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I also learn that the man at the head of Luxene has shown lack of fitness and has the dangerous tendency of opposing himself, if anybody shows initiative or attends to his work where he is away. This is very dangerous, and must be watched. So today at the directors meeting of Luxene the matter was discussed and let him understand he must change his attitude.

Saturday July 31. Spent all day writing up my belated notes, while listening to our new Radio 80°F & sultry Aug. 1 (Sunday) Writing letters & notes. Dick out; so is Frieda. This afternoon, for first time since I left Florida had again considerable loss of blood from hemorrhoids.

Aug 2. Remained at Snug Rock to continue belated correspondence and notes. - Beautiful day.

Have come to conclusion that the Bakelite-Movie - which Alan Brown has ordered and will cost us \$20000.00 - is decidedly inferior to the Engs one made in England. It lacks the dignity and careful selection and preparation of the English film. Tried to get him at the phone but he is away. - Told George my opinion and he is entirely of the same point of view, to which he arrived before I had seen the picture.

Aug 3 Bothered again with bleeding this morning. Arranged for interview and examination with Dr. J.M. Montague N.Y Intestinal Sanitarium 139 East 36 str.

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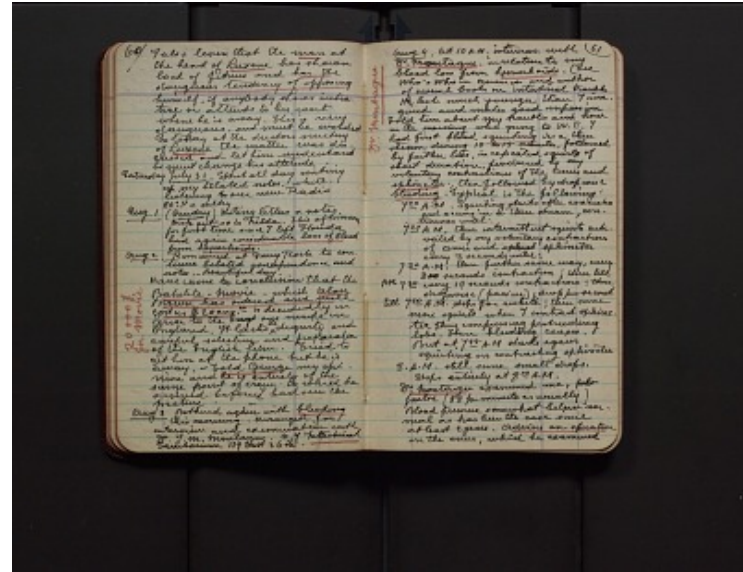
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[[left margin]] Dr. Montague [[left margin]]

Aug 4. At 10 A.M. interview with Dr. Montague in relation to my blood loss from hemorrhoids. (See Who's Who in American and author of several books on intestinal troubles. He looks much younger than I imagined and makes good impression. Told him about my troubles and how in the morning when going to W.C. I had first blood squirting in a stream during 10 to 15 minutes, followed by further loss, in repeated squirts of short duration, produced by my voluntary contractions of the anus and sphincter; then followed by dropwise bleeding. Typical is the following:

7.20 A.M. Squirting starts after evacuation and occurs in a thin stream, continuous until:
7.27 A.M. then intermittent squirts activated by my voluntary contractions of anus and sphincter every 3 seconds until:
7.30 A.M. then further same way, every 3 ~~seconds~~ seconds contraction; then till
A.M. 7.35 every 10 seconds contraction; then dropwise (passive) 1 drop per second till
7.50 A.M. stops for a while; then some more squirts when I contract sphincter thus compressing protruding lobe. Then bleeding ceases. But at 7.55 A.M starts again squirting on contracting sphincter
8.A.M. still some small drops.
Stops entirely at 8.10 A.M.

Dr. Montague examined me, pulse (88 per minute as usually). Blood pressure somewhat below normal as



has been the case since at least 2 years. Advises on
operation on the anus, which he examined

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