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Jan. 7. ~~Up~~ ~~Temperature~~ ~~day~~ ~~Mild~~
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 Went to New York Automobile show.
 Very crowded and on this account uninteresting because you could not come near the most interesting exhibits. Why don't they use larger space or prolong the exhibition. - Then supper at University Club. Then went to see movie-show at Strand Theatre: "The Girl of the Golden West." Home with 11:45 P.M.

Jan 8. Mild clear weather: At home all day. I calculate that our general expenses have increased about \$10,000 a year while our orders have not increased. It is doubtful whether our profits available for dividends will be as high as last year.

Jan 9. Went to New York evening for supper and returned with 10:40 P.M.

Jan 10. 1915 Sunday. Spent most of
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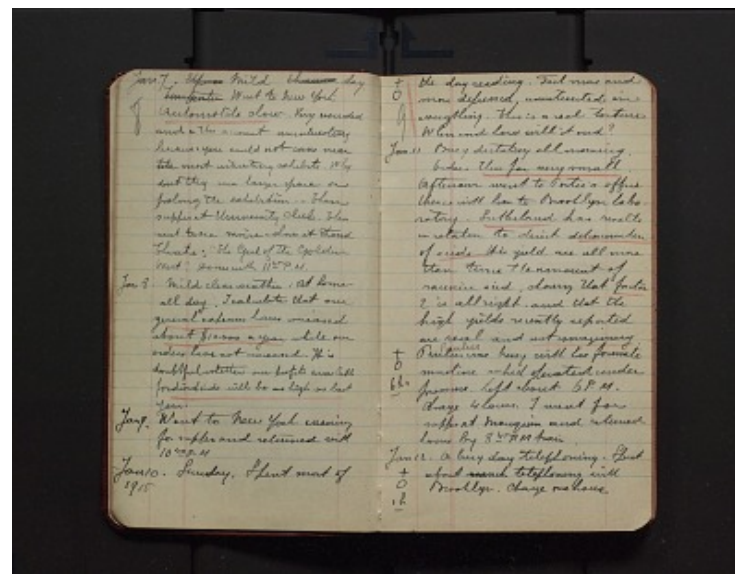
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 the day reading. Feel more and more depressed, uninterested in everything. This is a real torture When and how will it end?
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Jan. 11 Busy dictating all morning. Orders thus far very small. Afternoon went to Porter's office thence with him to Brooklyn laboratory. Sutherland has results in relation to direct of acids. His yield are all more than twice the amount of racemic acid, showing that factor 2 is all right and that the high yields recently reported are real and not imaginary.
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 [underlined] 6 hrs [symbol and annotation in left margin]
 Paulus [^] was busy with his formate machine which operated under pressure. Left about 6 P.M. Charge 4 hours. I went for supper at Mouquin and returned home by 8:45 P.M. train.

Jan 12. A busy day telephoning. Spent about one much telephoning with Brooklyn. Charge one hour.
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