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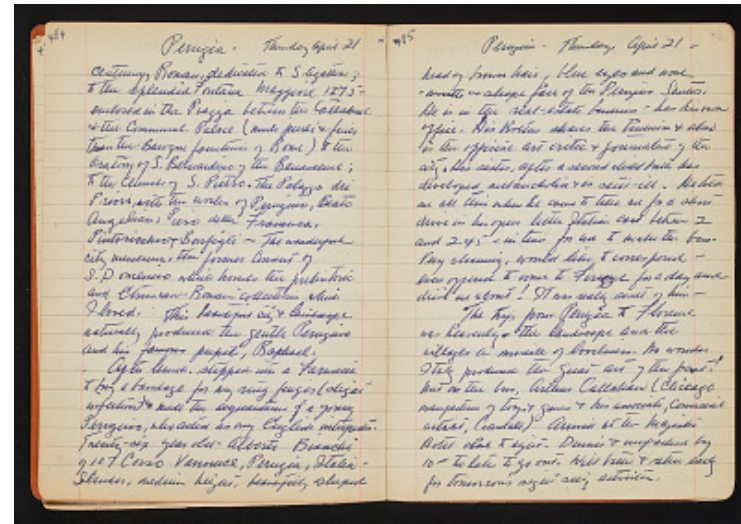
century, Roman, dedicated to S. Agatha; to the splendid Fontana Maggiore 1275- enclosed in the Piazza between the Cathedral & the Communal Palace (much purer & finer than the Baroque fountains of Rome) & the Oratory of S. Bernardino of the Renaissance; to the Church of S. Pietro. The Palazzo dei Priori, with the works of Perugino, Beato Angelico, Piero della Francesca. Pintoricchio & Bonfigli - The wonderful city museum, the former Convent of S. Domenico which houses the prehistoric and Christian-Roman collections which I loved. This beautiful city & landscape naturally produced the gentle Perugino and his famous pupil, Raphael.

After lunch stepped into a Farmacia to buy a bandage for my ring finger (slight infection) & made the acquaintance of a young Perugino, who acted as my English interpreter. Twenty-six year old-Alberto Bianchi of 107 Corso Vannucci, Perugia, Italia. Slender, medium height, beautifully shaped

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head of brown hair, blue eyes and nose mouth & shape face of the Perugian Santos. He is in the real-estate business-has his own office. His brother shares the business & also is the official art critic & journalist of the city. His sister, after a second childbirth has developed melancholia & is still ill. He told me all this when he came to take me for a short drive in his open little Italian car between 2 and 2.45 - in time for me to make the bus. Very charming, would like to correspond - even offered to come to Firenze for a day and drive me about! It was really sweet of him-

The trip from Perugia to Florence was heavenly - the landscape and the villages a miracle of loveliness. No wonder Italy produced the great art of the past! Met on the bus, Arthur Callahan (Chicago manufacturer of toys & games & his associate, commercial artist, Crandall) Arrived at the Majestic Hotel close to eight. Dinner & unpacked by 10 - too late to go out. Will bathe and retire early for tomorrow's sight-seeing activities.



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