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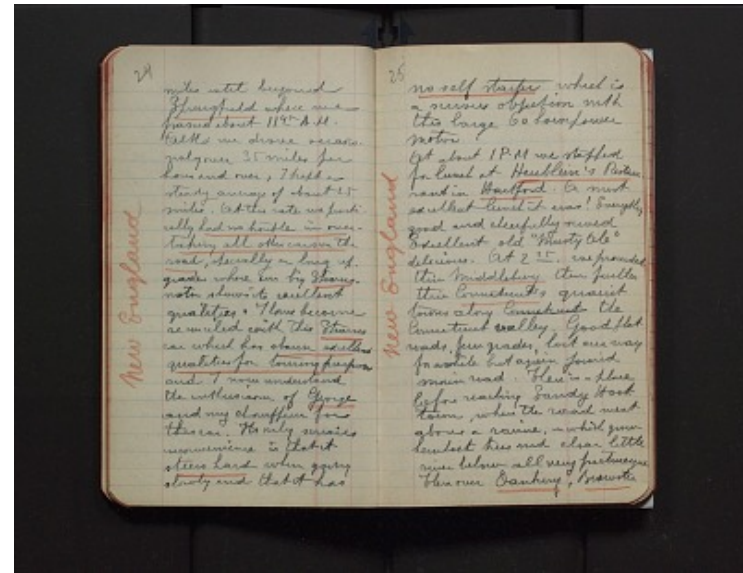
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 miles until beyond Springfield where we
 passed about 11 45 A.M. Altho we drove
 occasionally over 35 miles per hour and over, I kept a steady average of
 about 25 miles. At this rate we practically had no trouble in
 overtaking all other cars on the road, specially on long
 upgrades where our big Stearns motor
 shows its excellent qualities. I have become reconciled with this
Stearns car which has shown
 excellent qualities for touring purposes and I now
 understand the enthusiasm of George and
 my chauffeur for this car. Its only serious inconvenience is that it
 steers hard when going slowly and that it
 has

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no self starter which is a serious objection
 with this large 60 horsepower motor. At about 1 P.M. we stopped for
 lunch at Heublein's Restaurant in
Hartford. A most excellent lunch it was!
 Everything good and cheerfully received Excellent old "Musty Ale"
 delicious. At 2 25 we proceeded thru
Middlebury then further thru
 Connecticut's ~~quaint towns along~~
 the Connecticut valley. Good flat roads,
 few grades, lost our way for awhile but again joined main road. There is
 a place before reaching Sandy Hook town, where the road went above a
 ravine, in which grow hemlock trees and clear little river below all very
 picturesque over Danbury,
Brewster



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