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May 20 Conference Weiss and Redman inadvisable to renew contract of the former. Afterwards Dr. Hale of Dow Chemical came to see me, promised me to send us a dross of phenyl-ether, also a few pounds of diphenyl - phenol,

which I suggested to Redman to carry out experiments with both as solid solvents for bakelite also for studying reactions with formaldehyde, or hexa or other methylen-compounds. Hale says they expect to be able to manufacture phenol at 6c a pound by direct oxidation of benzol. I told him we had been

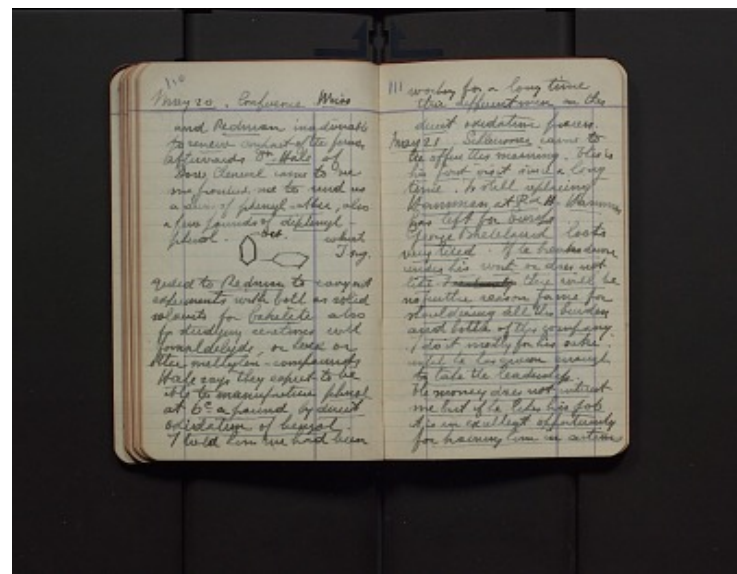
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