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Rain & cold all day. Started wood fire in hall. Dick left on his vacation; will be back Tuesday morning

[[underline]] Aug 30-31 [[/underline]] Walked to Philipse Manor Exhibition of old paintings. Was the only visitor there at 11 AM. Some very good paintings. Others not so. Colder weather. Started open fire on hearth. [[strikethrough]] [[double underline]] Aug 31 [[/double underline]] [[/strikethrough]] [[/double underline]] Beautiful weather bright skies. Took trolley car back home. Many changes for the better along Palisade & Park Ave. These districts have changed much. Old Carpet mill has been razed and popular playgrounds and parks neatly laid out. It is very many years since I passed here in trolley-car. [[underline]] Sept 1 [[/underline]] (Sunday) Radio Broadcast from Reikiavic Iceland. Salute to U.S in English also history of Iceland and Iceland chorus. Restful day.

[[underline]] Sept 2 [[/underline]] Labor day. Am all alone here. Afternoon [[red underline]] long walk thru Glenheim and side streets until reached the old road where Mandel, Jacobi, Sweeney ^[[Skinner]] and other [[/red underline]] now dead used to live. Houses and garden very well kept. Returned Northwards on Aqueduct path

Many years since I took the stretch of the Aqueduct path

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called properly [[red underline]] "Lover's Walk [[/red underline]] [[vertical note in left margin in red]] Lovers Walk [[/vertical note in left marginll

We naturally take the path North of Snug Rock. - Yet this more Southerly stretch goes thru [[red underline]] charming wooded landscape. [[/red underline]] Below on Washington Avenue is well shrouded by the Natural trees which altho' covering a narrow stretch seem like a forest. Same dense tree growth on the Easterly side. With now and then a charming view on [[red underline]] Tappan Zee [[/red underline]] and its hills which look as large as mountains. [[red underline]] "Warum in die Ferne greifen wohin das Gute so nahe liegt" [[/red underline]] said Goethe. = Why reach far away when good things are so near." Our daily crowded life, jumping in motor cars to in [[/overwritten]] to wide away places and in the mean time overlooking such a charming landscape. The only pedestrian I met was one man who seemed in a hurry and a woman who loitered along with two beautiful police dogs. What most [[red underline]] people suffer of is [[/red underline]] lack of imagination. As if they possess the imagination to appreciate what they have



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