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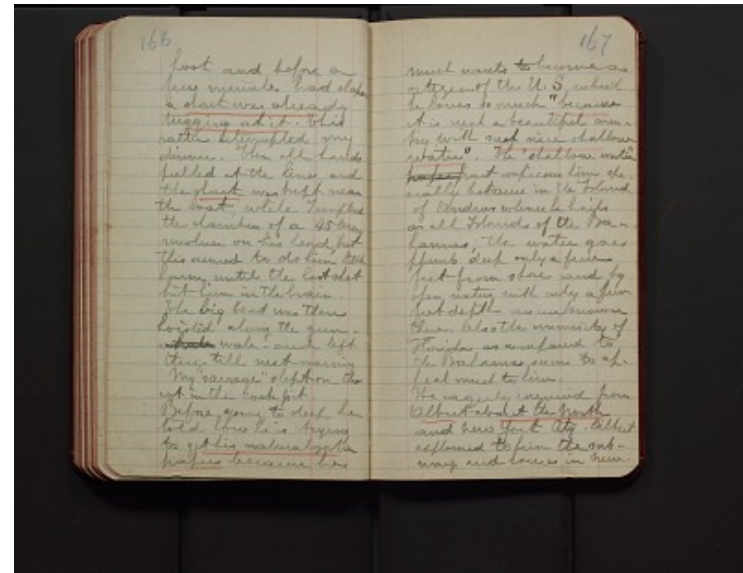
hook and before a few minutes had elapsed a shark was already tugging at it. This rather interrupted my dinner. Then all hands pulled at the line and the shark was kept near the boat, while I emptied the chamber of a 45 army revolver on his head, but this seemed to do him little harm until the last shot hit him in the brain. The big beast was then hoisted along the gun ~~whale~~ ~~wale~~ - and left there till next morning My "savage" slept on the cot in the cockpit. Before going to sleep he told how he is trying to get his naturalization papers because he

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much wants to become a citizen of the U.S. which he loves so much "because it is such a beautiful country with such nice shallow water". The shallow water ~~paper~~ ~~part~~ impresses him specially because in the island of Andros whence he hails as all islands of the Bahamas, the water goes plumb deep only a few feet from shore and by open waters with only a few feet depth are unknown there. Also the immensity of Florida as compared to the Bahamas seem to appeal much to him. He vaguely inquired from Albert about the North and New York City. Albert explained to him the subways and houses in New-



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