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very pleasant evening Crawford's house is reached by a little car with seats for 4 persons, pulled up the hill by means of a cable on a little inclined railroad the whole thing seems rather simple and is automatic. Feels like sitting in a perambulator. Speaking about perambulators I saw a man yesterday carrying a perambulator on his head. I had seen them carry their various packages a folded umbrella a coffin but a perambulator balanced neatly on the head seems the limit!

April 14. Weather is decidedly cooler at night and very pleasant all thru the day. Am told this is the kind of weather they have for about 6 months. with an occasional drop of the

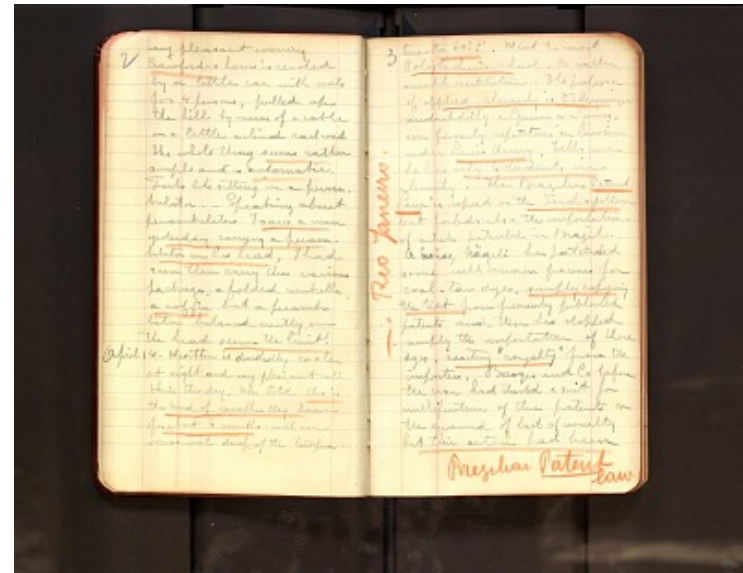
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ture to 60F. Went to visit Polytechnic school A rather small institution. The professor of applied chemistry is Dr. Henninger undoubtedly a German or a Swiss. was formerly in Louvain under Louis Henry Tells me he has only 4 students in chemistry. The Brazilian Patent Law is copied on the French system but forbids also the importation of articles patented in Brazil. A Swiss, Naegeli has patented some well known processes for coal tar dyes. simply copying the text from previously published patents and then has stopped simply the importation of these dyes. exacting "royalty" from the importers. Bayer and Co before the war had started a suit for nullification of these patents on the ground of lack of novelty but their action had been Brazilian Patent law



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