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one or two hundred yards on the South Eastern shore which was too soft. All the remainder of the shore is hard coral formation. Need shoes to walk on them.

The greenest part of the Island is the Southern side. Tried for crawfish but found none speared a Trunk-fish. Saw two bonefish and tried to spear them but they were too quick.

Swam around for quite awhile then moved back to the Cygnets where Albert was improving the magneto which had given us trouble.

The shellac of the armature has melted out, and in extruding had filled the interstices between the fields, until the whole thing had become solid and unable to move. If the Bosch

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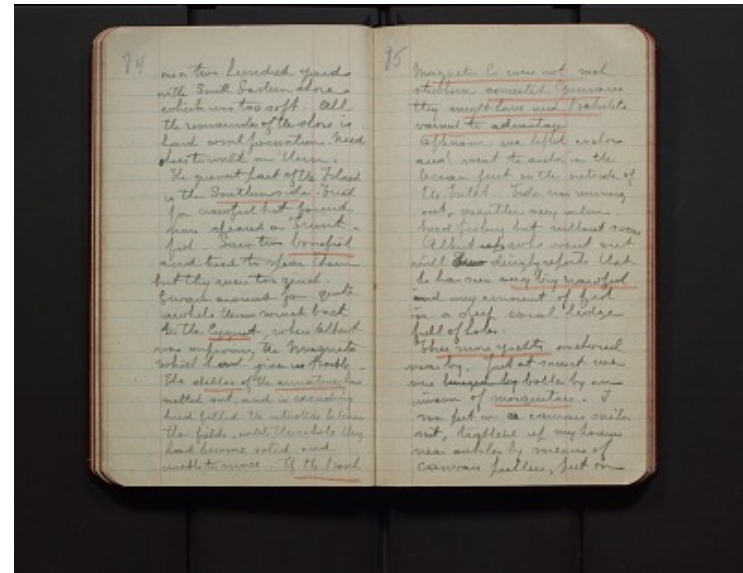
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Magneto Co were not such stubborn conceited Germans they might have used Bakelite varnish to advantage.

Afternoon we lifted anchor and went to anchor in the Ocean just on the outside of the Inlet. Tide was running out, weather very calm. Tried fishing but without success. Albert ~~ref~~ who went out with ~~ref~~ dinghy reports that he has seen very big crawfish and any amount of fish in a deep coral ledge full of holes.

Three more yachts anchored nearby. Just at sunset we were ~~besieged~~ by ~~both~~ bother by an invasion of mosquitoes. I soon put on a canvass sailor suit, tightened up my trousers near ankles by means of canvass putters, put on



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