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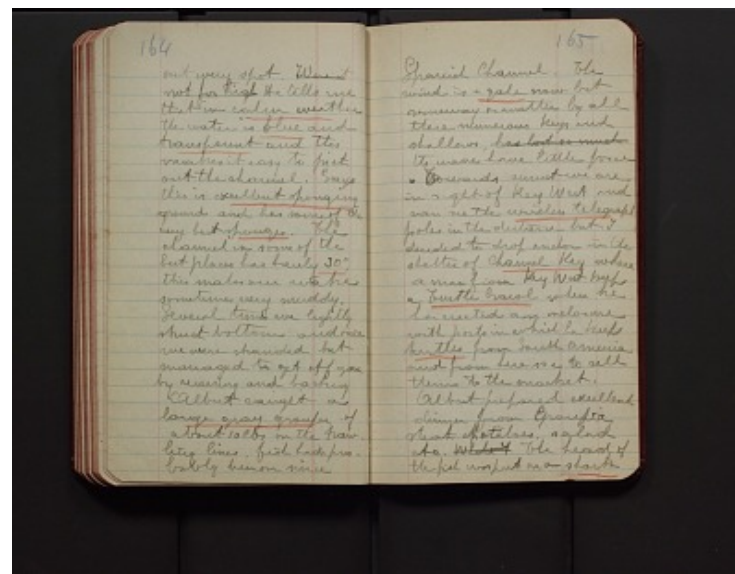
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out every spot. ~~Were it not for high~~ He tells me that in cooler weather the water is blue and transparent and this makes it easy to pick out the channel. Says this is excellent sponging ground and has some of the very best sponges. The channel in some of the best places has barely 30" this makes our wake sometimes very muddy. Several times we lightly struck bottom and once we were stranded but managed to get off again by reversing and backing.

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Spanish Channel. The wind is a gale now but somehow or another by all these numerous keys and shallows, ~~has~~ lost so much ~~the~~ waves have little force. Towards sunset we are in sight of Key West and can see the wireless telegraph poles in the distance but I decided to drop anchor in the shelter of Channel Key where a man from Key West keeps a Turtle Crawl where he has erected an enclosure with posts in which he keeps turtles from South America and from here so as to sell them to the market.

Albert prepared excellent dinner from Grouper, stack of potatoes, salad etc. ~~[striketrough]]~~ While ~~[[/striketrough]]~~ The head of the fish was put on a shark shark



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