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mahogany rowboat and her flags. She seems a picture of comfort and refinements of civilisation in this background of tropical forest. Walking in the woods I see everywhere traces of deer or other game. Later on we shifted our position to about two miles from drawbridge and tollhouse. It is difficult to climb the steep sandy banks but we found a place with two ~~stat~~ palmetto piles to which to tie up. Quiet night very cool. Heavy dew on deck but sky clear.

Nov. 17

Morning sun brought warmth.

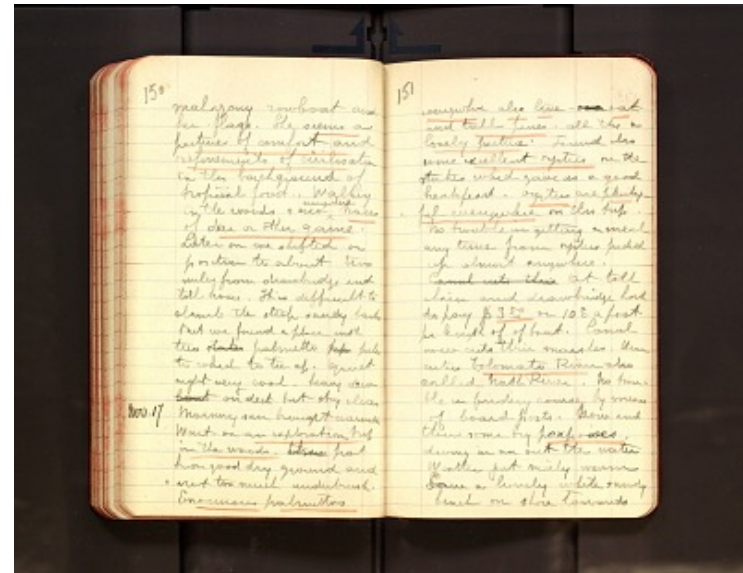
Went on an exploration trip in the woods, part have good dry ground and not too much underbrush. Enormous palmettos

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everywhere also live oak and tall pines. All this a lovely picture. Found also some excellent oysters on the stakes which give us a good breakfast. Oysters are plentiful everywhere on this trip. No trouble in getting a meal any time from oysters picked up almost anywhere. ~~Canal cuts thru~~ At toll chain and drawbridge had to pay \$3.50 or 10c a foot for length of boat. Canal cuts thru marshes, then enters Tolomato River also called North River. No trouble in finding course by means of board posts. Now and then some big porpoises, diving in and out the water. Weather just mildly warm. Saw a lovely white sandy beach on shore towards



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