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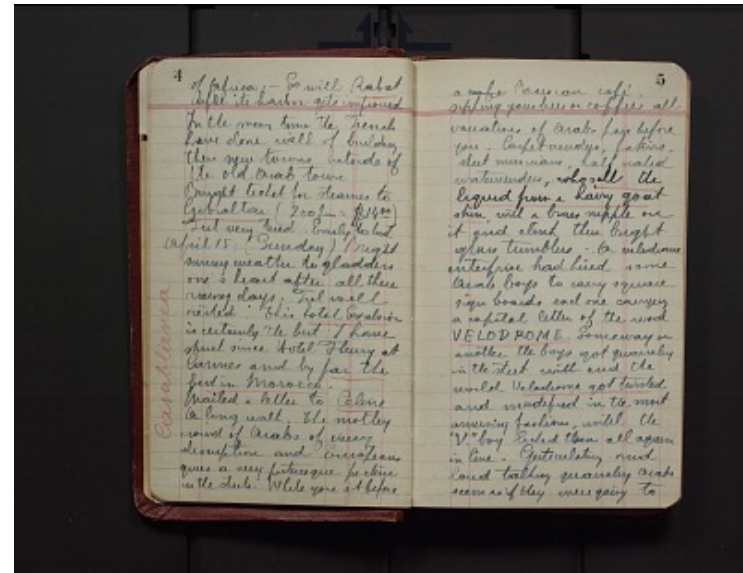
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4 of Africa. - So will Rabat after its harbor gets improved. In the mean time the French have done well of building their new towns outside of the old Arab town. Bought ticket for steamer to Gibraltar (200 fcs = \$14.00). Feel very tired. Early to bed.
 April 15. (Sunday) Bright sunny weather to gladden one's heart after all these rainy days. Feel well rested. This hotel Excelsior is certainly the best I have struck since Hotel Fleury at Cannes and by far the best in Morocco. Mailed a letter to Celine A long walk. The motley crowd of Arabs of every description and Europeans gives a very picturesque picture in the streets. While you sit before
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 5 a ~~cafe~~ ~~Parisian~~ ~~cafe~~ sipping your beer or coffee all variations of Arabs pass before you. Carpet vendors, fakirs, street musicians, half naked watervendors, who sell the liquid from a hairy goat skin, with a brass nipple on it and clink their bright glass tumblers. A velodrome enterprise had hired some Arab boys to carry square sign boards each one carrying a capital letter of the word VELODROME. Someway or another the boys got quarreling in the street ~~with~~ and the word Velodrome got twisted and modified in the most amusing fashions, until the "V" boy licked them all again in line. Gesticulating and loud talking quarreling Arabs seem as if they were going to



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