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Spent one hour revising report on Soy Bean.

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May 10: A busy day, revising two new patent specifications and ~~various other work~~

Afternoon was nice weather so took car and drove out along Nepera Park then Valentine Lane old house where in 1899 spent some six months of happiest days of my life. When George and Nina were just little tots. The old privet hedge I planted has become quite big. New generation new children, everything looks same reposeful appearance but 17 years are gone. At that time I imagined that this little house was about maximum of comfort and luxury. We were young and began to feel confident that Velox enterprise

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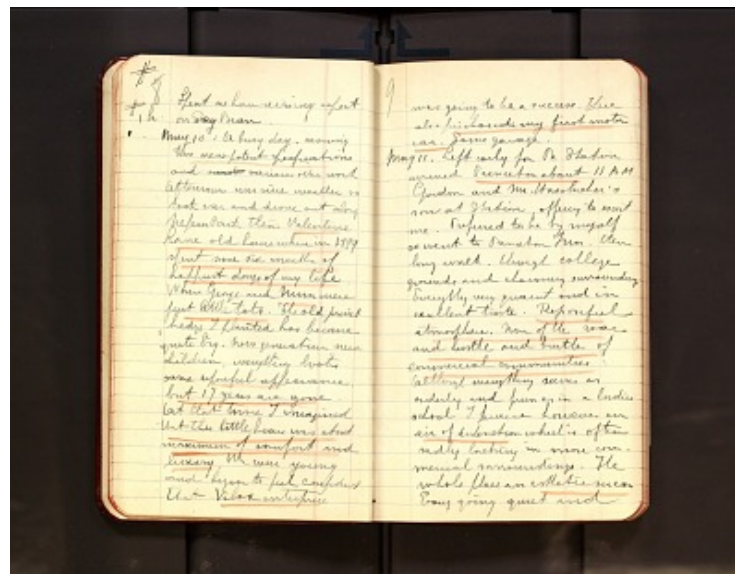
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was going to be a success. There also purchased my first motor car. Same garage.

May 11. Left early for Pa Station arrived Princeton about 11 AM

Gordon and Mr. Hasslacher's son at Station offering to escort me. Preferred to be by myself so went to Princeton Inn, then long walk through college grounds and charming surroundings. Everything very quaint and in excellent taste. Reposeful atmosphere. None of the war and hustle and bustle of commercial communities.

Although everything seems as orderly and prim as in a ladies school I perceive however an air of distinction which is often sadly lacking in more commercial surroundings. The whole place an esthetic success Easy going quiet and



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