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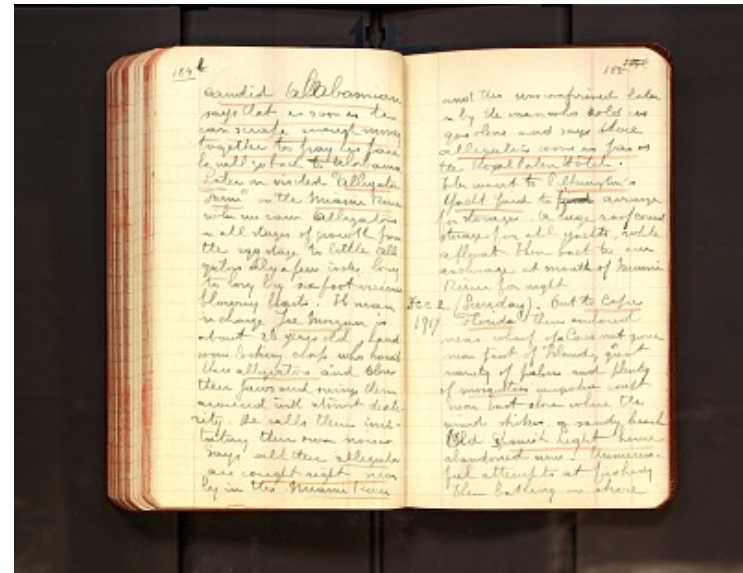
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Candid Alabamian says that as soon as he can scrape enough money together to pay his fare he will go back to Alabama. Later on visited "Alligator Farm" on the Miami River where we saw Alligators in all stages of growth from the egg stage to little alligators only a few inches long to large big six foot vicious blowing beasts. The man in charge Joe Morgan is about 26 years old, handsome looking chap who handles these alligators and closes their jaws and swings them answered with utmost dexterity. He calls them imitating their own noises. Says all these alligators are caught right near Miami River by this

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 and this was confirmed later on by the man who sold us gasoline and says these alligators came as far as Royal Palm Hotel. Then went to Pilkington's Yacht Yard to find ~~find~~ arrange for storage. A huge roof covered storage for all yachts, while afloat then back to our anchorage at mouth of Miami River for night.
 Dec 2. 1917 (Sunday) Out to Cape Florida then anchored near wharf of a Coconut grove near point of Island, great variety of palms and plenty of mosquitoes everywhere except near East shore where the wind strikes. a sandy beach Old Spanish Light house abandoned now. Unsuccessful attempts at fishing Then bathing on shore



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