celine and I went to Beaux Arts for supper and drove home in the rain at about 8 P.M. Slept well.

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March 20. Worked in lab until 12. - Gotthelf is in Perth Amboy. Went to office. Then back to Yonkers at 5<sup>45</sup> P.M.  
March 21. Gotthelf still in Perth Amboy. Hurried my letters. some quick work in laboratory. Jumped in car and drove with Celine to Cortland at about 10 A.M. Hurriedly dictated some letters in office. rushed to Liberty street station up a sandwich underway and managed to catch 12<sup>20</sup> P.M train for Perth Amboy Beautiful weather

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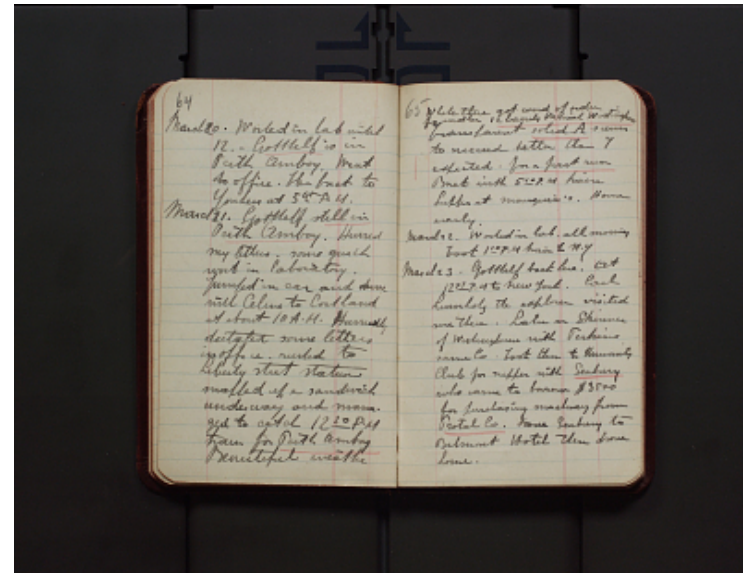
While there got word of order for another 12 barrels Varnish Westinghouse transparent solid A seems to succeed better than I expected. for a first run Back with 5<sup>10</sup> P.M train

Supper at Mouquin's. Home early.

March 22. Worked in lab all morning Took 1<sup>10</sup> P.M train to N.Y

March 23. Gotthelf back here. At 12<sup>37</sup> to New York. Carl the explorer visited me there. Later on Skinner of Westinghouse with Perkins same Co. Took them to University Club for supper with Seabury who came to borrow \$3500 for purchasing machinery from Protal Co. Drove Seabury to Belmont Hotel then drove home.

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March 24. Busy here all morning

At 2 P.M meeting of Directors Chemists Building Plaut - Loeb, Nichols Jr & myself there. Home with 5 31 P.M train with Celine

March 25. Beautiful clear crisp weather. Much busy in lab. until. 4 P.M. Went with Celine & Nina to station with car to fetch George but missed him. He had gone to NY with Mo\_\_\_? Middlebrook to see Secret Service.

March 26. Quiet restful Sunday. Read and rested all this day and on evening wrote these notes. The children are at the Middlebrook's in Dobbs Ferry for supper.

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March 27 Went to Perth Amboy at 12 20 PM. Gotthelf there still many workmen there and machinery lying around everywhere. G. solid A for transparent goods proves to be too hard. Evening

went for supper to Mouquin quite late. Violent Hail storm.

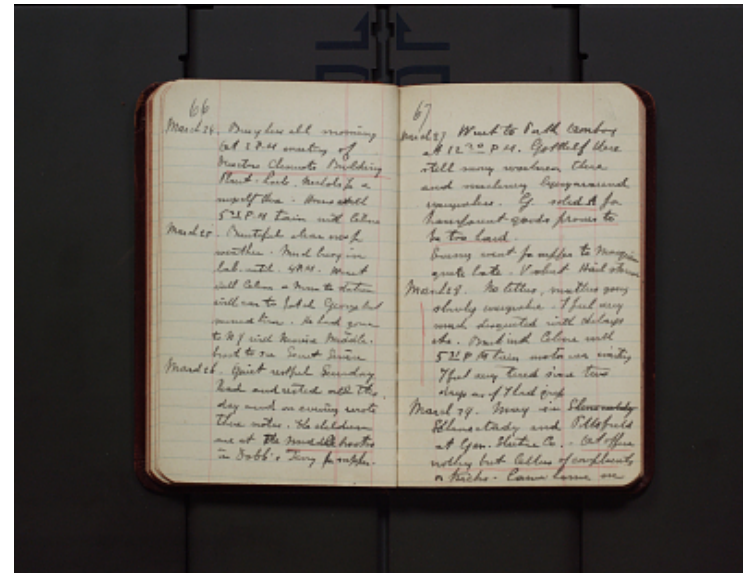
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No letters, matters going slowly everywhere. I feel very much disgusted with delays etc. Back with Celine with 5 31 PM train motor car waiting

I feel very tired since two days as if I had grip

March 29. May is in ~~Skenecutedy~~ Schenectady and Pittsfield at Gen. Electric Co.- At office nothing but letters of complaints or tricks. Came home on



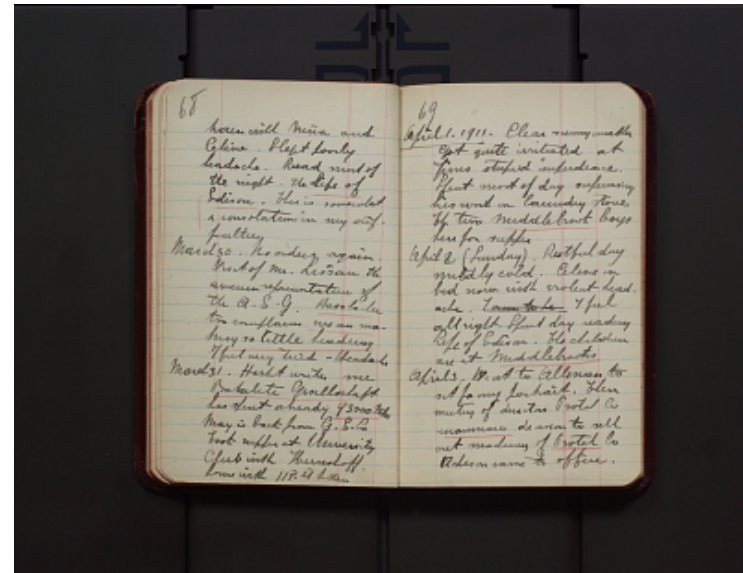
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train with Nina and Celine. Slept poorly headache. Read most of the night. The Life of Edison. This is somewhat a consolation in my difficulties  
 March 30. No orders again. Visit of Mr Lissan? the American representative of the A.E.G. Hasslach too complains we are making so little headway I feel very tired - Headache  
 March 31. Hecht writes me Bakelite Gesellschaft has spent already 93000 marks May is back from G. E. Co Took supper at University Club with Herreshoff. home with 11 P.M train  
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April 1. 1911. Clear sunny weather Got quite irritated at Jims stupid impudence. Spent most of day supervising his work on laundry stove The two Middlebrook boys here for supper.  
April 2. (Sunday). Restful day mildly cold. Celine in bed now with violent headache. I seem to be I feel all right. Spent day reading Life of Edison. The children are at Middlebrooks  
 April 3. Went to Altman to sit for my portrait. Then meeting of directors Protal Co unanimous decision to sell out machinery of Protal Co Acheson came to office.



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May says Demuth is satisfied with first pipe bits delivered but wants more now

In evening met Puttermans who tells me developing papers have taken such an enormous extension as to have supplanted almost all other kinds

[[margin note]] Puttermans is representative of Steinbach & Co who sells raw paper to Eastman

[[margin note in red]] Velox

April 4. Went to Perth Amboy after going to office. Rain. Rossi tells me Frank is unsatisfactory

Supper at Mouquin's then home.

April 5. Meeting directors of G. B. Co.

Hasslacher, Foersterling & Williams absent. told them that our equipment will

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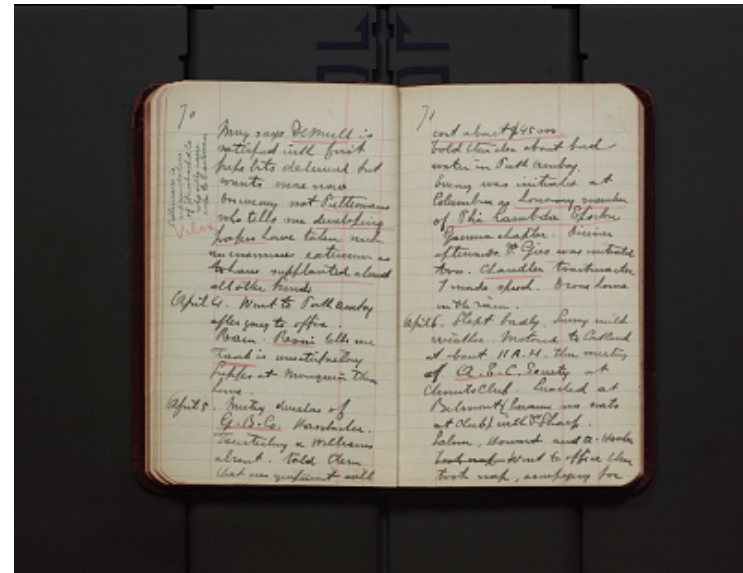
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cost about \$45000. Told them also about bad water in Perth Amboy. Evening was initiated at Columbia as honorary member of Phi Lambda Epsilon Gamma chapter. Dinner afterwards. Dr. Gies? was initiated too. Chandler toastmaster I made speech. Drove home in the rain.

April 6. Slept badly. Sunny mild weather. Motored to Cortland at about 11 A.M. then meeting of A. E. C. Society at Chemists Club. Lunched at Belmont (because no seats at Club). with Dr. Sharp, Howard and A. Hooker

~~Took nap~~ Went to office then took nap, occupying for

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[[red underline]] first time a room at Club. [[red underline]] (University N.Y. room.) Dressed there for dinner Celine joined. Dinner very jolly. Tach toast master. I made speech which was well received. While there got word by telephone that our dog [[red underline]] Brownie [[red underline]] a [[red underline]] scotch [[red underline]] collie [[red underline]] had hydrophobia [[red underline]] Celine and I drove home together about 12. P.M. clear mild weather.

April 7. Dog was kept in laundry and has ~~torn~~ of s ~~bitten~~ off all the sill of the window and torn up with his teeth the wood work. Lewis killed him by putting him

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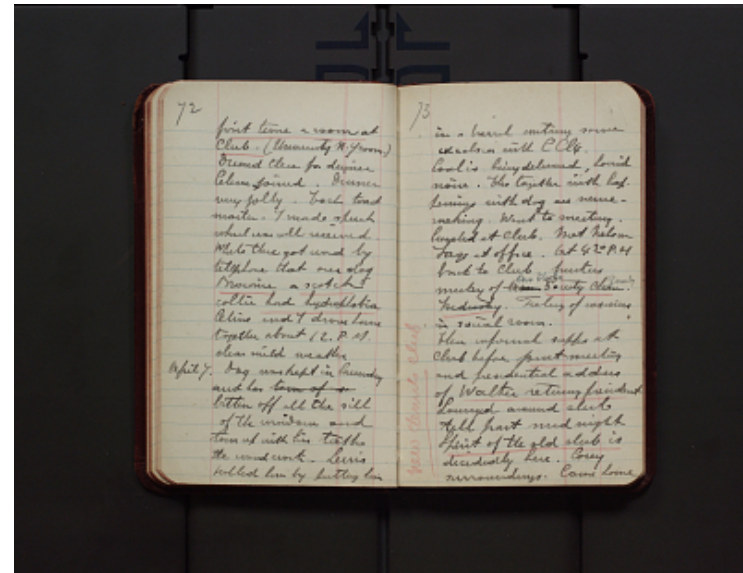
in a barrel containing some excelsior with CC14. Coal is being delivered, horrid noise. This together with happenings with dog are nerve-racking. Went to meeting. lunched at Club. Met Nelson Sage at office. At 4 <sup>30</sup> P.M. back to Club. trustees meeting of ~~Assoc~~ <sup>Am</sup> ~~[[Electro?]]~~ <sup>[[red underline]] Society</sup> ~~[[red underline]] Chem. Industry~~ <sup>^[[Society?]]</sup>

Feeling of cosiness in social room.

[[vertical note in red in margin]] New Chemists ~~Club~~ [[vertical note in red/]]

Then informal supper at Club before joint meeting and presidential address of Walker returning president Lounged around club till past midnight Spirit of the old club is decidedly here. Cozey surroundings. Came home

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with Evans 12<sup>30</sup> P.M train

April 8. Remained in Yonkers all day. Feel considerably worried at lack of push of Rossi. Took nap. Celine and I drove to N.Y. Rain. She went to theatre party with the ladies. I went to the smoker. Coho made good success of it. Newspaper printed. etc. and songs. Drove home in sudden snowstorm, half molten blinding big snow flakes ~~which~~ all landscape white, heavy coat of snow.

April 9. (Sunday) Several inches of snow everywhere. Melted

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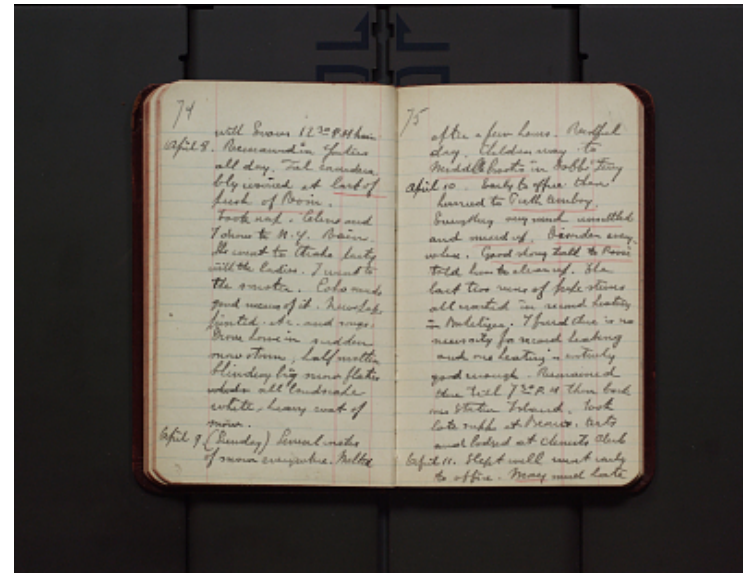
after a few hours. Restful day. Children away to Middlebrooks in Dobbs Ferry

April 10. Early to office. then hurried to Perth Amboy.

Everything very much unsettled and mixed up. Disorder everywhere. Good strong talk to Rossi told him to clean up. The last two runs of pipe stems all cracked in second heating in Bakelizer. I found there is no necessity for second heating and one heating is entirely good enough. Remained there till 7<sup>30</sup> P.M then back over Staten Island. Took late supper at Beaux. Arts and lodged at Chemists Club

April 11. Slept well went early to office. May much late

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arrived only at last at past 10.A.M  
 Urged <sup>^</sup>him earlier habits. Wallace Cohoe here at  
 about 12.M says things are taking shape in Toronto  
Took 12 <sup>30</sup> P.M train to Perth Amboy made a run of solid A  
for washing. (100 kilos) This is the first run of  
 the kind in P.A. Rossi has started  
 cleaning up since my talk yesterday. Matter still very much unsettled.  
 Returned again via Staten Island after 7 P.M

April 12. Here all morning in lab. then to office then to Brooklyn factory of  
 John. Manville Asbestos Co interview with  
Cuttery?. Interview

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with Jewett about amphibole asbestos. I find that there is no such  
 asbestos on the market here except Sall Mountain which is not suitable.  
 Returned with 5.P.M train.

April 13. Went to office about 2 P.M met Geo. Lufbery  
Jun. and his partner. declined to give them monopoly  
 for valves and similar goods. told them we cannot afford to enter into the  
 complication of it etc. They finally saw my good reasons.

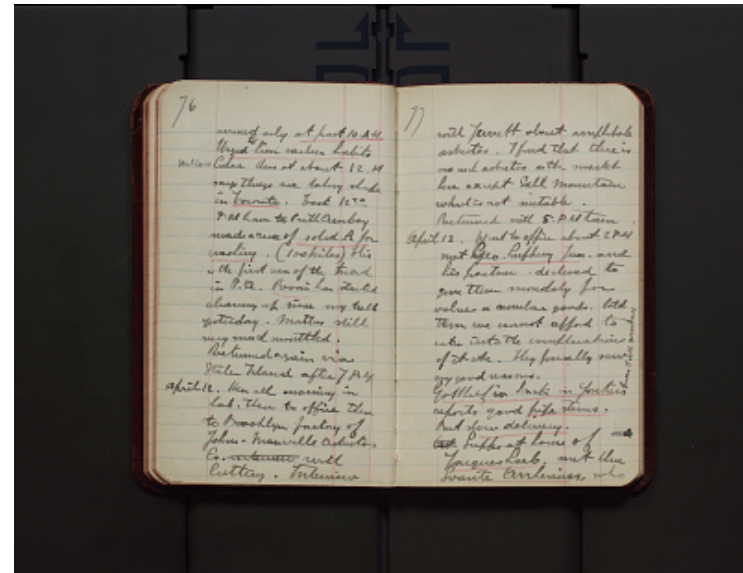
Gotthelf is back in Yonkers from Perth Amboy

reports good pipe stems.

But slow delivery.

At Supper at home of Jaques Loeb.

met there Svante  
Arrhenius, who



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is on a visit in this country also Baskerville, Flexner of Rockefeller Institute and Morgan (biologist) of Columbia University. Pleasant evening agreeable chat. It was brought out that in California on the property of the Bohemian Club a tree is called the Arrhenius tree because at 3 A. M. Arrhenius climbed the tree! Went to sleep at Chemists Club. found there Moore Hendrick, Parker & Love.

April 14. Got up early and went to Perth Amboy. Saw with pleasure that a storage shed is being constructed. They tell me

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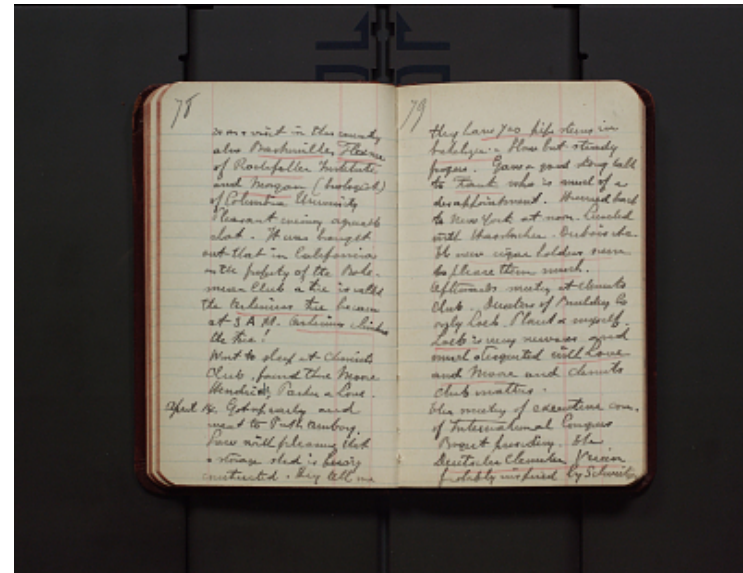
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they have 700 pipe stems in bakelizer - Slow but steady progress. Gave a good strong talk to Frank who is much of a disappointment. Hurried back to New York at noon. Lunched with Hasslachner. Dubois etc. The new cigar holders seem to please them much.

Afterwards meeting at Chemists Club. Directors of Building Co only Loeb. Plaut & myself.

Loeb is very nervous and much disgusted with Love and Moore and Chemists Club matters.

Then meeting of executive com. of International Congress Bogert presiding. The Deutscher Chemiker Verein probably inspired by Schweitzer.



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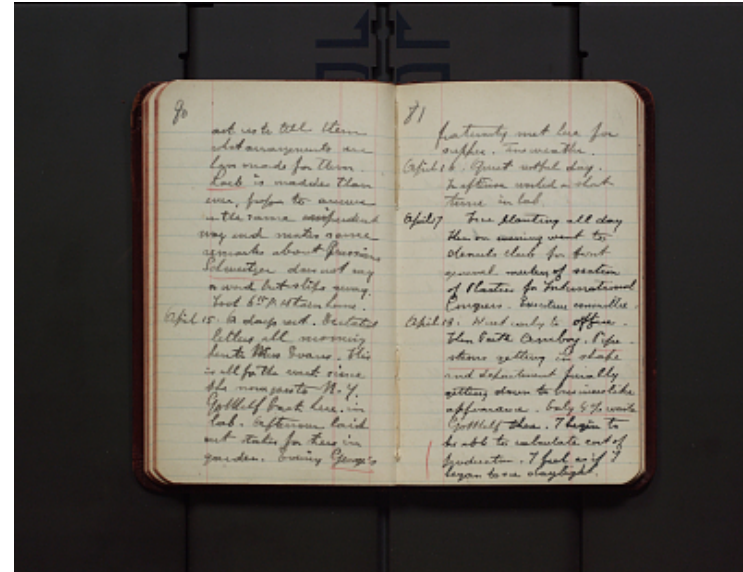
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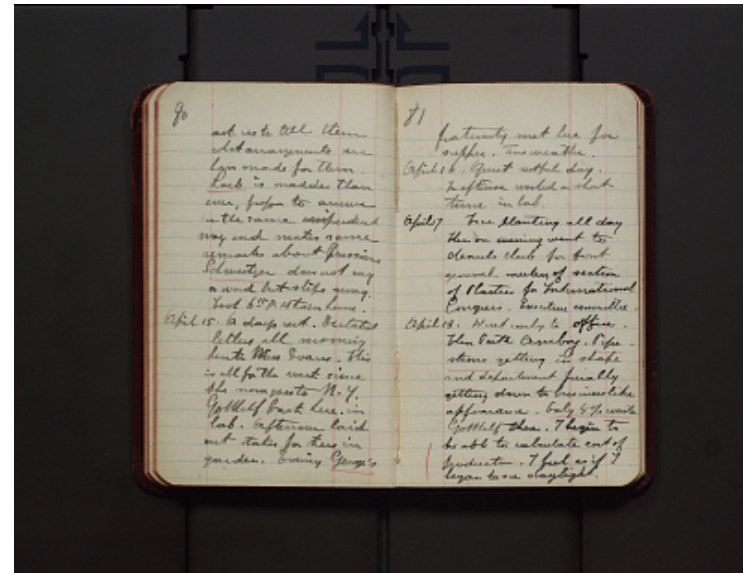
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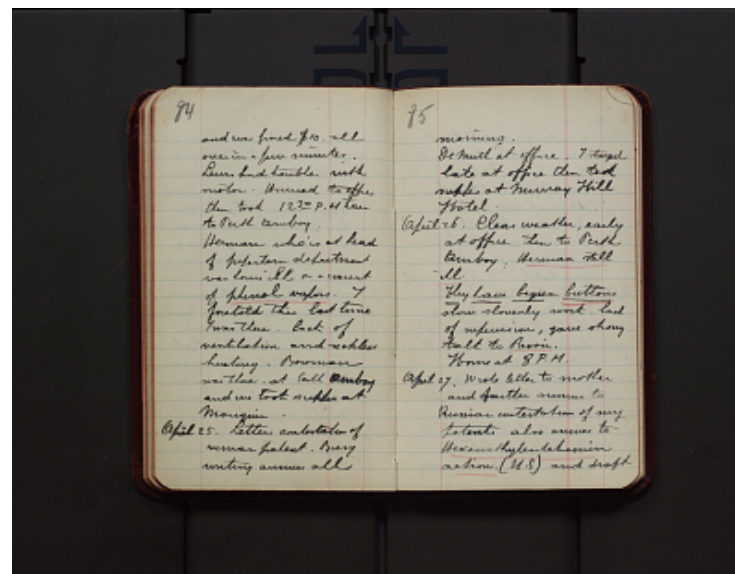
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84 and was fined \$10. all over a few minutes. Lewis had trouble with motor. Hurried to office then took 12<sup>30</sup> P.M train to Perth Amboy. Herman who is at head of pipestem department was home ill on account of phenol vapors. I foretold this last time I was there. Lack of ventilation and reckless heating. Bowman was there at Perth Amboy and we took supper at Mouquin. April 25. Letter contestation of Russian patent. Busy writing answer all morning. DeMuth at office. I stayed late at office then took supper at Murray Hill Hotel. April 26. Clear weather, early at office then to Perth Amboy: Herman still ill. They have begun buttons slow slovenly work. Lack of supervision, gave strong talk to Rossi. Home at 8 P.M. April 27. Wrote letter to mother and further answer to Russian contestation of my patents also answer to Hexamethylendehamin action (U.S.) and draft



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of contract with DeMuth & Co. Went to bank and took 10000 B.R.T. conv. 4's bond and delivered these to F. L. Seligsberg for selling. Demuth gave order for more than 100,000 pipe bits! April 28. Took 12<sup>30</sup> train to Perth Amboy. returned in time to go to Inventors dinner came home late and tired.

April 29. Dictated all morning

In evening general meeting of Section Plastics at Chemists Club. Took dinner there. Then smoker and house warming

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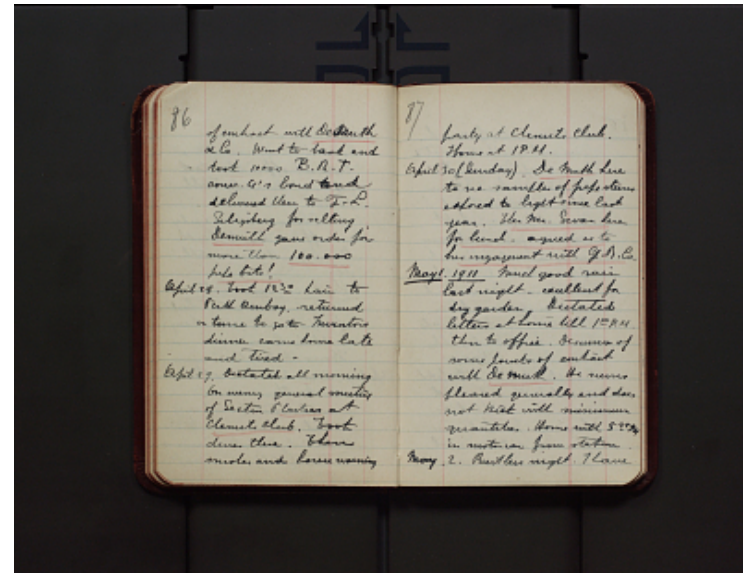
party at Chemists Club. Home at 1 P.M.

April 30 (Sunday). De Muth here to see samples of pipe stems exposed to light since last year. Then Mr. Swan here for lunch. agreed as to his engagement with G. B. Co.

May 1. 1911 Much good rain last night -

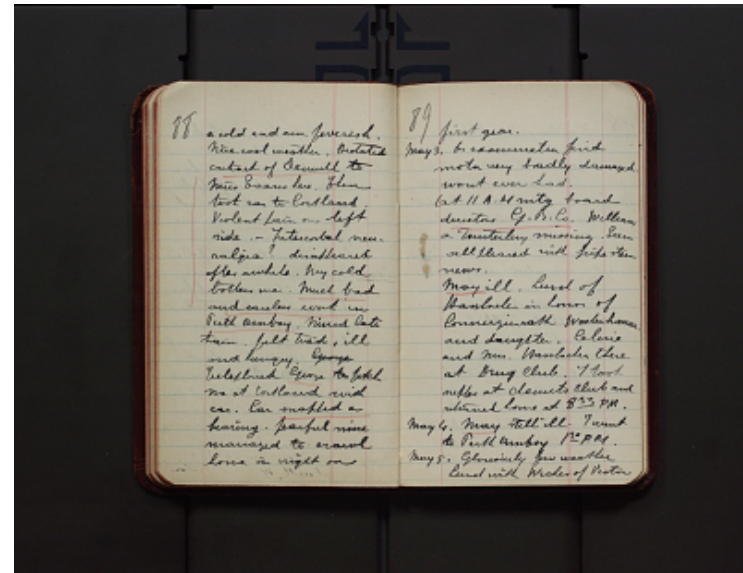
excellent for dry garden. Dictated letters at home till 1<sup>10</sup> P.M. then to office. Discussion of some points of contract with De Muth. He seems pleased generally and does not kick with minimum quantities. Home with 5<sup>45</sup> PM in motorcar from station

May 2. Restless night. I have



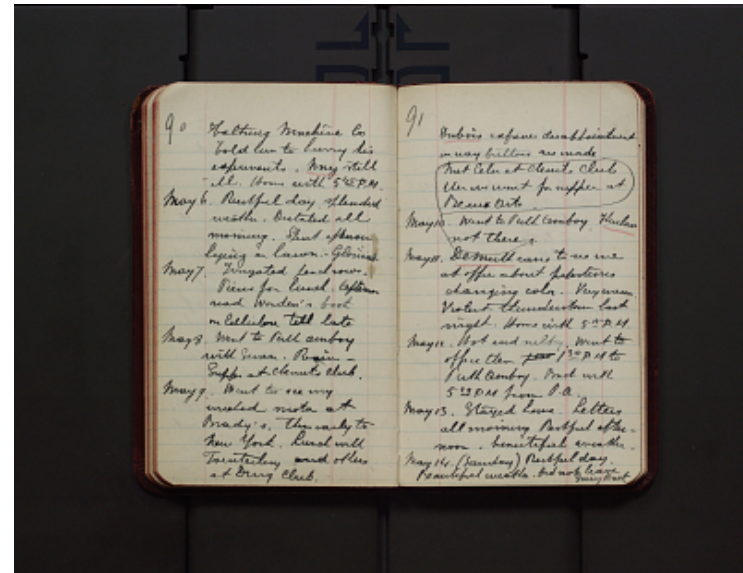
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88 a cold and am feverish. Nice cool weather. Dictated contract of Demuth to Miss Evans here. then took car to Cortland. Violent pain on left side. - Intercostal neuralgia? disappeared after awhile. My cold bothers me. Much bad and careless work in Perth Amboy. Missed late train. felt tired, ill and hungry. ~~George~~ Telephoned George to fetch me at Cortland with car. Car bearing. fearful noise managed to crawl home in night on  
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 89 first gear.  
 May 3. On examination find motor very badly damaged. worst ever had. At 11 A.M mtg board directors G. B. Co. Williams & Foersterling missing. Seem all pleased with pipe stem news.  
 May ill. Lunch of Hasslachner in honor of Conner Wachenhauser and daughter. Celine and Mrs. Hasslachner there at Drug Club. I took supper at Chemists Club and returned home at 8 P.M.  
 May 4. May still ill. I went to Perth Amboy 1 P.M.  
 30 P.M.  
 May 5. Gloriously fine weather  
 Lunch with Wickes of Victor



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 Talking Machine Co Told him to hurry his experiments. [[red underline]]  
 May [[/red underline]] still ill. Home with 5 [[underlined superscript]] 45  
 [[/underlined superscript]] P.M.  
 May 6. Restful day. splendid weather. Dictated all morning. Spent  
 afternoon lying on lawn. Glorious.  
 May 7. Irrigated [[peach?]] rows. [[Pierre?]] for lunch. Afternoon read  
 Worden's book on Cellulose till late  
 May 8. Went to Perth Amboy with Swan. Rain - Supper at Chemists  
 Club.  
 May 9. Went to see my wrecked motor at Brady's. Then early to New  
 York. Lunch with Foersterling and others at Drug Club.  
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 [[red underline]] Dubois [[/red underline]] expresses disappointment in  
 way buttons are made. [[circled text inserted where indicated below  
 under May 10]] Met Celine at Chemists Club then we went for supper at  
 Beaux Arts. [[/circled text]]  
 May 10. went to Perth Amboy. [[red underline]] Thurlow [[/red underline]]  
 not there. [[insert circled text as noted above]]  
 May 11. [[red underline]] Demuth [[/red underline]] came to see me at  
 office about pipestems changing color. Very warm. Violent thunderstorm  
 last night. Home with 5 [[underlined superscript]] 15 [[/underlined  
 superscript]] P.M.  
 May 12. Hot and sultry. Went to office then [[strikethrough]] 1130  
 [[/strikethrough]]  
 1 [[underlined superscript]] 30 [[/underlined superscript]] P.M. to Perth  
 Amboy. Back with 5 [[underlined superscript]] 29 [[/underlined  
 superscript]] PM from P.A.  
 May 13. Stayed home. Letters all morning Restful afternoon. beautiful  
 weather.  
 May 14. (Sunday) Restful day. Beautiful weather. did not leave Snug  
 Rock



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May 15. Left with 10<sup>31</sup> AM

Hurried letter dictating at office, hurry sandwich lunch then 1<sup>30</sup> P.M. to Perth Amboy. Sheds galvanized iron up. Things seem better. Back with 4<sup>44</sup> PM. Supper at University Club with Doremus home with 10<sup>45</sup> P.M.

May 16. Raining. Decision of Supreme Court affecting Standard Oil - Sherman Law interpretation. bought 100 more shares Virginia Chemical at 62.

von Torezzer? here with his Yvette?. Lunched at Drug Club. Came home with von Tregger?. He and his recently married wife

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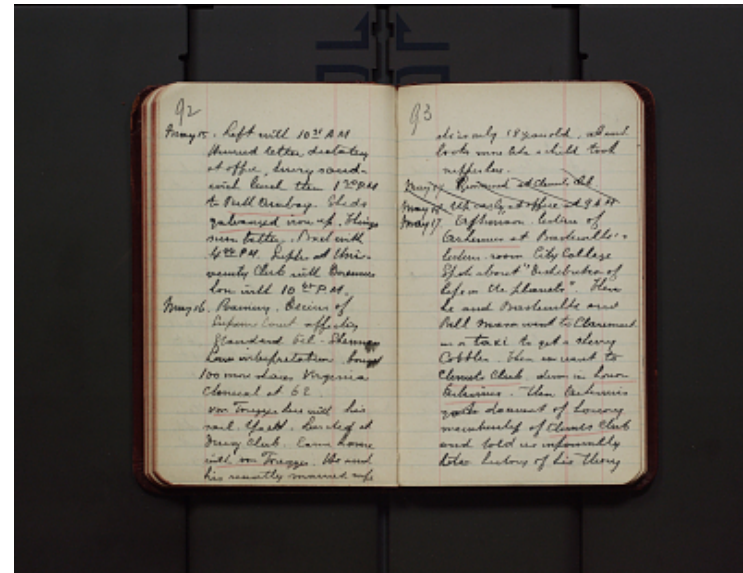
she is only 18 years old, ~~al~~ and looks more like a child took supper here.

~~May 17. Remained at Chemists Club.~~

May 18. Up early, at office at 9 A.M. ~~May 17.~~

May 17. Afternoon. lecture of Arrhenius at Baskerville's lecture-room City College Spoke about "Distribution of life on the planets". Then he and Baskerville and Bill Mason went to Claremont in a taxi to get a sherry Cobbler. Then we went to Chemists Club. dinner in honor Arrhenius. then Arrhenius got document of honorary membership of Chemists Club and told us informally the history of his theory

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of electrolyte [[demeciation?]] and how everybody rejected it and how it was rejected as a theory for his doctorship etc. etc. same old story of pioneers.

After that we remained at the Club. Jacques Loeb was there. [[red underline]] [[?]] drank quite some beer. [[/red underline]] I remained at the Club room. [[Massachusetts?]] Inst. Technology.

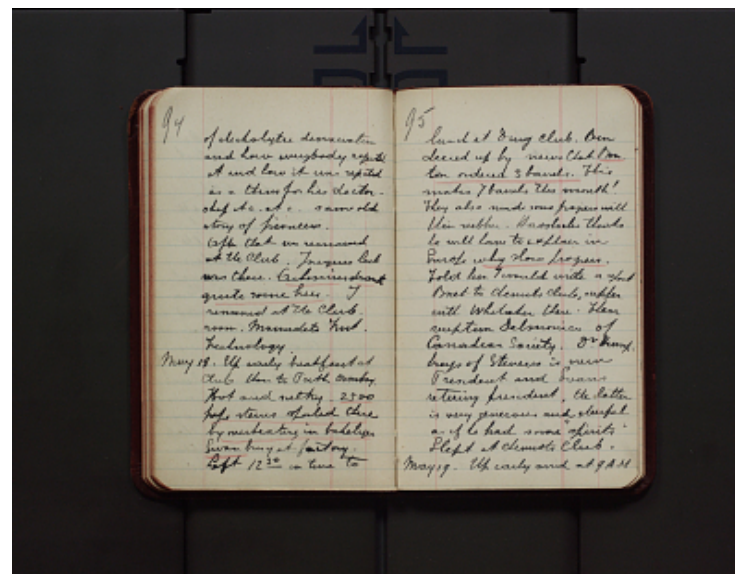
May 18. Up early breakfast at Club then to Perth Amboy. Hot and sultry. [[red underline]] 2500 pipe stems spoiled there by overheating in bakelizer Swan [[/red underline]] busy at factory. Left 12<sup>30</sup> in time to [[end page]]

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lunch at Drug Club. Am cheered up by news that [[red underline]] Boonton ordered 3 barrels. [[/red underline]] This makes 7 barrels this month! They also made some progress with their rubber. Hasslacher thinks he will have to explain in Europe [[red underline]] why slow progress. [[/red underline]] Told him I would write a report Back to Chemists Club, supper with Whitaker there. Then reception Delmonico of Canadian Society. Dr. Humphreys of Stevens is new President and Evans retiring president, the latter is very generous and cheerful as if he had some "spirits" Slept at Chemists Club.

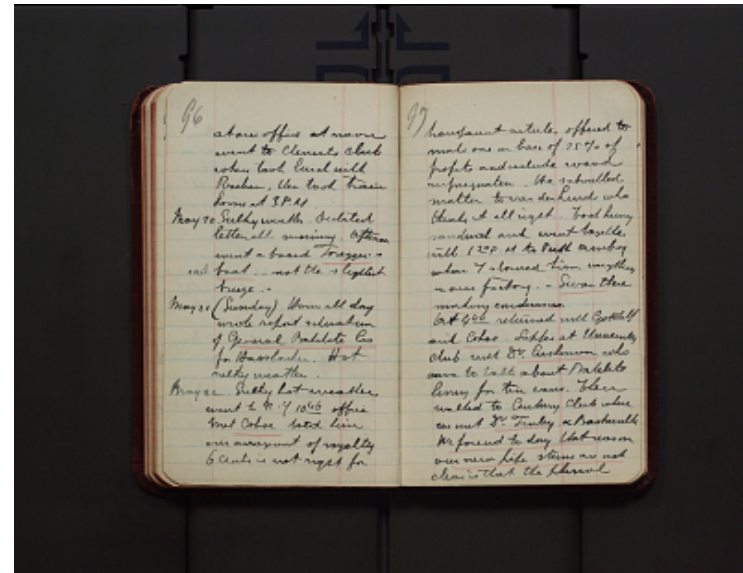
May 19. Up early and at 9 A.M



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 at our office at noon went to Chemists Club where took lunch with  
 [[Roeher?]], then took train home at 3 P.M.  
 May 20. Sultry weather. Dictated letters all morning. Afternoon went on  
 board [[Foregger's?]] [[added later in pencil]] sail [[added later]] boat. -  
 not the slightest breeze.  
 May 21 (Sunday) Home all day wrote report situation of [[red underline]]  
 General Bakelite Co [[/red underline]] for Hasslacher. Hot sultry weather.  
 May 22. Sultry hot weather  
 went to N.Y 10 <sup>46</sup> office Met [[red underline]] Cohoe [[/red underline]] told him our  
 arrangement of royalty 6 cents is not right for  
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 transparent articles, offered to make one on base of 25% of profits and  
 include wood impregnation. He submitted matter to van der Linde who  
 thinks it all right. Took hurry sandwich and went together until 1  
<sup>30</sup> P.M to Perth Amboy where I  
 showed him everything in our factory. [[red underline]] Swan [[/red underline]]  
 there making condensers. [[red underline]]  
 At 4 <sup>44</sup> returned with Gotthelf  
 and [[red underline]] Cohoe. [[/red underline]] Supper at University Club  
 with [[red underline]] Dr. Cushman [[/red underline]] who came to talk  
 about Bakelite lining for tin cans. Then walked to Century Club where  
 we met [[red underline]] Dr. Finley [[/red underline]] & Baskerville. [[red underline]]  
 We found to day that reason our new pipe stems are not  
 [[red underline]] clear is that the phenol



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98 has attached the solder of the tin can containers Succeeded in obtaining <sup>then</sup> clear by ~~storing~~ the distilled phenol in glass instead of tin cans.

May 23. Cool & rainy. Went to N.Y. my car came to fetch me at 5<sup>45</sup> train

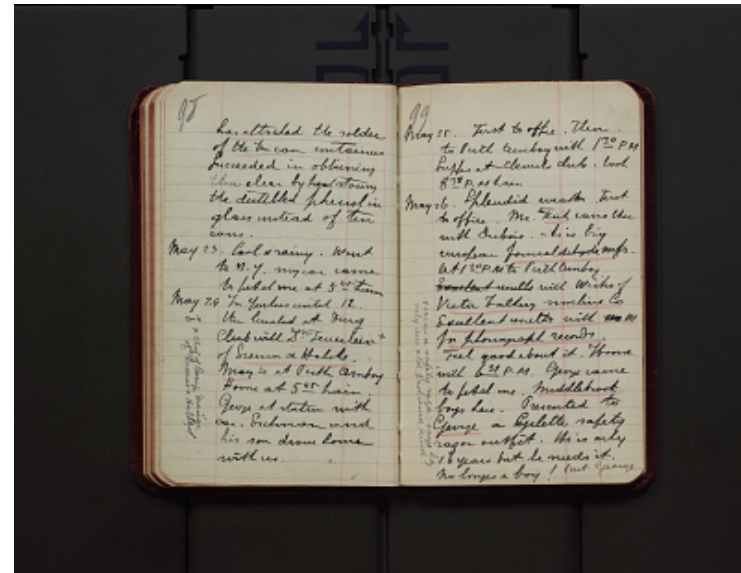
May 24. In Yonkers until 12. then lunched at Drug Club with Dr. Teuerlein x chief of Lamp Division of Siemens & Halske of Siemen & Halske. May is at Perth Amboy

Home at 5<sup>45</sup> train. George at station with car. [Eichman? Erickman?] and his son drove home with us.

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May 25. First to office. Then to Perth Amboy with 1<sup>30</sup> PM Supper at Chemists Club. took 8<sup>38</sup> P.M train

May 26. Splendid weather. First to office. Mr. Fink came there with Dubois. - he is big european formaldehyde mfr. At 1<sup>30</sup> P.M to Perth Amboy Excellent results with Wicks of Victor Talking machine Co Excellent results with 110 for phonograph records. Feel good about it. Home with 6<sup>39</sup> P.M. George came to fetch me. Middlebrook boys here. Presented to George a Gillette safety razor outfit. He is only 16 years but he needs it. No longer a boy! But George <sup>scorns a safety razor; says he only uses old fashioned kind!</sup>



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May 27 Dictated letters here all day. Tried bakelite phonograph record. excellent. First dividend of Hooker Electrochemical Co too. - Everything going well to day. Restful day.

May 28. Hot pleasant day. Went to fetch Feuerlein at Lackawanna and he and his daughter lunched here. They left at 6 P.M. with Lewis

May 29. Warm weather. Finally got copy of Belgian Patent which acquaints me with Endurite claims

Find that their claims

are anticipated by my former publications and my

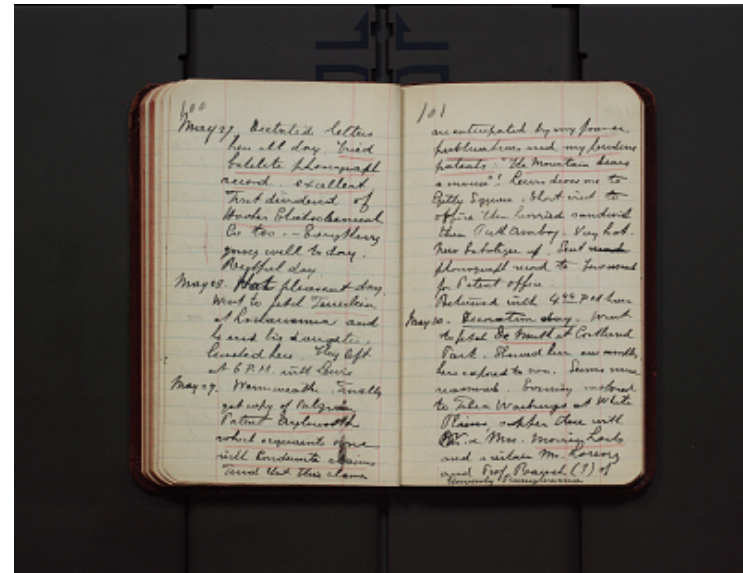
pending patents: "The Mountain bears a mouse!" Lewis

drove me to Getty Square. Short visit to office then hurried sandwich then Perth Amboy. Very hot. New bakelizer up. Sent records phonograph record to Townsend for Patent office.

Returned with 44

May 30. Decoration day. Went to fetch De Muth at Cortland Park. Showed him our samples here exposed to sun. Seems more reassured. Evening

motored to Felix Warburgs at White Plains, supper there with Dr. & Mrs. Morris Loeb and a certain Mr. Lorenz and Prof. Baruch (?) of University Pennsylvania



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May 31. Sore throat. feverish night. night-sweat. Poor sleep. Rained much this breaks the long drought

At 2 P.M Interview with [[Broet/Bract?]] who tells me [[red underline]] Bosch Magneto [[/red underline]] people in Europe have [[red underline]] cabled here to discontinue attempts with Bakelite after the people here [[/red underline]] were very pleased and ready to go ahead.

June 1. At noon lunch in Drug Club with Drecherhoff & Dubois

At 6 P.M went to Plaza Hotel to meet Professor Kobner [[Kobner with umlaut]]. Walked thru Central Park till 8 P.M then University Club

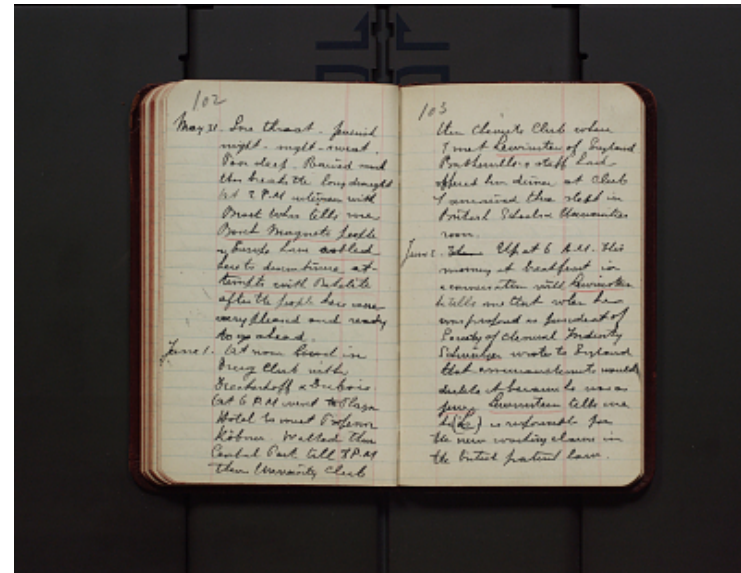
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then Chemists Club where I met [[red underline]] Lewinstein [[/red underline]] of England. Baskerville's staff had offered him dinner at Club I remained there slept in British Schools & Universities room.

June 2. ~~[[then?]]~~ Up at 6 A.M. This morning at breakfast in a conversation with [[red underline]] Lewinstein [[/red underline]] he tells me that when he was proposed as president of Society of Chemical Industry [[red underline]] Schweitzer [[/red underline]] wrote to England that american chemists would dislike it because he was a [[red underline]] Jew. Lewinstein [[/red underline]] tells me he (L) is responsible for the new working clause in the british patent law.



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Abschied's lunch with Hasslacher. . Poor H. looks ill. - I am glad he is going for a rest.

Back with 5 P.M train

[[red underline]] Pipe stems [[/red underline]] new kind [[red underline]] more [[red underline]] trouble again!

[[red underline]] Bad sore throat slept badly.

June 3. Dictated all morning here. Hooker and Hasslacher and their families all leaving for Europe. Restful day but my sore throat bothers me. To bed early at 8 P.M.

June 4 (Sunday) Splendid clear weather. Restful night. Throat trouble gone. Motored to Plaza with George and Lewis

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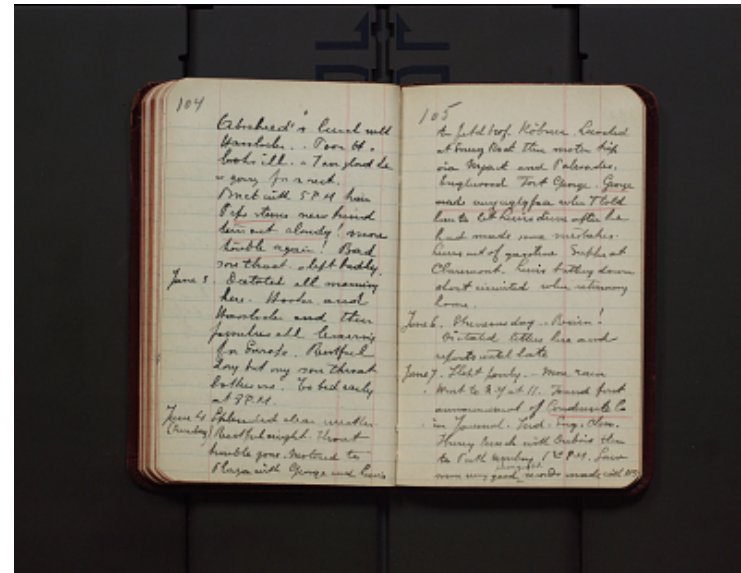
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to fetch Prof. Kobner [[umlaut over o]]. Lunched at Snug Rock then motor trip via Nyack and Palisades. Englewood Fort George. [[red underline]] George made very ugly face when I told [[red underline]] him to let Lewis drive after he had made some mistakes. Lewis out of gasoline. Supper at Claremont. Lewis battery down short circuited when returning home.

June 5. Strenuous day . - Rain! Dictated letters here and reports until late

June 7. Slept poorly. - More rain Went to N.Y at 11. Found first announcement of [[red underline]] Condensite Co [[/red underline]] in Journal. Ind. Eng. Chem. Hurry lunch with Dubois then to Perth Amboy 1 <sup>[[superscript, underline]]</sup> 30 <sup>[[superscript, underline]]</sup> P.M. Saw some very good <sup>^</sup>[[phonograph]] records made with 115



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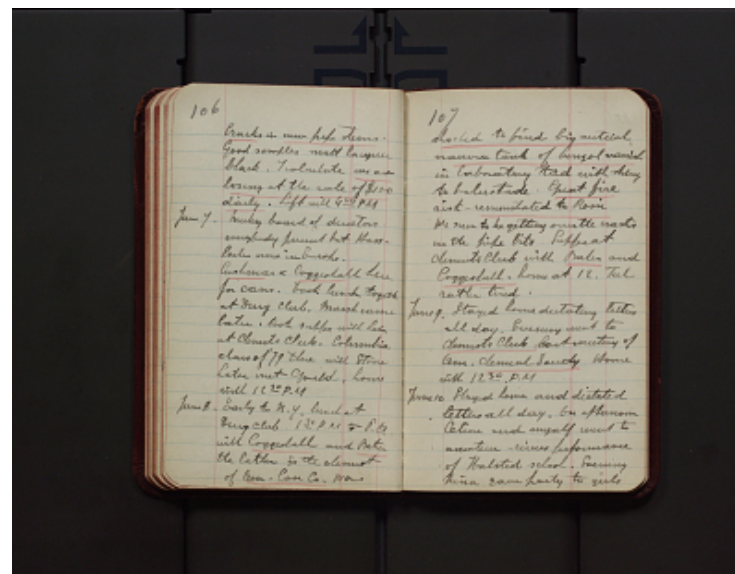
Cracks in new pipe stems. Good samples matt lacquer black. I calculate we are losing at the rate of \$100 daily. Left with 4 <sup>44</sup> PM June 7. Meeting board of directors everybody present but Hasslacher now in Europe. Cushman & Coggeshall here for cans. Took lunch together at Drug Club. Marsh came later. took supper with him at Chemists Club. Columbia class of '79 there with Stone. Later met Gould, home with 12 <sup>30</sup> P.M. June 8. Early to N.Y. lunch at Drug Club 1 <sup>30</sup> P.M. to P.A. with Coggeshall and Baker the latter is the chemist of Am. Can. Co. Was

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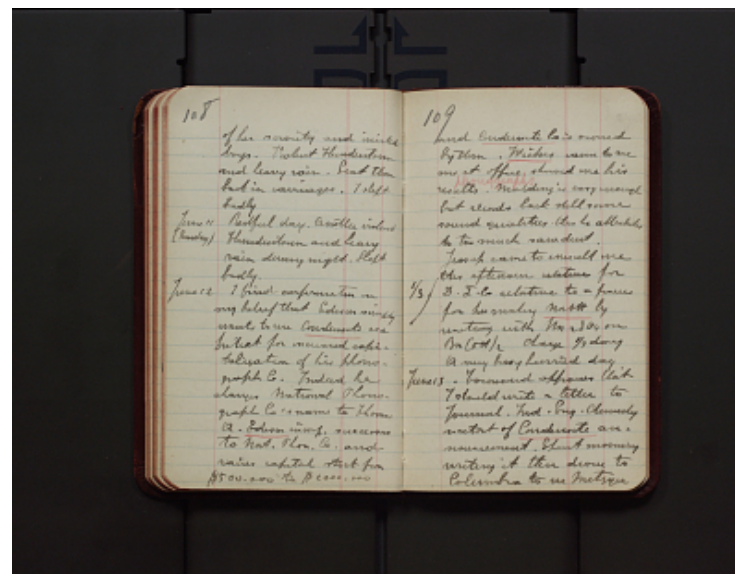
shocked to find big vertical manure tank of benzol varnish in laboratory tied with string to balustrade. Great fire risk - remonstrated to Rossi We seem to be getting over the cracks in the pipe bits. Supper at the Chemists Club with Baker and Coggeshall. home at 12 Feel rather tired. June 9. Stayed home dictating letters all day. Evening went to Chemists Club last meeting of Am. Chemical Society Home with 12 <sup>30</sup> P.M. June 10 Stayed home and dictated letters all day. In afternoon Celine and myself went to amateur - circus performance of Halsted school. Evening Nina gave party to girls

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 of her sorority and invited boys. Violent thunderstorm and heavy rain.  
 Sent them back in carriages. I slept badly.  
 June 11 (Sunday) Restful day. Another violent thunderstorm and heavy  
 rain during night. Slept badly.  
 June 12 I find confirmation in my belief that Edison simply wants to use  
Condensite as a pretext for increased  
 capitalization of his phonograph Co. Indeed he changes National  
 Phonograph Co's name to Thomas A. Edison  
 incorp. successors to Nat. Phon. Co. and raises capital  
 stock from \$500,000 to \$2,000,000  
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 and Condensite Co is owned by them.  
Wickes came to see me at office  
 showed me his results. <sup>^</sup>[[phonographs]] Molding is easy  
 enough but <sup>^</sup>back still some sound qualities. this he attributes  
 to too much sawdust.  
 Jessup came to consult me this afternoon ~~relative~~  
~~for~~ <sup>1/3</sup> D. F. Co. relative to a process for  
~~making~~ NaOH  
 by reacting with  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  on  $\text{BaCOOH}_2$  charge 1/3 day  
 A very busy hurried day  
 June 13. Townsend approves that I should write a letter to Journal. Ind.  
 Eng. Chemistry of Condensite announcement. Spent morning  
 writing it then drove to Columbia to see Metzger



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who hesitates because Whitaker is in Europe and has told him not to change anything to next issue which he prepared before leaving. I visited finally Metzger promises to publish. dictated all day until about 3 P.M. when I motored to Columbia

June 14. Went to N.Y. office. Busy day

June 15. Early to N.Y. McCady & McErven (of Cohoe) there also Swan. Lunch with all of them and May at Drug Club. Swan shows some buttons made at Duranoid Co.

Millet of <sup>^</sup>[[?]] Boston Phonograph Co. calls. promised him to show him records

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Metzger writes he cannot publish article. I telephoned right away telling he must or I shall publish it in [[?]]

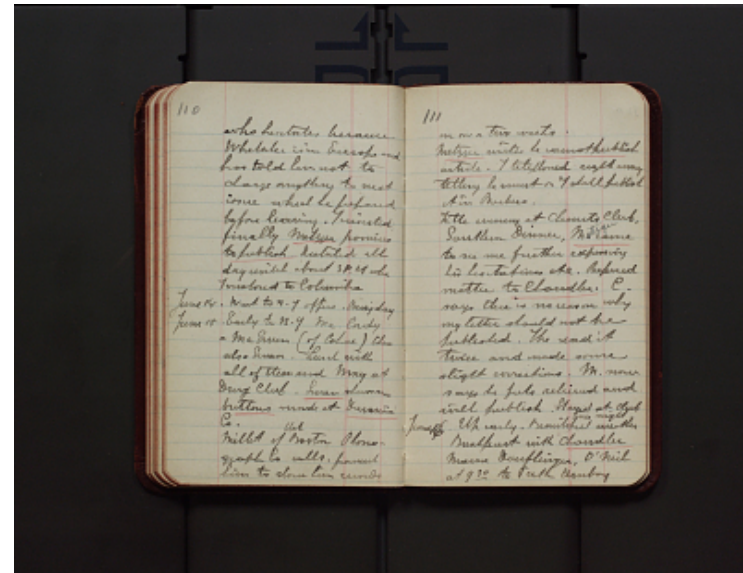
In the evening at Chemists Club, Southern Dinner, M.

Metzger came to see me further expressing his hesitations etc. Referred matters to Chandler. C. says there is no reason why my letter should not be published. He read it twice and made some slight corrections. M. now says he feels relieved and will publish. Stayed at club ["over night" written below]

June 16 Up early. Beautiful weather Breakfast with Chandler

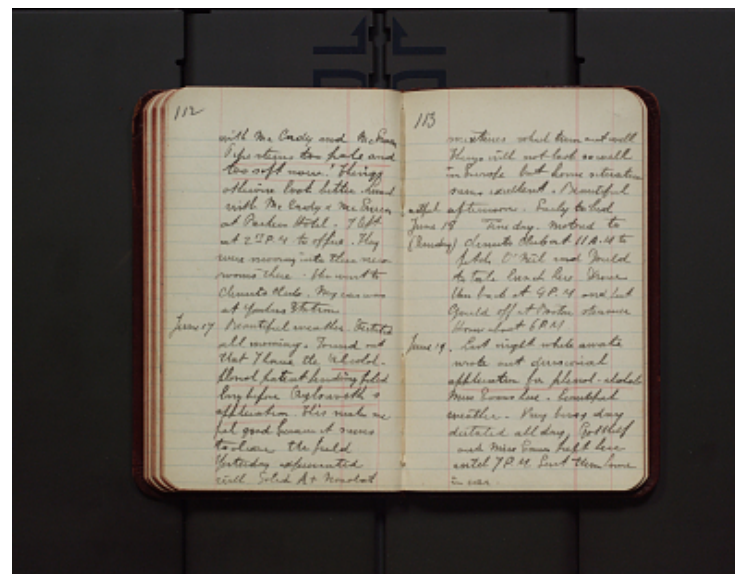
Maxim Duerflinger?. O'Neil

at 9 <sup>30</sup> to Perth Amboy



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 with McCady and McErven  
 [[red underline]] Pipe stems too pale and too soft now! [[/red underline]]  
 Things otherwise look better. Lunch with McCady & McErven at Packers  
 Hotel. I left at 2 <sup>19</sup> P.M to office. They were moving into their new rooms there. Then went  
 to Chemists Club. My car was at Yonkers Station  
 June 17 Beautiful weather. Dictated all morning. Found out that I have  
 the [[red underline]] Alcohol-phenol patent pending filed long before  
 Aylsworth's application. [[/red underline]] This makes me feel good  
 because it seems to clear the field  
 Yesterday experimented with Solid A & Novolak  
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 mixtures which turn out well  
 Things will not look so well in Europe but home situation seems  
 excellent. Beautiful [[in margin: artful?]] afternoon. Early to bed  
 June 18 [[(Sunday) written below date]] Fine day. Motored to Chemists  
 Club at 11 A.M to fetch O'Neil and Gould to take lunch here. Drove them  
 back at 4 P.M and let Gould off at Boston steamer  
 Home about 6 P.M  
 June 19. Last night while awake wrote out [[?]] [[red underline]]  
 application for phenol-alcohols [[/red underline]]  
 Miss Evans here - beautiful weather. Very busy day dictated all day.  
 Gotthelf and Miss Evans kept here until 7 P.M. Sent them home in car.



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June 20. Early to office in car to 185 th st. Celine with me. Office installed in ^[[100 Williams str.]] new quarters [[red underline]] Quiet sandwich - lunch then to Perth Amboy 12 [[underlined superscript]] 20 [[underlined superscript]] Gave order to make Novolak for some experiments in molding mixtures. Swan arrived there reports [[red underline]] Mr Kirk Brown of Condensite Co [[red underline]] told Duranoid that he is willing to offer us his list of customers if we want to see him. Returned with Swan 4 [[underlined superscript]] 39 [[underlined superscript]] P.M.

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Took supper at Chemists Club with Gray. the lawyer, prepared case for Dev. & Funding Co. - ~~[[strickethrough]]~~ Ganes suit. ~~[[/strickethrough]]~~ defendant [[red underline]] against Ganes [[red underline]] (charge 1 day) Took taxi to Del.Lack. Station

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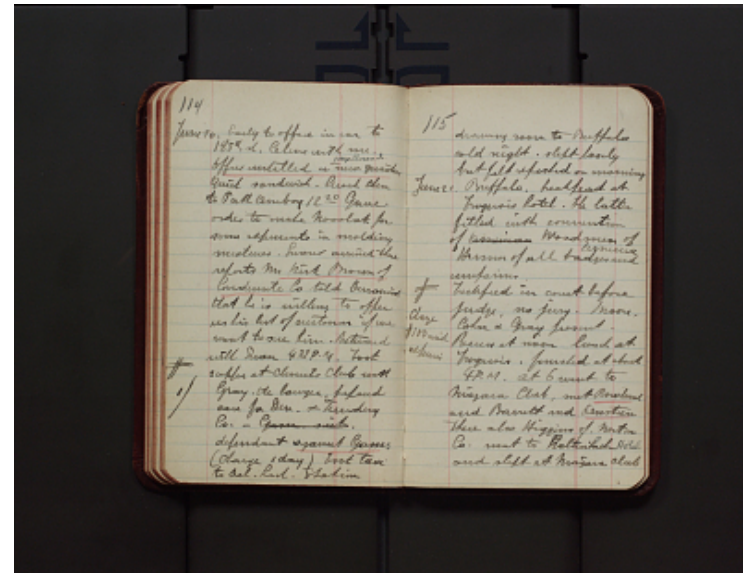
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drawing room to Buffalo cold night. slept poorly but felt refreshed on morning

June 21. Buffalo. breakfast at Iroquois hotel. The latter filled with convention of ~~[[strickethrough]]~~ American ~~[[/strickethrough]]~~ Woodmen of [[red underline]] "America" written below "Woodmen of" Horror of all badges and uniforms.

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Testified in court before Judge, no jury. Moore, Cohn & Gray present. Recess at noon lunch at Iroquois. finished at about 4 P.M. At 6 went to Niagara Club, met [[red underline]] Rowland [[red underline]] and Barrett and [[red underline]] Ornstein [[red underline]] there also Higgins of. Norton Co. went to Kaltenbach Hotel and slept at Niagara Club



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June 22 Went with Huggins to visit plant of Norton Co he showed me their tubes of carborundum for pyrometers in experimental furnace. Spoke to him of our troubles with Steinberg. told him we are ready now to go ahead with grind stones.

Then went to Hooker Electrochemical plant. Met Snowden and Taylor there whom I have ~~rec~~ recommended. for their position. The plant makes an excellent impression everything seems to go smoothly and orderly. Spent all morning there and took lunch at

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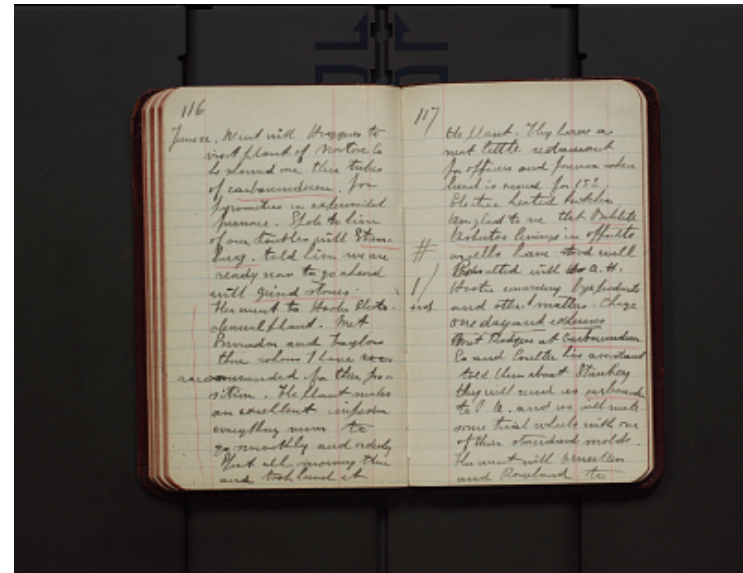
the plant. They have a neat little restaurant for officers and foremen where lunch is served for 15 <sup>c</sup> Electric heated kitchen. Am glad to see that Bakelite Asbestos linings in off??ts on cells have stood well

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Consulted with ~~[[?]]~~ A. H. Hooter concerning lye products and other matters. Charge one day and expenses

Met Rodgers at Carborundum Co and Coulter his assistant told them about Stunkey? they will send us carborundum to P.A. and we will make some trial wheels with one of their standard molds.

Then went with Ornstein and Rowland to



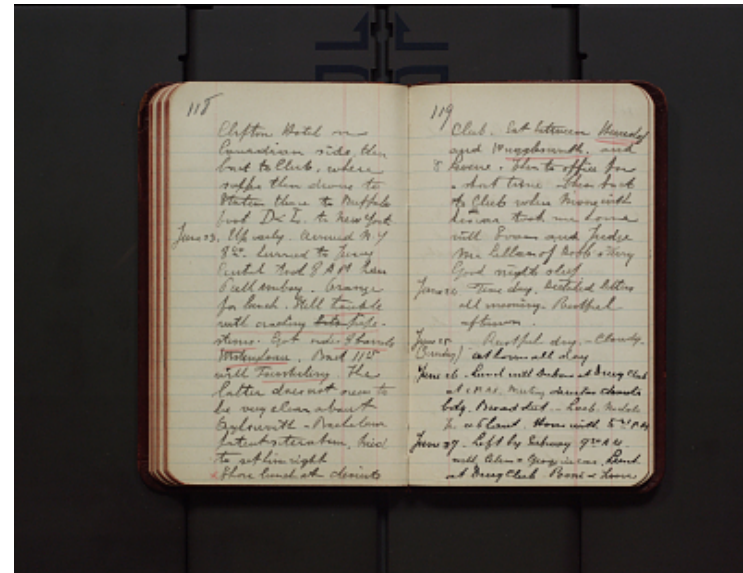
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Clifton Hotel on Canadian side. then back to Club, where supper then drove to Station thence to Buffalo Took D & L. to New York.  
June 23. Up early. Arrived N.Y 8 <sup>40</sup> hurried to Jersey Central took 8 AM. train Perth Amboy. Orange for lunch. Still trouble with cracking ~~bits?~~ pipe stems. Got order 8 barrels Westinghouse.  
Back 11 <sup>15</sup> with Foersterling The latter does not seem to be very clear about Aylesworth - Bachelum? patent situation. Tried to set him right.  
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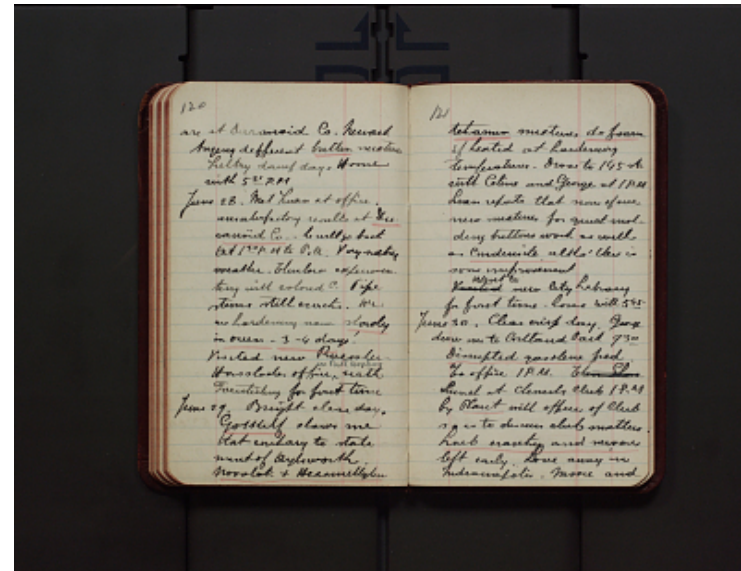
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Club. Sat between Herreshof and Wigglesworth and Dr. Levene. Then to office for a short time then back to Club where Mione? with his car took me home with Evans and Judge Mc Lellan of Dobb's Ferry. Good nights sleep.  
June 24. Fine day. Dictated letters all morning. Restful afternoon.  
June 25 (Sunday). Restful day. - Cloudy. At home all day.  
June 26. Lunch with Dubois at Drug Club at <sup>2?</sup> P.M. Meeting directors chemist bldg. Broad street. Loeb. Nichols Jr. & Plaut. Home with 5 <sup>31</sup> P.M.  
June 27. Left by Subway 9 <sup>30</sup> AM. with Celine and George in car. Lunch at Drug club. Rossi & Swan



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 are at Duranoid Co. Newark trying different button  
 mixtures. Sultry damp day. home with 5  
 31 P.M.  
 June 28. Met Swan at office. unsatisfactory results at  
 Duranoid Co. - he will go back at 1 P.M. to P.A. Very sultry weather.  
 Thurlow experimenting with colored C. Pipe stems still cracks. We are  
 hardening now slowly in oven - 3-4 days!  
 Visited new Roessler-Hasslach office ^  
 with Foesterling for first time  
 June 29. Bright clear day. Gotthelf  
 shows me that contrary to statement of Aylesworth,  
 & Hexamethylen?   
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 tetamin? mixtures if heated at hardening  
 temperatures. drove to  
 145 st with Celine and George at 1 P.M.  
 Swan reports that none of our new mixtures for quick molding buttons  
 work as well as Condensite altho' there  
 is some improvement  
 Visited ~~Went to~~ new City Library for  
 first time. home with 5  
 45  
 June 30. Clear crisp day. George drove me to Cortland Park 9  
 30  
 Disrupted gasoline? feed.  
 To office 1 P.M. ~~Shore?~~ Lunch  
 at chemist club 1 P.M. by Plaut with  
 officers of club so as to discuss club matters. Loeb  
 cranky and nervous left early. Love away in  
 Indianapolis. Moore and



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Parker, kicking spirit but afterwards mellowed down. Home 4 P.M with Evans.

July 1. Remained home dictating letters. Afternoon went to Motor race at ? with the kids and their friends and Celine. arrived after race was over. continued towards Poughkeepsie but at Fishkill the tension rod of rear axle snapped off. found it safer to let all return by train except Celine myself and Malcolm Hall. Got back in excellent condition

Very hot day. Ninn came back at 8 P.M with Archie Young

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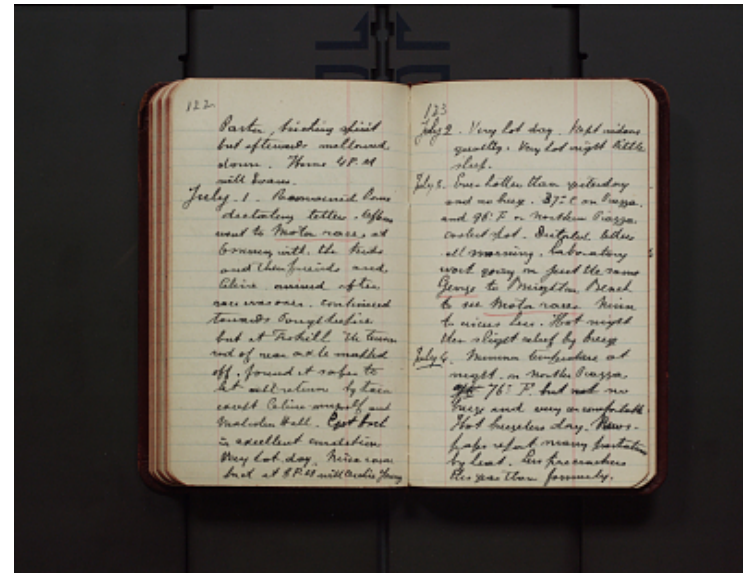
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July 2. Very hot day. kept indoors quietly. Very hot night little sleep.

July 3. Even hotter than yesterday and no breeze. 37 [degree] C on Piazza and 96 [degree] F in northern Piazza coolest spot. Dictated letters all morning. Laboratory work going on just the same. George to Brighton Beach to see Motor races. Ninn to circus here. Hot night then slight relief by breeze

July 4. Minimum temperature at night on northern Piazza ~~96~~ 76 [degrees] F but ~~not~~ no breeze and very uncomfortable. Hot breezeless day. News paper report many prostrations by heat. Less fire crackers this year than formerly.



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