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Chesapeake

Weather so mild that for several hours walked around on deck in my light drawers otherwise naked and barefooted. Oystermen quite busy picking up oysters in the clear water. All farmers in summer time and making extra money gathering oysters during this season. They tell me that a good 4 acre farm with good house can be bought here for about \$3000.

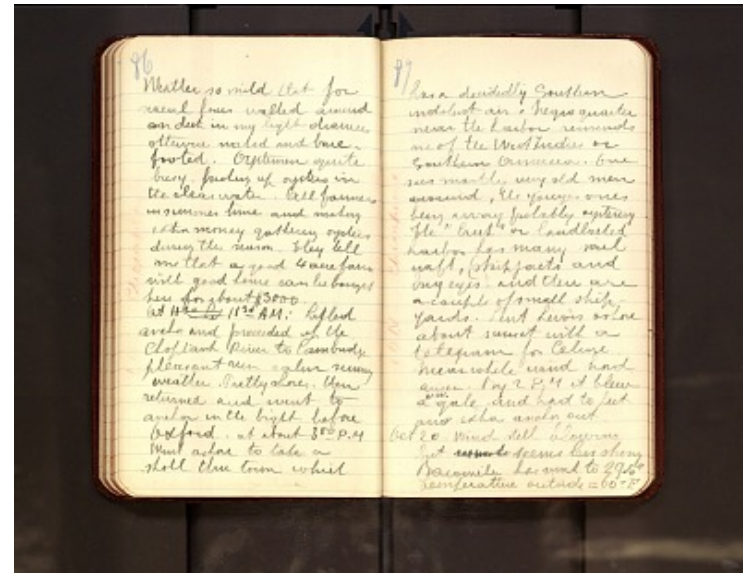
At 11:30 AM: Lifted anchor and proceeded up the Choptank River to Cambridge pleasant run calm sunny weather. Pretty shores, then returned and went to anchor in the bight before Oxford at about 3:50 P.M Went ashore to take a stroll thru town which

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ION Chesapeake

has a decidedly Southern indolent air. Negro quarter near the harbor reminds me of the West Indies or Southern America. One sees mostly very old men around, the younger ones being away probably oystering. The "Creek" or landlocked harbor has many sail craft, (shipjacks and bug eyes) and there are a couple of small shipyards. Sent Lewis ashore about sunset with a telegram for Celine. Meanwhile wind had arisen. By 2 P.M it blew a [^][[N.W.]] gale and had to put an extra anchor out. Oct. 20. Wind still blowing but ~~seems to~~ seems less strong. Barometer has sunk to 29.5" Temperature outside = 60°F



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