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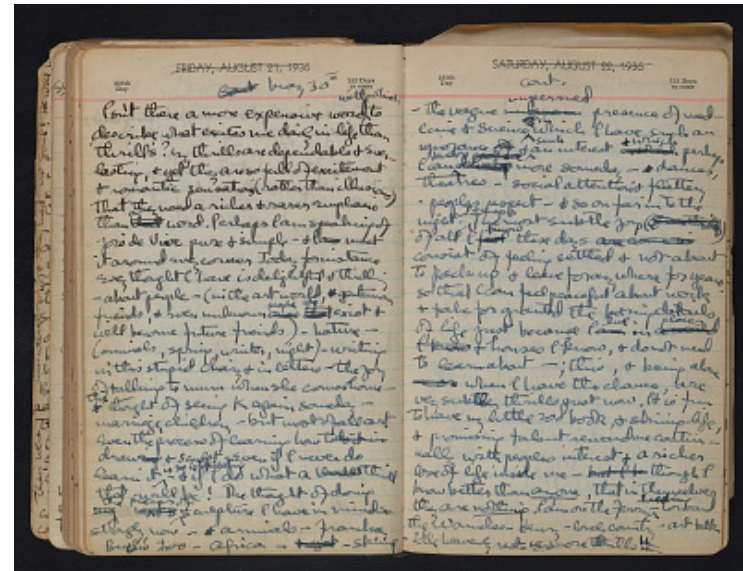
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~~FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 1936~~
234th Day 132 Days to come
~~cont~~ May 30th

Isn't there a more expensive word with which to describe what excites me daily in life than 'thrills'? My thrills are dependable & everlasting, & yet they are so full of excitement & romantic sensations (rather than illusions) that they need a richer & rarer emphasis than ~~a~~ word. Perhaps I am speaking of joie de vivre pure & simple - & I ~~am~~ meet it around every corner. Today for instance every thought I have is delightful & thrilling - about people - (in the art world, gentleman friends, & even unknown ones that people who exist & will become future friends) - nature - (animals, spring, winter, night) - writing in this stupid diary & in letters - the joy of talking to mum when she comes home - the thought of seeing K again someday - marriage & children, - but most of all art. Even the process of learning how to ~~do it~~ draw & sculpt - even if I never do learn it is so intoxicating - & if I do what a thrill that will be! The thought of doing my next s the pieces of sculpture I have in mind so strongly now - animals - Frank Buck's zoo - Africa - ~~yet~~ - skiing

~~SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1936~~
235th Day 131 Days to come
cont.

- the vague ~~unknown~~ unpersued presence of medicine & science in which I have such an ignorance of ~~such an interest~~ which perhaps I can develop more someday - dances, theatres - social attention & flattery - peoples respect - & so on far into the night. Perhaps the most subtle joys of all I feel of all I know these days are come to consist of feeling settled & not about to pack up & leave for any where for years, so that I can feel peaceful about work & take for granted the boring details of life just because I ~~am~~ live in a world ~~places~~ I know & houses I know, & do not need to learn about -; this, & being alone when I have the chance, are very subtle thrills just now. It is fun to have my little zoo book, & skiing life, & promising talent reward me continually with peoples interest & a richer love of life inside me - ~~but I k~~ though I know better than anyone, that in themselves they are nothing. I am on the Ferry - heading toward the Warnakes - Henry - lovely country - art talk idle heavenly rest - i.e. more thrills!!



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