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after eliminating the water can be redissolved and used over again. They tell me this is ~~the~~ an invention of Dupont [^][Co] and saves the department large sums of money by being able to reuse defective or old worthless powder.

Explanations given freely to everybody by attending engineers and officers and lively discussions on different details. Afternoon returned by Mayflower same ~~salute~~ ceremony while passing Mount Vernon. ~~Edison~~ Had long talk with Edison about manufacture of phenol and prussic acid and monochlorbenzol. He tells me jokingly that his deafness frequently

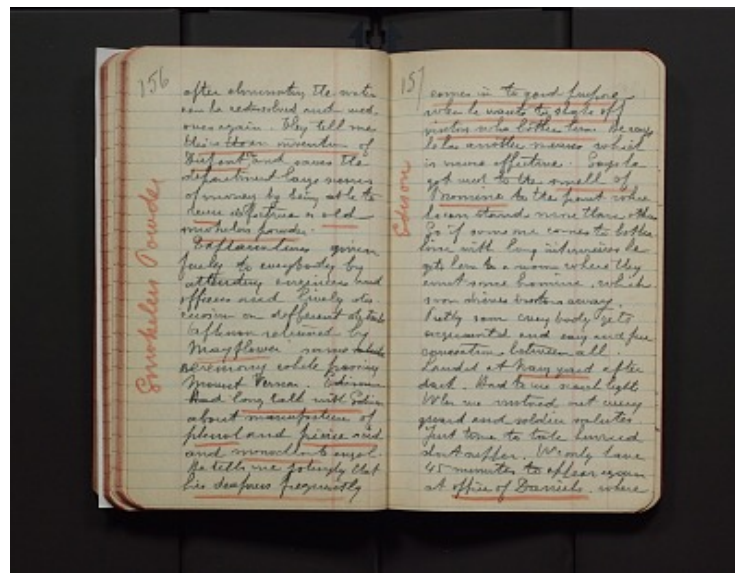
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comes in to good purpose when he wants to shake off visitors who bother him. He says he has another means which is more effective. Says he got used to the smell of bromine to the point where he can stand more than others. So if some one comes to bother him with long interviews he gets them to a room where they emit some bromine, which soon drives visitors away. Pretty soon every body gets acquainted and easy and free conversation between all. Landed at Navy yard after dark. Had to use search lights. When we motored out every guard and soldier salutes. Just time to take hurried short supper. We only have 45 minutes to appear again at office of Daniels where



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