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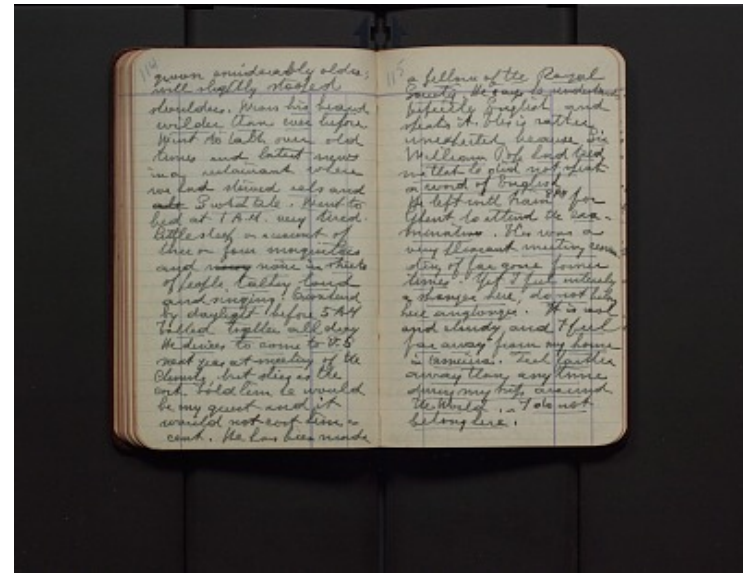
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grown considerably older; with slightly stooped shoulders. Wears his beard wilder than ever before. Went to talk over old times and latest news in a restaurant where we had stewed eels and ~~ale~~ Scotch Ale. Went to bed at 1 A.M. very tired. Little sleep on account of three or four mosquitoes and ~~noisy~~ noise in streets of people, talking loud and singing. Awakened by daylight before 5 A.M. Talked together all day. He desires to come to U.S. next year at meeting of the Chemists but shies at the cost. Told him he would be my guest and it would not cost him a cent. He has been made start page

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a fellow of the Royal Society. He says he understands perfectly English and speaks it. This is rather unexpected because Sir William Pope had told me that he did not speak a word of English. He left with train at 8 P.M. for Ghent to attend the examinations. This was a very pleasant meeting reminding of far gone former times. Yet I feel entirely a stranger here, do not belong here any longer. It is cool and cloudy and I feel far away from my home in America. Feel farther away than any time during my trip around the World. - I do not belong here. end page



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