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took samples ^[[of petrified wood x]] limited to 8 lbs. Desolate place, looks like ^[[an]] emplacement of old chemical works! Samples feel blisteringly hot! Return trip seems no end. ^[[and so thirsty]]
[[strikethrough]] Ten [[strikethrough]] Children galloping over prairie on their ponies. Keefer is a Dane who came there 20 years ago with some cattle. Rush for smoking car, everybody wants a drink! Cool agreeable night again. [[margin]] X tell at Swing Rock. [[/margin]]

July 8. Awakened ^[[this morning]] in pine forest near El Tovar Hotel. What a difference in landscape. Pine trees again. Put on riding breeches, purchased straw hat. Celine got divided shirt and off we went down "Angel trail" into the canon. Steep and

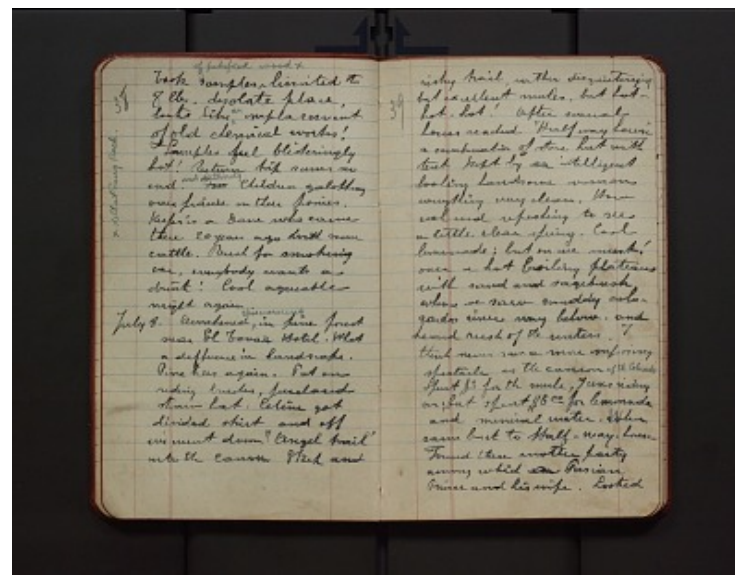
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risky trail, rather disquieting but excellent mules. but hot-hot-hot! After several hours reached [[underline]] "Half way house" [[/underline]] a combination of stone with with tent kept by an intelligent looking handsome woman everything very clean. How cool and refreshing to see a little clear spring. Cool lemonade; but on we went! over a hot broiling plateau with sand and sagebrush when we saw muddy colorado river way below. and heard rush of the waters. I think never saw a more imposing spectacle as the canon of the Colorado Spent \$3 for the mule I was riding on; but spent \$5.00 for lemonade and mineral water. When came back to Half-way-house Found where another party among which Persian Prince and his wife. Looked

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