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to Delco plant where I met Wagner, head of bakelite department, then I met Mr. Nabb, then patent attorney and spent some further time with Kettering took evening train for Chicago. Fine railroad station, the ~~most~~ best and most impressive station of ~~the~~ of its size. Another influence of the work of Mr. Patterson

April 8. On arrival in Chicago went to Black Rock Hotel where found Swan then went with him to bakelite plant of Belden Mfg. Co. Concern electric wire, braided wire and small cables, and has recently started several bakelite presses which are kept going actively. ~~I am~~ Doing fine molding, specially motor cars

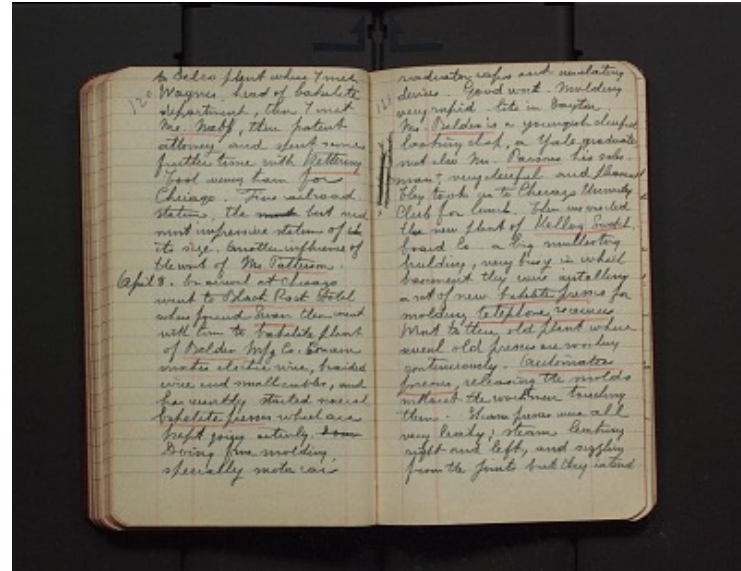
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radiator caps and insulating devices. Good work. Molding very rapid like in Dayton. Mr. Belden is a youngish cheerful looking chap, a Yale graduate, met also Mr. Parsons his salesman and very cheerful and pleasant

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They took us to Chicago University Club for lunch. Then we visited the new plant of Kellogg Switch board co. a big multistory building, very busy in which basement they were installing a set of new bakelite presses for molding telephone receivers Went to their old plant where several old presses are working continuously. Automatic presses, releasing the molds without the workmen touching them. Steam presses were all very lively; steam leaking right and left, and sizzling from the joints but they intend



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