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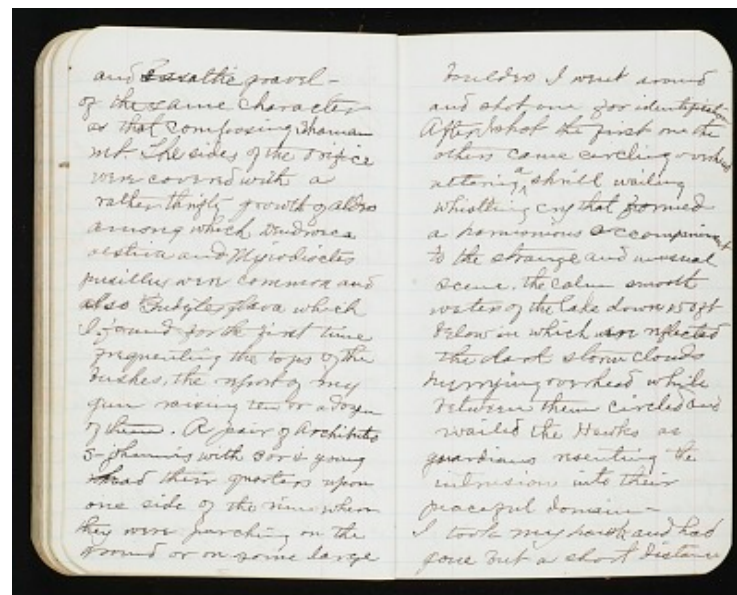
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and ~~the~~ gravel - of the same character as that confusing shaman Mt. The sides of the orifice were covered with a rather thrifty growth of alders among which *Deudroeca aestira* and *Myiodiodes pusillus* were common and also *Budges flora* which I found for the first time frequenting the tops of the bushes, the report of my gun raising ten or a dozen of them. A pair of architects S - ~~[[johannis?]]~~ with 3 or 4 young had their quarter upon one side of the rim where they were perching on the ground or on some large boulder I went around and shot one for identification. After I shot the first one the others came circling overhead uttering a shrill wailing whistling cry that formed a harmonious accompaniment to the strange and unusual scene. the calm smooth water of the lake down 150ft below in which were reflected the dark storm clouds hurrying overhead while between them circled and wailed the Hawks as guardians resenting the intrusion into their peaceful domain - I took my ~~[[harts?]]~~ and had gone but a short distance



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