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Dec.  
1896

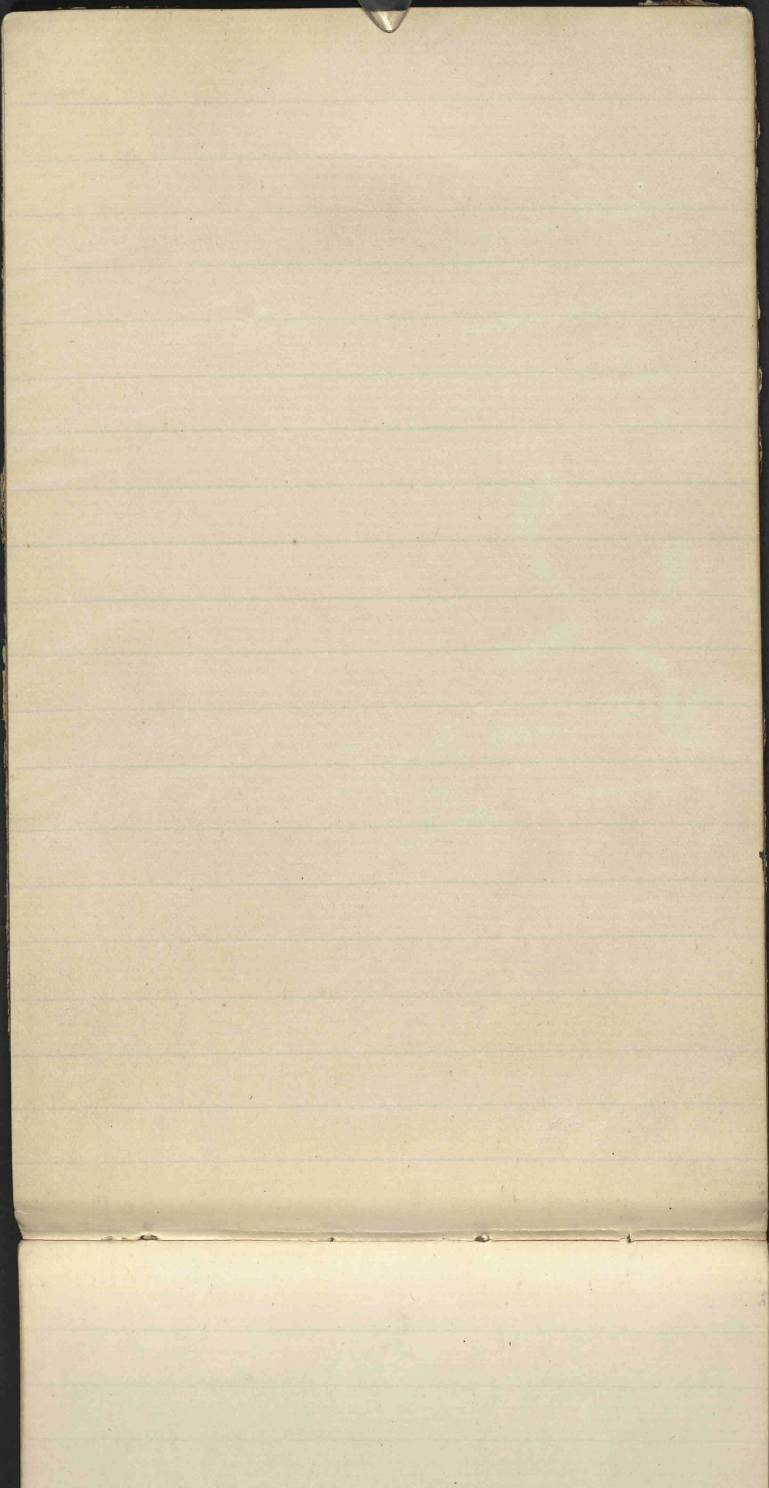
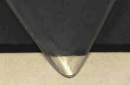


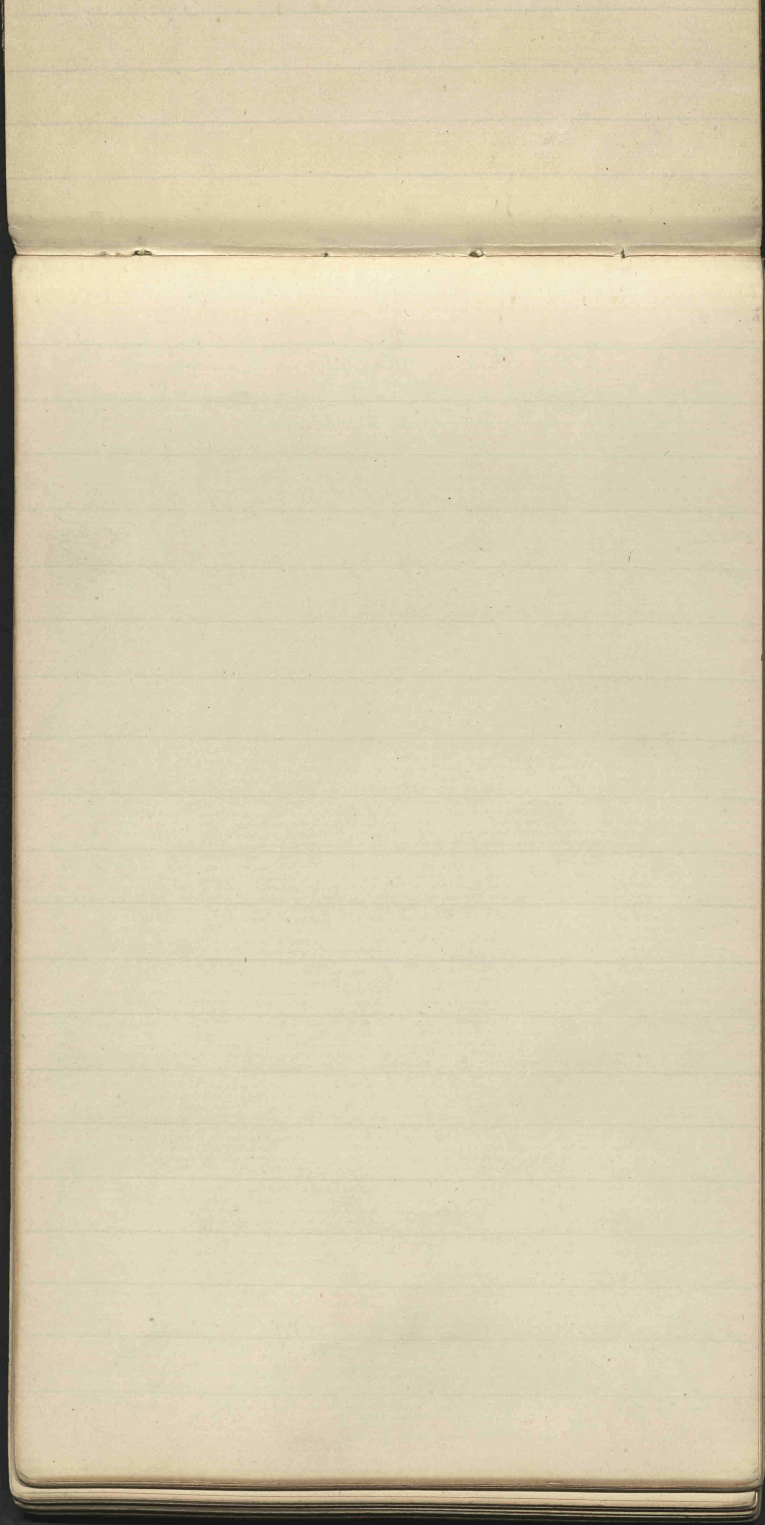
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Socotra Dec 17, 1896 - to March 1897.

Difficulty of reaching it with currents & N.E. monsoon. String of small islets from Africa to it, one white covered with granites. Gallanseeer small bay with much surf. wretched inhale low type of Arab. tiny mosque, some 50 houses, a lagoon with date palms on either side. full of wild ducks & water fowl. Ali the head man takes us for a walk. White pots & traffic in shell fish receive lumps of sugar for milk, rich in pastoral products, excellent butter.

Magnificent head land from end of Mali into road to sea. lovely sunset - Shark skins & rotten seaweed make shore extremely disagreeable. fins cut off & sent to China!

Dec 18 - walk round by lagoon - women dyed with turmeric.

Dec 19 - stroll up steep covered bluff behind our tents. saw their horrible

Dec 20<sup>th</sup> <sup>Monday</sup> a good deal of rain in night. birds of many colours white yellow & black exceedingly relaxing place. when rain comes from north in monsoon. Socotra gets rain during both mon.

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Dec 19 - stroll up sand covered bluff  
behind our tents, sand flies horrible

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of grey around white yellow & black especially  
relaxing place. when rain comes from north in  
noon. Soetra gets rain during both monsoons.

Homespun material in stripes. women  
small delicate like Gara women. silver  
necklaces & beads -

On beach man with finger covered with sores is  
having it dressed with inside of a crab leg small boy  
making bamboo frame for boat & softening  
bamboo in water for fishing rod -

wedding drum & harp played by Africans  
courtyard covered in for women -

walks to village on hill <sup>side</sup> 3 miles from Kallansu  
walls circular enclosing a yard in one corner  
woman sits wearing fine narrow strips  
loosely sewn together for skirts. village  
called Kissok behind it ruins of an ancient  
village with a long well built oblong structure  
in the centre perhaps a tomb, behind this  
again delicious stream of water, not a





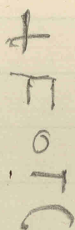
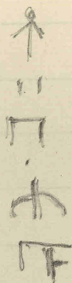
mule from sea coast might easily be available  
for ships instead of brackish water W. town,  
on hillside numerous <sup>wide</sup> Dragon's blood trees  
with granite gouty trunks. corona of thorny  
leaves & yellow flower like cucumber -  
evidently in ancient times this was the  
favoured spot of the little plain & centre of  
cultivation, numerous barren palm trees still  
there & sides of hill terraced with huge  
blocks of stone.

Dec 21. Deputy from Sheikh comes &  
difficulties about setting for camels  
to Tanarida 4 more days to wait  
while they are collected on hills  
walk to northern hills village of  
Hendi a few houses. women wear  
bright red dress with long train thrown  
over arm a light wrap round head of  
indigo above - all appear yellow skin  
near village is flat surface with  
with almost obliterated rough <sup>Hinjirang</sup>

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At Gallaniga, turtle backs stuck into ground & made into hencoop for chickens a truly South Sea sight -

In house Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> <sup>a long narrow room</sup> all men, no women collected & seated round, Mushi leads

3 men play on tambourines of skin

They chant Gloria in soft eery chants - beating the tambourines. Religious preliminary to a marriage festival they allow us to look at a photograph

Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> we find Sorothans most friendly peaceable people quite the most so of any Arabian. always ready to leave us alone in our tents & never crowding round

us & when we walked through village, the women are  
graceful & good figures, slight & unveiled, but wear  
a blinding indigo dyed gauze thing over the head  
which the bull hallowen face when she

us & when we walked through village, the women are  
graceful & good figures, slight & unveiled, but wear  
a flimsy indigo dyed gauze thing over the head  
which they pull half over face when they

walk again to southern range & photo

Cucumber tree, Dragon's blood &

& *Cuscuta arbuscula*. Such queer looking plants

the elephants & whales of the vegetable world

recall in weirdness the babbar of *Alysicarpus*

long pink oleander like flower of *Dragon's blood*.

Man with white turban to which he attaches

his tooth brush, a sprig of the amuletic tree used

for this purpose.

Patients by the dozen mostly gastric troubles

fevers & wounds. They describe their stomachs

as revolving like a wheel inside. remedy

specialty prepared strong pills & quinine

Children in last stage of decay & one child

with a bad smell in its ears, which we took

for granted & soured with Candy -

No soap or oil in island - bad man & first  
cause of all ailments -

Dec 25. Get a 1 man boat in Stanley, but  
a fearful day of delays. Being Friday we  
start till after prayer wh. was not over till  
7 pm. Then there can't be for our luggage

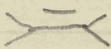
Dec 25. Get a 2 man team in Starling but  
 a fearful day of delays. being Friday we  
 start till after prayer wh. was not over till  
 2. p.m. Then they cast lots for our luggage  
 with stones not with wood as in Hadramut  
 sacks for luggage well made & high  
 mounds for saddles & as camels are  
<sup>one is perched high</sup>  
 high in air. I have a fall - 8000  
 miles up Wadi Gollausiya -

At night troglodytes visible to our left -

marks on camels curious one very

Hemiarctii in character

on saddles



Kallausiya range quite distinct reaching an  
 elevation close on 2000 ft. not much water

Dec 26<sup>th</sup> get over a pass & reach a depression  
 which has been evidently utilized to manufacture  
 a tank & stones then used as Mussulmas  
 tombs.

Dec 27. View back over Kallausiya range &

forward on to Highier range - myjorks &  
a punkineuse found here. descend to wells  
& find water bad. evidently they have had less  
rain than usual this year. flocks poor &



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a punkineuse found here. descend to wells  
& find water bad. evidently they have had less  
rain than usual this year. flocks poor &  
milk scarce. perhaps Indian famine influence  
here felt.

Plain of Erioch. uneven flat & studded with  
bush. fine view of Haghier. halt for lunch  
at a well of brackish water & reach pretty  
Khr Hagia solike harbours of Red Sea.  
a stretch of sea running inland & silted  
up at mouth by a sand belt & mangrove swamp.  
Only cottony deep again of sea over yellow  
rocks & open mangrove.

Further on in another depression on sea pit in  
flat plain. Shrub show greater force of S.E. monsoon  
Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> at Erioch - Flat surface  
covered with graffiti. in the neighbourhood  
undoubted ancient tombs. square & built  
of large blocks like those of Lud-dab -

Theories burial places & names & feet of departed  
or a place for burials & signs refer to owners  
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of words written seem Ethiopic & feet with  
crosses & crosses in circles seem to corroborate  
theory that Socotra was inhabited by Christians  
from Abyssinia. The great & universal feature of these  
Gaffiti are the feet, then the crosses in circles &  
representations of animals. The written words in  
cursive hand are few but bear a striking  
resemblance to the Ethiopic inscriptions on  
the steps & on the columns in front of the  
Church at Assum in Abyssinia - also on  
the hills above Assum running snake like  
inscriptions cut in the cursive hand -  
Deduction is that they are <sup>& Christian</sup> Ethiopic that  
they are funereal & are in connection  
with the adjacent graves - No trace of Greek

Dec 29<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

Left British Early & trothed all the way

about 15 miles to Kadhup. scattered  
huts here & there & a Sore Aidab tomb  
which goes far to prove inhabitants -  
Village of Mow with palms a stream &



Dec 30<sup>th</sup> Road from Kaskoos to the capital  
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along & one of the most difficult. Here a spur  
of Mt Hagner juts out into the sea in <sup>a</sup> bold &

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along & one of the most difficult. Here a spur  
of Mt. Hagner juts out into the sea in <sup>a</sup> bold &  
wacky coastline. Terrible to see the camels  
struggling up yelling & screaming as they go  
now one falls & the hubbub between natives &  
fallen camel is purely diabolical. We  
hired 12 men to carry the luggage in impossible  
parts. Views in land up the rugged yellow  
crags covered with verdure & studded with the  
quaint gony trees like fat tallow candles most  
extraordinary & below our feet the waves divided  
up in clouds of white spray. We had heard  
much of the difficulty & danger of this road but  
for foot passengers we saw none only a somewhat  
tiresome scramble up & down. We left Kashoep  
at 7 & got to Tanaranda at 11. At the last point  
before entering the Tanaranda plain stood the  
base of an ancient tomb or fort about 12 ft square  
placed above the sea.

Dec 31. walked to hill called Xa-an where  
English are said to have been encamped & where  
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Dec 31. walked to hill called *Ma-an* where  
English are? to have been encamped & where  
are traces of a more ancient civilization probably  
Portuguese. walls of small stone cases with  
cement & a tank inside with conduits. Opposite  
across stream is a ruined village. Saw a house  
still inhabited. a circular building with a circular  
paddock adjoining for cattle.

Many cows all of a wild nature showing signs  
of running after us

Tamucida is a pretty bright white place with  
many date trees under which we encamp by the  
side of a bright running stream almost a river.

Panorama of mountains very grand behind  
wedding festivities at night & reading of Koran

Jan 1. 1897. Sultan arrived from his  
country seat at Delaicha about 50 with  
a many colored kaffir, a finely inlaid  
Muscat dagger & an air of dignity, resty, &  
a not over pleasant countenance.

Courtyard crowded with retainers & officers

all in their beds for this Friday. Promises  
are reported for the further progress of our voyage.  
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3 miles away with a lovely lagoon. A heap  
of palm trees. here as probably are many  
ruins among of stones - Old name "market"  
position in bay & probable location in  
lagoon points to this having been the  
principal town in Tanariva bay. Now  
a wretched hamlet of Somalis. This village  
and several little ones on coast, each  
with palm trees & running stream  
with huts <sup>angular</sup> look like bits of Africa  
transplanted onto Swetia -

Jan 2. Visit from Sheik we give him  
2 Superb Cartridges date 1883 - Long bargain  
for corns. he annexed Ahmed

Indies of Tamaia a lovely affair  
of Ghimii which inhabits Sheik  
& never venture outside village  
at night -

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much afraid of being bewitched when on the island.  
Reports are told them of how a woman at  
Muscat was bewitched by Socotri & turned  
into a seal & in this form swam over to the coast.  
Sultan speaks very little Arabic being of the

Mahri tribe - gives us 2 lands & a calf. Has many  
soldiers & puts on a great air of dignity when  
seated in a chair. My chair nearly broke down  
which w<sup>d</sup> have been undignified at an audience.

Mosque has low minaret & dome like tomb with  
square open place for prayer & invariable Arab  
<sup>chevron</sup>~~decorations~~ decoration - Tombs around it mostly  
in ruins - Wahabi -

Sunday Jan 3. Prepare for departure & 50 days  
tour in the interior of the island stripping  
ourselves of all our belongings & uncertain  
if saffron, candles, matches &c will last for  
all we can buy at Tarawa & 3 dates & salt.

See tents near our camp with big stones across  
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Natives make excellent rope out of date  
leaf fibres skillfully turning them into their  
hands & holding other end with toes - 2 girths  
for climbing date trees strung round the tree &  
the body - fertilizing -

Red Anals only in Sorotera own camels. The  
Bedouins have nothing but flocks -

Ride about 4 miles to spot just within  
mountains Helenata junction of two  
gorges. lovely scenery palms & Sheau  
blending curiously with the quaint flora  
of the island & rich red of sandstone

Amar promise to be a treasure  
knew Mahri Sorotera, Swaheli &  
a little Hindostani - Dark blue peaks  
of Haghar fill up gorge to S.W. one  
might be in Switzerland with a dense  
tropical vegetation -


Jan 5. Village of Siegen - 6 houses  
Tramp over hills about 12 miles. Pass  
quantity of euphorbia tree on the way. They  
throw leaves out at 11. Oct 7




Jan 5. Village of Si-eyan - 6 houses

Tramp over hills about 12 miles. Pass quantity of euphorbia tree on the way. They throw branches into Kho Dela's hat fish die - use ~~oil~~ <sup>oil for boat</sup> for boats. Would donkeys numerous. Trample on kill goats assume quite the character of a savage animal - Bedons build round houses with flat roofs & outer wall for flock. Lanesome sharp cut feature very like Gare - Gomb's short wild ass see several. Their colour uniform & skin finer than native ones. Bedon took rope & wanted to have it shot & wounded to bring home for work -

Jan 6. Still at Si-eyan. Gaytombon brought walk to hill to see rock with some sea appendix. Population scattered over large area into village of 6 or 7 houses. Garnat has ten - Bedon villagers on lower ground are simply clusters of families with their flocks - They sleep on

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silver bangles - In house baby hanging up in a  
dirty cloth below water on the floor

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jewelry, curious silver ring  glass bangles &  
silver bangles - In house baby hanging up in a  
dirty cloth from rafters only the feet sticking out  
a bundle was tiny feet peeping out -

Two tom-toms of skin called Teheran -  
Taken to ancient graves -

Jan. Leave Si-Ryen pass by head of  
Khov Garriah large sheet of water  
Date palms, castor oil & tamarinds  
only view. Gradually ascend Eastward  
past hamlets with date palms  
Get off at <sup>Dishass</sup> "Shit" where English once had  
houses" says Amar. A ruined mass  
out of which one could detect a well made  
wall, & round building with paved floor  
probably as not native work an Abyssinian  
church. Mountain to East 2000  
ft. with huge hole in it <sup>called Godaham</sup> Parrot dove,  
& fort of ascent to higher plateau

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to high level plateau 2500 feet high staying  
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to high level plateau 2500 feet high extending  
all the way to Ras Momi - A perfect  
shepherd's paradise richly carpeted with grass  
no wild animals to disturb flocks, very nice  
looking cows etc - A whole row of troglodytes  
like a street on side of limestone plateau  
of Mategioti - Frankincense trees &  
Dragon blood columns of Mategioti -  
In a hollow one house seen on in square  
building with good door said to be English house  
constructed inside 2 rafters of upper story  
roof still left -

Afternoon go on to summit of Mategioti a curious  
rough limestone surface fissured & cracked with  
huge fig trees nestling in the cracks over the surface  
are large dragon's blood trees like an inverted parasol  
of albes wood old world trees. Rows of bedons  
in caves - only possessions appear to be milk  
& skins & a few pots. Colours chocolate brown  
fine cut slight handsome features & snow white  
teeth

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somewhat delicate looking & thin after African niggers,  
but trees numerous. Cold at night, heavy dew,  
Jan 9. Uninteresting ride of 4 hours over a rolling  
grassy waste trees gradually disappear  
& at Sayhon a miserable village we halt  
at last water Eastwards. Traces of an earlier  
population circular enclosure of big stones &  
one <sup>a</sup> ~~is~~ square one with a large enclosure might  
have been a church.

Bidon with a black lamb round his shoulders looks  
just like a same type or Meschoploros Apollo  
of archaic Athens.

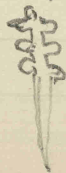
Mans of Mimesha & Momi <sup>with scute on forehead -</sup> ~~found~~ of S.  
Village of Sayhon. Mollah very friendly brings us  
present of a lamb. We visit him & his wife & 3  
children. Women at door busy grinding limestone  
to make pots of. have idea that ground is  
hollow & big house underneath. Very superstitious  
afraid to dig for us. but if we will sacrifice a  
lamb on the place they will do so -

Jan 10 Expedition to Merisba & Ras Momi  
Evidence here of large population in ancient  
times hills & plateau all divided up into  
partitions with walls. Some of the walls



Jan 10 Expedition to Miniska & Ras Momi  
Evidence here of large population in ancient  
times hills & plateau all divided up into  
partitions with walls. huge blocks of stone  
ancient village scattered here & there with  
large circular houses. doors & almsidal  
arrangement quite different to modern  
hovel. On Mountain we found well made  
reservoir for water but none in it now.

When plateau ends & you look deep down  
into sea & Ras Momi bold promontory  
Rising out of sea & tapering off to a narrow  
spit like Finistere. Esquisite view  
wreck of German vessel still visible. In the  
caves in the limestone rocks the ancient  
whales had buried their dead. Leaping  
up piles of bones into caves & then holding  
up entrances. in inaccessible points  
<sup>carved</sup> ~~wooden~~ pieces of wood  
two fragments of coarse  
pottery found amongst the



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burial of Eastern church. (Kojin Dōji)  
Hills of Ras Minaka s<sup>d</sup>. to be full  
of such bone filled caves -

On way home pass ruined village  
at foot of hill where possibly these imbal  
may have lived -

Our servant Mahmud ill of a fever. Native  
Doctor shaves him off his head & cuts skin  
then put him in his ~~stomach~~ <sup>head</sup> ~~stomach~~ <sup>in a horn</sup> & ~~fills~~  
~~it~~ <sup>put</sup> ~~into~~ <sup>into</sup> a horn with some red colour on it  
& filled with charms whereupon he sat and looked  
at the <sup>sick</sup> man doing passes with his hands, muttering  
incantations & spitting, cursing, coupled with incant

Jan 11 Monday. Climb up steep rugged  
mountain to ruined village on strong place  
called Zerig. Call at Amair's family  
Mansion a cave contains 3 women & 3 children  
Large flocks of goats keep in caves with wall

heated at night & very stuffy - Dung burnt  
outside - Badous afraid to dig for fear of devil.  
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no depth of soil only foundations. Go actives

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Jan. 12. Attempt to dig at big square hole  
no depth of soil only foundations. Reaction  
of square & accuracy of plan remarkable  
was that hypocaust temple? or what? position  
just at watershed where valley ran to sea N & S.  
Killed skolopendra, saw salmon coloured  
snake at Ras Mouni 3 ft. long.

Jan 13 & 14<sup>th</sup> = journey over broken  
ground quantities of dragon trees,  
Frankincense & myrrh but little else  
of interest save lovely views over Haghiar  
Then deep down into a gorge & our  
worst wet day. Open space in mountain  
village de Takhaida near village to have  
round fields with low walls to keep off goats  
for Dakhani or jowari then only grain  
looks like bright green patches on brown  
ground. Camel men have their heavy  
mattresses neatly made & stitched with

400  
850  

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1200

wh they do away with camel humps, as bedding or  
roof for impromptu tent. very good at making  
ropes out of palm leaf fibres constantly doing it.  
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Jan 15 Short ride out to fever. up a dreary  
stone clad valley

Jan 16<sup>th</sup> up steep passes & down into deep  
valley of Eskal. lovely palm trees everywhere  
rich red sandstone dotted with green & wren  
trees stands up as an admirable foreground  
to the blue pinnacles of Hagheer. Alpine  
& tropical at the same time -

Salutation ~~to~~ amongst Bedouin. found  
each check & their sub noses

Jan 17. Population of Arabia has been much  
underestimated from Ras Moum to Gallanaya  
there are nearly 400 villages. could not be less than  
an average of 30 <sup>inhab.</sup> in each. then towns of Tawania  
Kadhoop & Gallanaya wd. give at least another  
1000 & then we have a large population of  
cave dwellers giving a population of at least  
15,000. for the island. Every valley has villages

2000 yd valley is full of date trees. Cross  
from Wadi Dishel to Wadi Dik dek  
by a gentle pass with punkin cactus  
in abundance & lines of trees as it is a



2 valleys full of date trees. Cross  
from Wadi Dishel to Wadi Dikdeh  
by a gentle pass with frankincense trees  
in abundance & lines of stones as if marking  
the course of an ancient road. Encamp  
near village of Dikdeh. Good view over  
Hajira range palms, arbutus & tamar  
frankincense & blue range all much  
burnt up & suffering from drought -

Jan 14. Left Wadi Dishelch by valley  
& pass full of frankincense trees &  
Dragon's blood on the heights. Esquisite  
view with peak of Toff filling up valley.  
Descend into uninteresting burnt up  
valley & turn up north to Kerajet  
7. evidently the capital of isl! once  
in interior enormous walls & stones  
requiring engineering skill small  
fort of later date on edge of stream  
Impossible to describe fantastic beauty

of best huge Tamara trees shelter  
our tents, resting below gigantic mountains,  
palm trees & pools of water. Exceptional beauty  
of scene. It was once

of just huge Tamaraia trees shelter  
our tents, resting below gigantic mountains,  
halim trees & pools of water everywhere, lends  
itself to beauty of scene. It was once  
quite a large & flourishing place, probably  
center of spice trade protected by high  
mountain range to north & facilities  
all around. old tombs scattered about  
overgrown with a mass of fig trees &c.

Bedouins near in wretched hovels the  
sole survivors of whatever was, the most  
imposing ruin on island.

met old woman with cow, which flew  
trembling from me. She stuns & calls  
because theatrical, but cow refuses  
to pass & I have to go away, very tall  
fan palm -

About 100 yards of a massive wall reaching  
an elevation of 5 ft. still left standing, being  
8 ft. 8 inches thick & formed externally by

huge river bed stones filled in with smaller rubble. This work at once argues great skill in moving huge unwieldy blocks, in adopting them for use & keeping a straight line

huge river bed stones filled in with smaller rubble. This work at once requires great skill in moving huge unwieldy blocks, in adopting them for use & keeping a straight line traces of these very ancient massive walls crisscross here and there on the jungle of Traquet great tamarind trees having grown up & displaced them. Jan 19<sup>th</sup>

Bedouin women bring us also fanned Socotran aloes & plants hoping for batsheesh & seem much disappointed when we don't know what to do with it. Tife in Haken & Sorster -

Jan 20<sup>th</sup> Steep climb up from camp at Traquet about 800 ft to photo a dragon's blood tree. 25 ft high like a great green umbrella growing out of the rock from above fine view over island. South sloping gradually to the sea west undulating tableland shaded with patches of dragon's blood behind us the various

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A ~~bit~~ savouring of Abyssinian influence  
abounds all around us & horrid torturing  
grasses with seeds that adhere to the clothes  
& penetrate therein with irritating persistency  
at our feet in the tiny stream which give  
us our delightful pools at Feraiget, the  
chief off-spring of the Haguer range -

Only one leper in the isl<sup>d</sup>. who lives alone in  
the hills.

Jan 21. Day of rest at Feraiget beneath the  
wide spreading gnarled tamarind trees  
Doves abound, small doves like ours & a lovely  
green parrot dove whose cooing was far from  
sedative. One could wander in shade amid  
fig trees (wild & unprofitable), tamarinds, palms  
& around stand the ruins of a bygone race  
of Soro-trans who unfortunately had left no  
inscription on stone & no clue to tell us who they  
were. Mountains hem us in on all sides

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400 ft. above the sea & very warm. At end of a  
sort of promontory by a deep pool is a building of  
stones & mortar belonging to a later bygone age but



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4000 ft. above the sea & very warm. At end of a  
sort of promontory by a deep pool is a building of  
stones & mortar belonging to a later bygone age but  
equally inexplicable. Another the presence of  
also, dragon's blood & frankincense has branch of  
see further named town in the heart of the island  
& the good valley road down to the sea may once  
have been the high road down which caravans  
went to the now sandy <sup>stretch of</sup> shore may hide at the  
foot of the mountains may hide the locality of the  
former harbour -

Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>: Still quiet at Teraijet. Bedouins  
bring us oranges rich in colour but little  
as gall to taste from in their mountains

These remains of a wall at least 10 ft.  
thick further up valley, & wall of  
ft. at edge of water at Teraijet has been  
constructed out of enormous stones.

Lands very poor withy on them, but good  
when fed on all sorts very good eating

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foot. 2<sup>nd</sup> sort of dragon's blood, a disunited  
heresort species, each and producing a respectable abe.  
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Sunday Jan 24<sup>th</sup> Left Hanoi. Steep climb on foot. 2<sup>nd</sup> sort of dragon's blood, a disunited non parasol species, each end producing a res. each abv.

Some old graves one with slab 6 ft long & one foot thick belonging to a very bygone race.

Cultivating fields. They hoe the ground with a stick break the clods & stick in the young plants of Dakhau. Redou family working together father mother & son. Very idle & indolent race. Sparingly made & excellent features.

Jan 25 Open tomb with massive slab but find nothing in it but bones.

Ride S.W. down river bed & then turn up N. edge of plateau here thickly covered with dragon's blood. Like great green umbrellas in process of being turned inside out. Spokes <sup>stiff & solid</sup> de visible - like trees in a child's Noah's Ark - lovely view up wadi towards Hanoi.

Jan 26. up wadi to Yehazahag.

Jan 27. Stop at Yahazakaz -  
look spot ahead of Wadi with  
vegetation & lush stream & peaking mountains  
decked with dragon's blood trees in every

Jan 27. Stop at Yahazahaz -

lovely spot at head of Wadi with  
vegetation & lovely stream & peaking mountains  
decked with dragon's blood trees in every  
direction - 3 boys steal our sugar at  
which others was angry, they are tied to trees  
& whipped slightly & laughed. more effectual  
was docking them of a rupee - All people  
left houses in low lands & gone up with  
their flocks to the highlands. So our men  
occupy the empty houses to their great  
contentment -

Jan 28. Left Yahazahaz<sup>2</sup> steep climbs  
to Addehem - rising to an elevation of  
2500 ft with the peaks of Haafines  
rising up all round us. On our way we  
dipped into a lovely valley shut in by high  
mountains on all sides & thick vegetation  
Sparse plants covering the sides - the lovely  
<sup>up to</sup> homocarpale which they only eat the  
flamelle outside & reject the seeds  
like all they think it is bitter & nasty

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pass we meet with lots of Bedouin  
with cows & flocks who have deserted the  
lower lands. this solves the story of the  
much talked about troglodytes of Socotra -  
They are arrivals to look upon thin  
wiry sharp featured men of a rich  
coffee color, many with short black  
beards & dark pencilled eyebrows. the  
type has a strong tendency to good looks -  
Certainly Socotra is the most peaceful  
of islands. everything in "salacim" our  
men leave us alone & encamp far away  
we again leave our camp things & horses  
outside & never miss anything

Jan 29, a miserable day enveloped in a thick  
soaking mist, we towards night settle into  
a heavy downpour. we & our men are in  
a very despondent condition. The ground

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cattle & one cannot help think that with  
climate such as this Socotra ought to  
do something, its natural products lie



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rotting on the hillside & its inhabs seem to  
think of nothing but butter, butter butter which  
is certainly excellent & finds its way in large  
quantities to Zanzibar & other commercial  
centres.

Jan 31. <sup>Diate called by Bedouins</sup> Tried to get up highest peak of island  
difficult ascent through trees & tangled roots  
goats work hot mans. Look down into gorge  
reminds me more of grand coral than  
anything else I have seen. Mist gradually  
rolls up from the sea obscuring much of the  
view but adding to the majestic features of  
the scenery. Pass caves & a cave where  
Bedouins drive their cattle higher & higher as  
the day season requires. Reach foot of the  
peak soaring about 400 feet above me  
sheer & unpracticable. Socotra has many

such triumphs in store for <sup>ardent</sup> crag climbers.  
Flag hit up not on the topmost but on a  
more modest peak. Ferns, lilies & rank  
vegetation at the bottom of the peaks & a huge

such triumphs in stone for <sup>ardent</sup> crag climbers.  
Flag hit up not on the topmost but on a  
more modest peak. Ferns, bulbs, & rank  
vegetation at the bottom of the peaks & a huge  
Drum tree the largest we have seen in the  
island hard by. Views over both seas the  
long valleys of Tucucet & Yebayis winds  
there way to southern sea. The rugged mass  
of Bit muloch makes an interesting  
natural view, as it is possible to conceive  
on the way up -

Feb 1. Same Bedon brings us green oranges  
potatoes, a convolvulus root, not bad cooked  
in ashes but hard when boiled, & a sweet herb  
which they are fond of making a pillow of -  
Cold & damp at this elevation every night  
make us glad to think of morning

Feb 2. - move down gorge toward  
Tamanã a very fine bold scenery &  
green hill slopes on the northern side lovely.

Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> Haulap  
went to Sultan's residence by coast  
quite the nastiest spot on the coast. no trees  
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no water - but the best pretence at a harbor  
the bay of Tamanda offers during N.E. monsoon  
miserable house & uncomfortable spot  
a few huts & fishermen around who go  
out with rafts ~~and~~ their of stems tied together  
& drop their traps for fish.

Strong interview with Capt. of Sultan's  
dhow with which he trades to Zanzibar  
with the clarified butter made in the  
mountains.

Sultan Salim very grasping. comes to get  
money. Orange turban, silver dagger & sword  
red waistband & white garment.

800 Rs for voyage to Aden -

Tamanda shows signs of Wahabee ravages  
around mosque

Sultan Salim is son of <sup>old</sup> Sultan Ali of  
Kishu & on his father's death will  
succeed to the Makani inheritance

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under his rule. several of them especially  
about Karin are inhabited by Bedons with  
their flocks & herds water abundant in  
harbours -

Men pray on damp sand so that dust  
sticks to their foreheads

Tamaris <sup>name</sup> sold on and evidently Portuguese  
every body speaks of Hadis

Journey to Yafu country.

leave Sheikh Othman Feb 28. On a large

Pretty gardens of villas, & tents of Sheikhs with  
its many little domes & the many as seen (see)



Journeys to Yafii country.

leave Sheikh Othman Feb 28. In a long ride  
Pretty gardens of villas, & tents of Sheikh with  
its many little domes, & blue mares of Aden behind  
makes pretty pictures - Ruins of old town -  
5 miles from a few mud houses, a well &  
Sheikh & his female camels. scene of an  
annual fair about the same time where neighboring  
tribes assemble good for study of native tongues

On few sandy patches here scraped into the  
blough that Godder maybe soon when it rains  
ridges look as if they had been waiting a long  
time.

Long straight caravan road across Abyan, as  
old as the hills, interesting in its solitude mostly  
scarcely but shepherds & camels covering all - Then  
sand dunes, & quicksands, then low hills  
& mounting <sup>to think</sup> insupportable for 9 hours  
any comfort that after flesh pots of Aden, 23 miles  
or a camel was better than any medicine yet  
invented. Bis Mijlas a few acacia

now crop up. then a well & a mile further on another  
once protected by fort now abandoned a good sample  
of native warfare. 100 Yapi. surprised a Tad the  
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once protected life but now abandoned a good sample  
of native warfare. 100 Yaji. surprised a Tad the  
garrison a few years ago, sacked fort & it has  
not been repaired - As we approach the great  
well population increases. Bedouin coming  
from all sides. husband & wife with baby in a  
straw cradle, tramp along. husband leads goat, wife  
carries baby & they they change about - Another  
party travelling with cochen stems on the top of a camel  
amidst household goods & baby carrying a basket  
full of chickens -

March 1 all tired after long ride, I make a  
short march of about 6 miles to  
El Kabit with a wind fort & a few houses  
spread in a wilderness of sand, with a  
good many acres around it prepared for a  
crop of jowari when it rains. To Hagher  
Ask - if anything a more miserable hovel  
with half a dozen scattered hut of reeds a  
wretched population owing a few thin

cow. half a dozen goats & dogs which barked at us  
with a long continuous bark like jacked origin -  
Ask has a good well & has traces of antiquity  
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Cows half a dozen goats & dogs which barked at us  
with a long continuous bark like jacked oxen -  
Askara good well & has traces of antiquity  
around it. It has been a village "from the first"  
as the Arabs express it. Lots of glass good crockery  
& bangles lie around. near Chamber.

Villages on Alyan most miserable of any ever seen  
Small of arak trees disapeccable cump. tamarisks  
& other sand loving plants relieve monstony ground  
<sup>Hagheri</sup>  
Hagere has 3 ruined mud tombs of round & some  
small ones of round & they make bricks for  
like purpose -

Sometimes rains here for dotted are plain are  
large yellow stacks of jowari like Saffian Ant hills  
meat & eggs stolen at night by a fox?

March 2 Road to Khanfur soon develops  
trees Tamarisks, arak, acacia & when we  
get into bed of Birma it becomes absolute  
jungle & we pass on the camels with difficulty  
Easy for an enemy to stop attack. cross  
Birma bed we are in Gaffi country

Khanjar built at foot of low ridge as we  
approach we pass white tomb of wali  
Abdullah bin Amir a noted scholar in his day  
Tomb has his build & has a Gudi &c

Khaufan built at foot of low ridge as we approach we pass white tomb of wali Abdullah bin Amir. a noted scholar in his day Tomb has big building & part of Yaki & a lot of reed huts. erected on surrounding old town, glass bracelets, bottles & gold Arabic coins which they put on the jembear. Mosque Ken on old grade has 2 domes here they are about 400 years old. Generation after generation have built on this spot & should take much digging to get to Hingantia town the capital of the Alyan -

The indols. make gunpowder here from salt peter found in hill behind grinding it & washing it Very smart new indigo clothes -

In narrow places camel men say "berri berri" to camels & they keep in middle also "baraka" & they kneel down.

Old castle at Khaufan is ~~gally~~ gally mind has nice decorations in having one pattern & circle in bricks let in small portion of wall. In village an

Salem Affara - Sala Bas anked -  
Sat beit Itaswa -

Get pot-ovens & oven returning from blowing sand  
with wooden planks & great boards to drag off top sand  
walk to tomb. nice climate, under tree in big pot  
for water on late day - which is day after tomorrow



Salem Affara - Saba Borak -  
Sa'at Itaswa -

Get hot ovens & oven returning from blowing sand  
with wooden planks & great boards to drag off top sand  
walk to tomb, nicely decorated, under tree in bright  
hot water on fate day - which is day after tomorrow  
after Ramadan -

Quick sands in jungle across Bana, so thick  
2 Fadlis directed by a path by Gaffis to Al  
Hush. when well inside jungle they set fire  
to the wood & burnt them. we had to cut  
down branches to get through with difficulty.  
Native do not venture off the path -

Gebel Gebail -

Fadli village Dergaq & El Kour -

Visit Gebel Gebail a crapsite of ancient Khamsa  
about 200 ft high & a quarter of a mile long.  
double foot on top outer wall a hundred  
square yards built of fine large stones &  
interior part has beautiful foundations  
excellent view all round  
evidently old Hittite or Phoenician fort -

At Khamsa they make oil out of grain large trunk of  
tree with hole in it & camel goes round & grinds it -

Khamsa with its Wadi Bana its Jebel Gebail as  
proves its cultivable land looks just place for an  
ancient settlement as it was

Sultan arrives party for us 2 party for festival

Khaufar with its Wadi Bana its Jebel Gebail as  
fertile its cultivable land looks just place for an  
ancient settlement as it was

Sultan arrives party for us 2 party for festival  
1<sup>st</sup> asks my age then that of Governor of Aden & various  
officials then - wears purple velvet jacket  
embroidered with gold. many colored kuffee & wears <sup>in</sup>  
or naked fat legs - brings lame bear with long lance  
decorated with silver bands. Has an oily greenish look  
long hooked nose with wrinkles throughly Semitic & such  
he <sup>was</sup> goes off with 6 handkerchiefs & 100 rufes  
as an instalment. makes an promise to say nothing about money

Rats in holes under trees burrow into ruins  
of ancient Khaufar. - Tomb with wooden  
carving -

Salt pits dug up in ground all round for making  
gunpowder. ruins with arches hidden in jungle  
Visit Sultan in his castle a tall square building  
60 ft. high with dark windy staircase 5 stories  
below his camel saddle. He lies in a small  
room with angard - outer enclosure 100 V. square

yards with lookholes & a mosque in centre very good /  
deep well - a reed house for his ~~holdings~~ <sup>holdings</sup>. Gives  
us heavy sweets, coffee - ~~stinking~~ <sup>stinking</sup> after the queen  
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March 4 Sultan Abom Bekr bin Said sends us a

Sheep. Tazain calls to see about the queen & money.

Go off to village — freed huts. Photo people at  
well & in village with earthen ovens scattered about  
& tiny children with their hands bound up in grass  
tightly wrapped round half way up their arms after  
being decorated with henna for the coming festival

Then walk on to large areas of cultivated ground  
with in trees where acres of dukkan is grown for  
making oil & slaves stand on compressed

platforms in middle of fields with long canals  
bringer of birds. Gifsit & other crops grown here  
& water comes in channels from source above

Al Masana called here Abbas. very pretty spot  
with shade & birds & relief from burning sun.

People about here are of puljit tribe of Hayere  
who till ground. Really very few Arabs

Friday March 5<sup>th</sup> First day of Aid. tomorrow at dawn  
about 8. procession started headed by Sultan who  
came preceded by 4 men with lances dancing  
to speed about 30 soldiers. to a mosque in

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about 8. procession started headed by Sultan on horse  
and preceded by 4 men with lances dancing  
to 2 fros & about 30 soldiers, to a mosque in  
brushwood with flag large white with red on it  
troutons say the while & women & girls in best  
indigo & red dresses singing. Sultan fine object  
in his purple & red. - on return he stops & declines  
this faithful follows a short Eulogization to which  
in chorus they say 'nahn' nahn'

Afterwards they were in with a tom tom to give them  
"food for the Aid"

Sultan reports take us to alban. with giving us  
& paying 300 R. just a hopeful rascal. shillyshally  
at least he bids us go at once. wh. we decline as  
it was 5 o'clock 9 p.m.

Sat March 6. Packs up for Faidthi country  
Sultan comes & forbids us to go by nearest way  
with paying more. so we make a little detour &  
reach El Kaur of Faidthi in 2 hours

Shes mountain above & fort below ruins of  
English. ruins of ancient town on top. Big  
square stone bellis which Arabs say is full  
of "felous". a good deal of cattle at AlKaur.



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of "felous". a good deal of cattle at Al Kaur -  
Afternoon ascended G. Sarrer to see ruins. Fine paved  
road supported by walls & protected by fort climbs  
up past 'felous' store (my guide much astonished at my  
suggestion to wear full of gold) into zigzagging thin  
narrow gully like wall at Zimbabwe & at top very  
strong fortiers with walls of 2 3 cisterns just  
like the smaller of the tanks at Aden with steps  
& all covered with cement. Very strong place  
Justly & out looking the whole of the Abyan  
from Gabel Jeddah beyond Shugra to  
G. Shemsan at Aden.

Sunday March 7. Start for Derqag. Country round here  
irrigated by water brought from Masana by a channel  
called Nazari. at corner of hill the Abys branch off  
in two directions. The Fadili pay the Yafi for use  
of water 25 dollars, a basket of dates & a turban  
for the Sultan every year. When there is war

between the 2 tribes the water gets cut & there is trouble.  
Dergag a place almost in desert with many towers a  
considerable Arab population, a market & a few shops  
just on right bank of Wadi Hesan. The Arabs who live

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just on right bank of Wadi Hasan. The Arabs whatever  
the square mud brick towers the Hafari or semi tube  
the red huts. we see them thrashing <sup>at</sup> gilgil a catch  
in town whilst photographing a camel going round making  
oil. one of our attendant soldiers asked a man to move  
from in front of the camera & gave him a push. man  
instantly drew his jambia & there was a scrimmage  
very dangerous to the camera & appendances thereof.

A wealthy Sheikh askail by name has a big house &  
many cottages across the Hasan a place called Abbe  
Shebbah or abt. a watercourse running by it.

3 Sheikhs 20 shops 4 wells & one mosque at Dergag.  
Monday march 8. Early start for a long ride to El Ma'a  
as we turn into Wadi Hasan we are taken into  
mountains by the Tarik el Kaibaf <sup>or Kaha</sup> going round Mt  
Gerash a circumlocution generally taken by Fath  
to avoid Yaffi attacks it gradually leads us to a  
narrow pass very queer with room for only one  
camel to go abreast <sup>2 or 3 on foot</sup> getting up through shale rocks

Pass goes up hill from W to E. not very steep  
steepest part at E end. A spur runs  
out W on the N side abt. 50 ft. high convenient  
to shoot over. Many ambush places  
particularly on N side. Approaches  
quite open + wide.

Leading down Wadi Goddam to Wadi Hasou where Fadthi  
Bedouins are always stationed toward for Gaffi attacks.  
This road shows difficulties of life in the part. we were  
shown several little heaps of stones where Fadthi

I leady down Wadi Goddam to Wadi Hasen where Faithli  
Bedouins are always stationed to watch for Yaffi attacks.  
This wadi shows differences of life in the part. we were  
shown several little heaps of stones where Faithli  
had been slain by enemies & then a larger heap of stone  
where a Seid is buried with 4 <sup>large</sup> smooth <sup>stones</sup> at top covered with  
oil by faithful for the <sup>Seid</sup> ~~Bed~~ & another very big heap  
to which all who enter the Wadi contribute for good luck.

See Masane in distance from whence water comes  
in granite to Seid in iron for ever so that when  
these tubes are at work the water is safe. Before  
reaching Wadi Hasen our guard go ahead to ascertain  
that all is safe. Country still barren & arid but  
mountains fine. Al Ma'a is a wretched hovel now  
but has known better days, evidenced by ruined stone  
towers. Present Sultan destroyed it as its head man  
was in revolt. Now there are 3 or four Arab houses  
a job on the hill & look for the Huzari & Bedouin  
across the valley which is here about 2 miles wide  
on a low bluff are 4 or 5 Yaffi watch towers to  
protect the approaches to Wadi Shaiba which

leads up to Al Kara. Country here is in a perpetual state  
of ferment like Germany in middle ages. Every one goes  
about armed & every body is on look out for attacks. We  
want to encamp in valley near trees but are not allowed

leads up to Al Kara. Country here is in a perpetual state  
of ferment. Like Germany in middle ages everyone goes  
about armed & everybody is on look out for attacks. We  
want to encamp in valley near trees but are not allowed  
obliged to pitch our tent in a dirty spot just outside village  
The Goddam <sup>or Kadorn</sup> range which separates Wade Yerrami  
from the Abyan is a mass of arid peaks none reaching  
an elevation of more than 2000 ft. A road leads from  
El Maia across the mts to coast at Asali -

See monkeys below on Goddam range  
Tuesday March 9<sup>th</sup> Leave El Maia very early &  
reach Karyatal Munkshuf - ancient  
fort on hill 650 ft. above valley say 1300 ft  
above sea with glorious views over the many  
peaks of the Goddam range. Eruption of basalt  
on Yaffi side called Borum. all iron  
ore men seem very numerous about Yaffi side  
& appear not sleeping at Munkshuf - at least  
we arrived at green trees. Shade provided in many  
cattle look very tame seen trees on the peaks  
on either side - 2<sup>nd</sup> man on left side  
of valley a round fort - Sultan Saleh brother

of King Sultan & vizier with us -  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ruin a Mukay about a mile further up Yeram is  
evidently old Himyaritic & 1<sup>st</sup> town after Bana on  
the way to Hadramut. This certainly being a hill



of Mt. Sultan & rises into us -  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Ruin a Meksing about a mile further up Yeramus is  
 evidently of Himyaritic & 1<sup>st</sup> time after Bana in  
 vicinity of Hadramut. This circular living hill  
 500 ft. high & enclosing a space 50 yds in diameter on  
 North side it is protected by 5 square towers & has one gate to  
 South. The acropolis of a large town the ruins of which can  
 be traced about foot on North side in all directions  
 evidently a very considerable place & as Yeramus is here  
 only 1/2 a mile wide must have thoroughly commanded  
 valley. 1<sup>st</sup> ruin probably Persian or later Arabian  
 Yeramus here is a regular stream appearing in a  
 narrow channel & whole valley is green & fertile -

Mecqag = salubritas -

Suber all chain ya ras id onul  
 Ya hami il wad id aser tole ziman  
 Fud el

Gibber el bösh melan i bakm i anjebon  
 Fil hadt didayem midawra hl amam

Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> On to Nads. 3 hours six miles  
ascent more rapid - till above point we burst on a  
lovely cultivated plain marked out into fields by  
dikes which bring water to fertile soil. Full

Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup> On to Naab. 3 hours six miles  
ascent more rapid - till above point we burst on a  
lovely cultivated plain matted out into fields by  
dikes which bring water to fertile soil. Full  
2 miles of this fertility & 3 or 4 villages. Small  
mosque, arrawa & old Naab. into a mosque &  
minaret & fine old house tumbling into ruins  
Yerannis is here much opened out & bounded  
by flat-topped cliffs hemming in wadi  
with walls about 200 ft. high - This paradise in  
Yerannis is property of Sultan Abdullah, brother  
of Sultan Saleh of coast & it may be said  
to be part of place Arrawa has 26 shops &  
Sultan gets 1/2 rate on all <sup>merchandise</sup> camels going up to Yaffa  
country. Lot of merchandise & bars deposited  
in a sort of custom house as we approached, great  
center of traffic for inland.

Sultan's town is on a raised plateau at top of gorge  
Yerannis. when we climbed up we halted & found  
a line of palatine - Sultan Saleh & I walked  
in front <sup>men</sup> eleven men with guns walked behind

Singing *merghazi* or salutation song as above  
then we halted & they fired off 10 salutes then  
we marched on Sultan Sulib leading to meet  
Sultan Abdullah's soldiers, twenty of whom advanced

Smijin merghazi a salutation song as above  
then we halted & they fired off 10 salutes then  
we marched on Sultan Saleh leading to meet  
Sultan Abdullah's soldiers twenty of whom advanced  
shook hands & bowed heads for Sultan Smijin  
shook for me. Then we were conducted into  
a tower & refreshed with 5 or 6 cups of weak coffee  
strongly flavoured with ginger which began by having  
milk in it but soon the milk ran out. We never  
saw Sultan at all

Sultans son (only long hair tied behind)  
& face covered with indigo which is the case  
with everyone after Aid. New indigo clothes  
come off all over body & hands & face &  
grey bearded men become regular bluebeards

Got to heal wound on woman's leg she had had it  
covered with a poultice of dates & had been bad  
for a year - New mosque small & ugly, old  
one with minaret in ruins -

Sultan sends us bowls of food - fowl cut up &  
cooked in gravy or soup. very rich with oil onions

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of the Anals are so good. Red cakes of millet bread also  
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very difficult over mountains Tarika

{ Bedon Sheikh of Nakai  
{ Markashi Tere.

3 wads from Naab to Shingera. this 2<sup>nd</sup> camel  
wad & Mishall -

Arand hill with old Arab fort a it Yerad just  
behind Naab 500 ft. above Yeranis which  
ends here & then begins Wadi Raiban. clear  
N.S. course for 3 miles then N. then long stretch  
S. again - lovely view over Yafi mountains  
on one side & Giddam range on the South

Bedon tells me the names of all. Visit the  
old ruined palace of Sultan Saleh bin Saleh with  
nice little bits of decoration but in now abandoned  
& there are ghimis therein, but my Bedon had  
never seen only heard of them -

Arandel takes to East of Fadthi -

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matchlock guns. long neat made strings -  
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just behind Naab, made it 2000 ft but consider  
its neighbor Heidehabab is 3 or 4 hundred higher.  
Mingote road to Shuegra goes between - very rocky  
but fine to sea on one hand & Yofi range on other  
side. ~~Two~~ N. B. Heid is Bedon for mountain  
C. of Fedehan in Socotra - 2 Bedons together I don't  
understand a word -

Give me milk from a flock we meet. 2 (last) Bedon  
food called Kharro. wastes wild seeds put into a  
mug with holes milk not at all bad

make ropes out of cactus *Chrusbergii* of *Abrynia*  
birds nests sleep in holes at extreme top of mountain  
find a big goat killed meat before in Wadi

Report that Yofi had made a raid near  
Abt. Shebbal & stolen 100 head of goats  
so many on account of us -

little beast called Wabe ouabri brought

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ruinin Sultan. How many years were you  
a soldier I asked - "4, 5, 6 was the best of  
I never had it written down -

A poet of Na'ab made a merghasi on  
our treatment by the Yafi Sultan, how  
he had demanded money for us show  
he bid us return to aden - This was the first  
so good that we were obliged to take it all  
down & Sultan Saleh took a copy of it  
back to Shuzera -

Saturday March 13.

From Na'ab to Sharich - 3 hours  
7 Geo. miles - 4 N.E. 3 N.  
ascended 350 ft.

After Na'ab W. Raiba is about 1/2 mile  
across then after 2 miles open & garden  
then running water appears now & again

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joins it 2 miles from 4 ancient villages  
called Shariyah

Gebel Shaas beyond very high  
Wadi Jada to right -

Large open space at Shariyah with  
mountains from 500 to 1000 feet high  
great junction of water from Wadis  
Raiban, Sileb & Jada. was once exceedingly  
populous & considerable towers were perched  
on rocks forming gates into Wadi Sileb  
& 2 others at a great elevation on the opposite  
side. The cause of decrease of population in  
Arabia must be perpetual intertribal  
warfare & gradual filling up of valleys with  
sand. Great banks of sand 20 feet high  
line the river beds which wash away in  
heavy rains & contribute to silting up. One

Naab. 1000 ft.  
to Sharrah 350 ft  
to Gaida 650 ft  
2000

this country must have been very fertile to support population for a town here must have been big stone buildings alone w<sup>d</sup> make assumed a larger town most towns in Arabia today

this country must have been very fertile to support population for 4 towns here must have been big stone buildings above w. make a group of larger than most towns in Arabia today then there must have been the usual hut population

My camel has an amulet written by a Seyed <sup>called Heris -</sup> round its neck to keep it from stumbling & harm

March 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday -

Go by tank Alouda towards Medal to

avoid a bad ascent Akaba Souida -

Pass through absolutely desolate & dry country hardly a tree to be seen & great mountains of seared & scoured volcanic action -

Reach after 4 hours about 7 miles the head water of the wadi Ginda at top of Akaba. Lovely views into gorge below & height of Jebel Ginda across the way. The finest scenery we have yet had in this corner of Arab after breaking wind comfortably always & a walees Al hand ilallah -

Ganda people get their father names mentioned with their own Saleh bin Ahmed for a person when a camel man is Saleh simply -

View from hills above about 2500 looks all the Yaffi  
mountains the Goddam range ending at Heidenab-  
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Senni Arab name for Sansevernia Eriophora  
Altal tree large glaucous leaves like india mabbies  
Bedons make tinder rope out of bark fibre of trunk  
stems connected with effect of tree on people who have  
slept under it.

March 15 Monday Go down into canon of Ginda 2  
stream there much fertility. met our camels at top  
2 after 2 more Akabas reach plain of Mishall  
a vast plateau 2700 ft. above sea dotted over with  
Bedonni homes. The chief has a square castle 2  
huts around. Is determined to give us a grand  
reception. 2 we find a whole army of Bedons drawn  
up in a long line on the sandy plain between 2 3  
hundred. naked save for loincloth in which was stuck  
dagger, powder horn &c. Some with spears 2 some with  
~~lances~~ match locks. long hair tied up so that it  
sticks out behind. <sup>Sketch 2 red flag</sup> as funny a long line as we ever  
saw. we dismount 2 march in a line singing a

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& then on upper part of the leg -

Songs of welcome then we stand & the performance began  
Lance bearers effect a pretty dance before the long line  
<sup>in double file</sup> & many guns are let off. then they form in line &  
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come in ever increasing circles towards us. the lance  
bearing sergeants have a dance before them who throw  
his lance into the air & catches it & executes very pretty  
capers as he leads his regiment. Singing all the  
while songs of greeting the worn like line gradually  
approaches & salutes our line. Then after many  
gyrations they again retire & a herald is sent out  
to address us with befitting words of welcome -  
Our turn came next & we sent forth a line with  
Sulthan Handa in it to sing let of guns & return  
<sup>2 lines the next</sup> the greeting. <sup>shake hands & kiss.</sup> \*  
The all in ready we form a line  
again & walk towards our tent with the army  
behind singing & dances in front executing  
wonderful light steps. but the dust was so great  
that it was so appalling we could hardly see  
anything & arrived quite dazed at our tent after this  
welcome which had lasted fully an hour &  
were thankful for coffee sent by Sheikh & also

Saleh Haidera

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all Bedouins have indigo handkerchiefs & lion clothes one Sayd with a variegated Rafters matches with the army at head. Sheikh <sup>Mohamed</sup> Ebn bin Naser Nakai

Plateau of Marshall approached from Naab by 3 akabas (1) Soda to 2000. (2) Bera 2500 (3) del Hadda 2750  $\frac{20}{1000}$

Gravel with Shura produced grain, but water at Marshall is bad, & they have to fetch it for all the plateau from Ghena & Lamma several miles distant

Nakai Sheikh can put 400 men into the field for the Fadhli Sultan, with whom he is very friendly, not so the Markashi who have lately been serving the Sultan kindly they live in Goddarrange - Curious army of naked men, all their bladders appear, one has a club foot another a short leg

but then lame men hobbled on & sang quite gaily -  
Then one had his body much scarred by a burn & was  
Sheikh Muhammad's soldiers pass no medical  
examination before entering the army. -



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with from 10 to 20 strings of beads dangling  
from their necks. very much painted on face  
some yellow & several with <sup>painted</sup> red nose & red <sup>broad</sup>



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from their necks. very much painted on face  
some yellow & several with <sup>frantic</sup> red nose & <sup>broad</sup> red  
streaks over the eyes -

At night they come & dance for us - an Irish jig with  
wonderful activity, one man a lance, the other a  
mattlock naked with long hair. music a flute  
the addition of kissing with the lips is effective -

Ascend hill of Mts Hall 4000 feet. So, 3000 high  
with most remarkable view over the Gudeli mountains  
these are about 20 miles away & tower up to a great  
height much higher than the Gaffi range which  
Tate puts at 7000 so they cannot be far from  
10000 feet. White rain & water like stones  
were explanations used by Bedons to explain the  
cold & height -

Photographing women in huts. The red lines under eyes,  
down nose & round forehead are made of a stuff  
called kisin an earth dye. sometimes red spot  
on the forehead - An Gudeli woman came out

Mustall whilst we were there & her face was  
literally dyed scarlet all over. she had her  
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erections of canvas or sticks, broken pellets together  
in the flimsiest fashion & no pretensions at  
concealing what is going on inside -

We question Aoudeli Bedons from El Khaur  
mountain just come down with a Kapla  
dressed in thick sheepskin. They say the  
streams in their mts. become hard as stone &  
snow lies for some time. It is very cold up to the  
beginning of April & then comes warm weather -  
El Khaur mts. most fascinating & interesting if  
only seen from a distance but inhabited by a wild  
lawless set of Bedons who wd. murder any foreigner  
who went amongst them owing allegiance to none and  
wholesome dread of them. - Al Haja mt. back of  
Mushall plain has *Deltopyna alata* foot on the  
Kapla road to the Hararant

From hills above one sees 5 or 6 Dars i.e. square

Timba - Asala - Mihel  
El Acarbu -

naabu - }  
Deryag - } 1200 -  
& ma'a }

El Khant - Amudi

El Misarid, T.

Acharbee. Delachmet.

Macknabee. El Mihel

Sheik Otman. El Kant

El Misarim

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Spuzera -

El Mahaze

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Kouis -

El Kant -

Timben

arala

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	Lasala	El Kaur
	Tarrire	Timhen
	El Kasirak	anale

castles like the one at Muthall. surrounded by Bedouin  
 warriors belonging to Nakari tribe. when there is war  
 into the country the Fustati Sultan comes there here  
 in one of the Dars.

Wednesday March 17. Leave Muthall for  
 Bir Dammas about 4 miles mostly across  
 the plain see 4 Dars & Bedouin villages &  
 Sheikets walking about with small battle axes  
 on long poles an emblem of their rank used  
 in war & in peace for chopping wood.

Nakari can put 4500 men in field -  
 markashi between 5 & 6 hundred - <sup>2000</sup> <sup>2000</sup> <sup>2000</sup> <sup>Fustati</sup>

Awadi 45000 - very large tribe -

Bir Dammas is great halting place for  
 caravans going from Suzeir on the  
 lands Arab to Hadramut & El Kaur,  
 pretty situated amongst acacia trees in  
 the wide valley of El Min.

Women do all the work of the house, & go to  
 Ghens of Bir Dammas for water. The  
 children boys & girls up to age of 14 tend

the flocks whereas the men seem to do nothing, but  
sit in warlike enclosures with gun & lance -  
Young children have wooden gumbags to accustom  
them to the use of fire, & this prompts me to see tiny little children

the flocks whereas the men seem to doubt it, but  
sit in warlike enclosures with gun & lance -  
Young children have wooden spears to accustom  
them to the use & this prompts see tiny little children  
of 3 & 4 hurling seeds of javaris in imitation of  
their elders with the more deadly weapon -

Berms are burnt in elements of war. one was  
wrecked of in the neighbourhood which had lasted  
for 15 years was now happily terminated for a bit.

Thursday March 16. Stay at Bir Lammas  
from hill above length of Andeli range is  
very striking must see from West to East  
30 or 40 miles & massive even topped range  
with very few breaks & no peaks in it -

meets a hyena & other quarters & baboons  
in Wadi Maene - There are traces of ruins  
of better period on <sup>hill</sup> ~~mountain~~ near the edge of  
plain & about 1/2 a mile from Bir Lammas  
probably of the Ashabier period v. Hamdani.  
Fathali Sultan can get into the field 2000 men

el Khawr the mountain -

Quda, the town must be the

Shabhan all Arabs. Are deli.

Sultan Mohamed bin Saleh.



El Khaur the mountain -

Alouda, the town must be higher than

Shabhan all Arabs. Acedeli -

Sultan Mohamed bin Saleh -

6 hours from Meshall 34 miles

at bottom of mountains. All Bedouin

on the mountains many tribes -

2<sup>nd</sup> town above town El Baitha -

Sultan Sultan Sallah -

Belad El meqheba, El meqheba. Upper

Yaffi country Sultan Hakim

Mahomed bin Ali -

Sabad el Bai - resass. not under Turkey

El oudeli. Sahib Landa not under Turkey

Aughdri

(1) Sultan Haur Haurdri - to E. of Fadlithi

2 Bander Haur. 3 Bander Arka

4 Belhaf - 5 Haura. Bander Bialhi

6 Mroulla -

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Tank Ni zoko from narrow place -

Tank el Massara quick way -

Tank Tavel. for camels

Khaur. ~~ss~~

Tank Emagin. from skins wh. get spoilt

Camp for 2 nights in Wadi Samluf. tending  
towards Shuzera - one vast mass of unheaved  
volcano. Black ~~sh~~ like Santorin with a  
steam rising down a streak of green nowada  
& sand like ashes -

<sup>Camp on</sup>  
From Wadi Samluf. to Shuzera a drop  
of 3000 ft. gentle & mostly over a  
rough surface of volcanic rocks -  
bearful experience with fever & fatigue  
luckily only a short crossing of  
Abyan to wast. & reach mud brick  
palace of Shuzera more dead than alive

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smart turban & coloured waist bands  
comes time to see us. & his Sultana  
a very handsome woman & daughter  
of an Aden Sheikh most kind in  
sending milk water melon & any  
little luxury they could.

Sultan's palace a fine large brown  
building with a stunted tower a  
stylised arab house but nothing like  
Haramunt.

Shergara as we see it in the evening  
large with its tower its few trees  
& its many peaked Goddam range  
behind it looked exceedingly picturesque  
but fever-stricken we were delighted  
to get away. Apparently this corner  
of Yemen is particularly feverish. All  
time visitors in from Aden appear to  
get ill. Perhaps it is water. Bedouins

Drive their flocks to wells. & wash their  
yemen sores over wells so that  
water returns & less putrefaction.

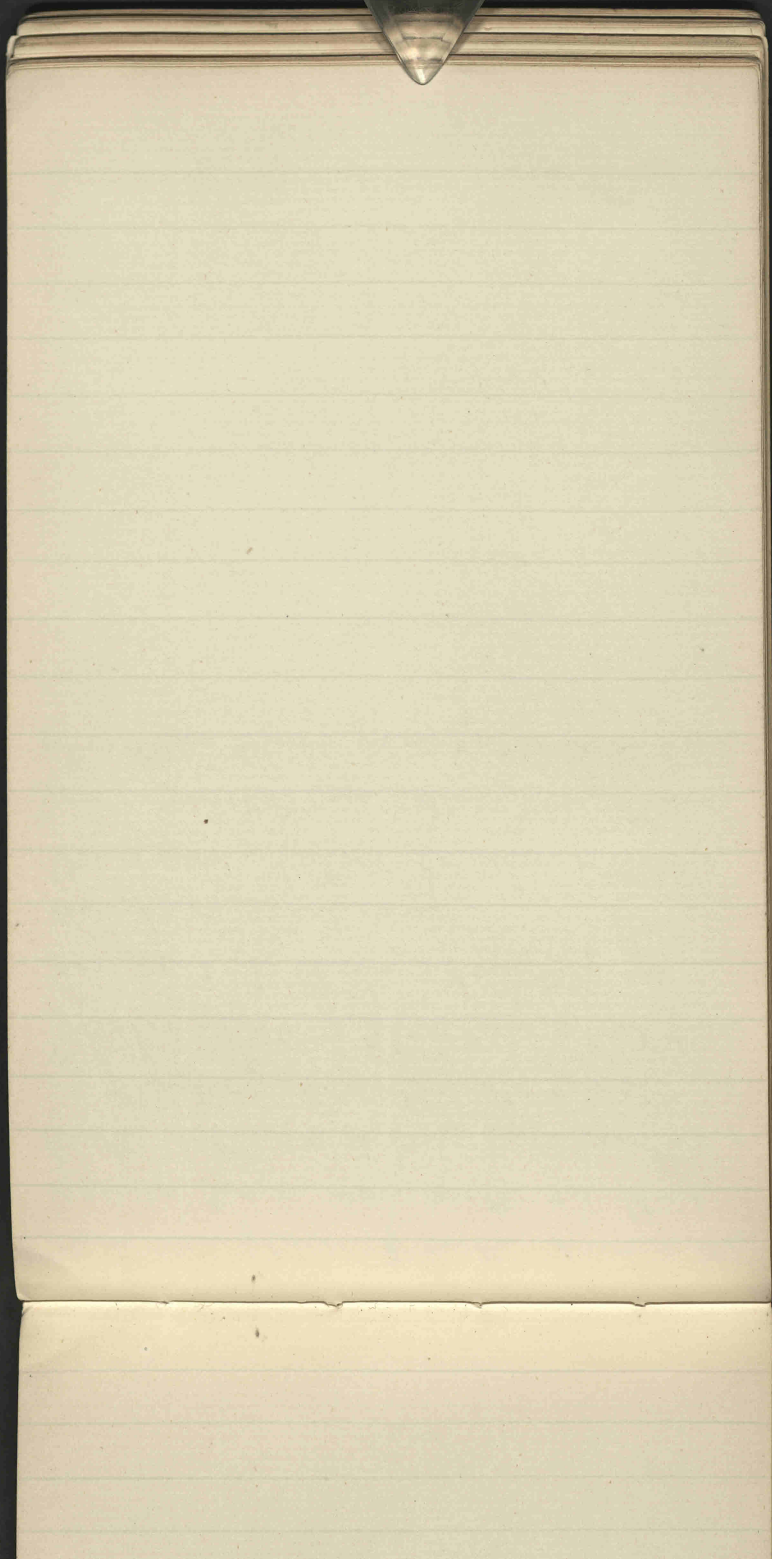
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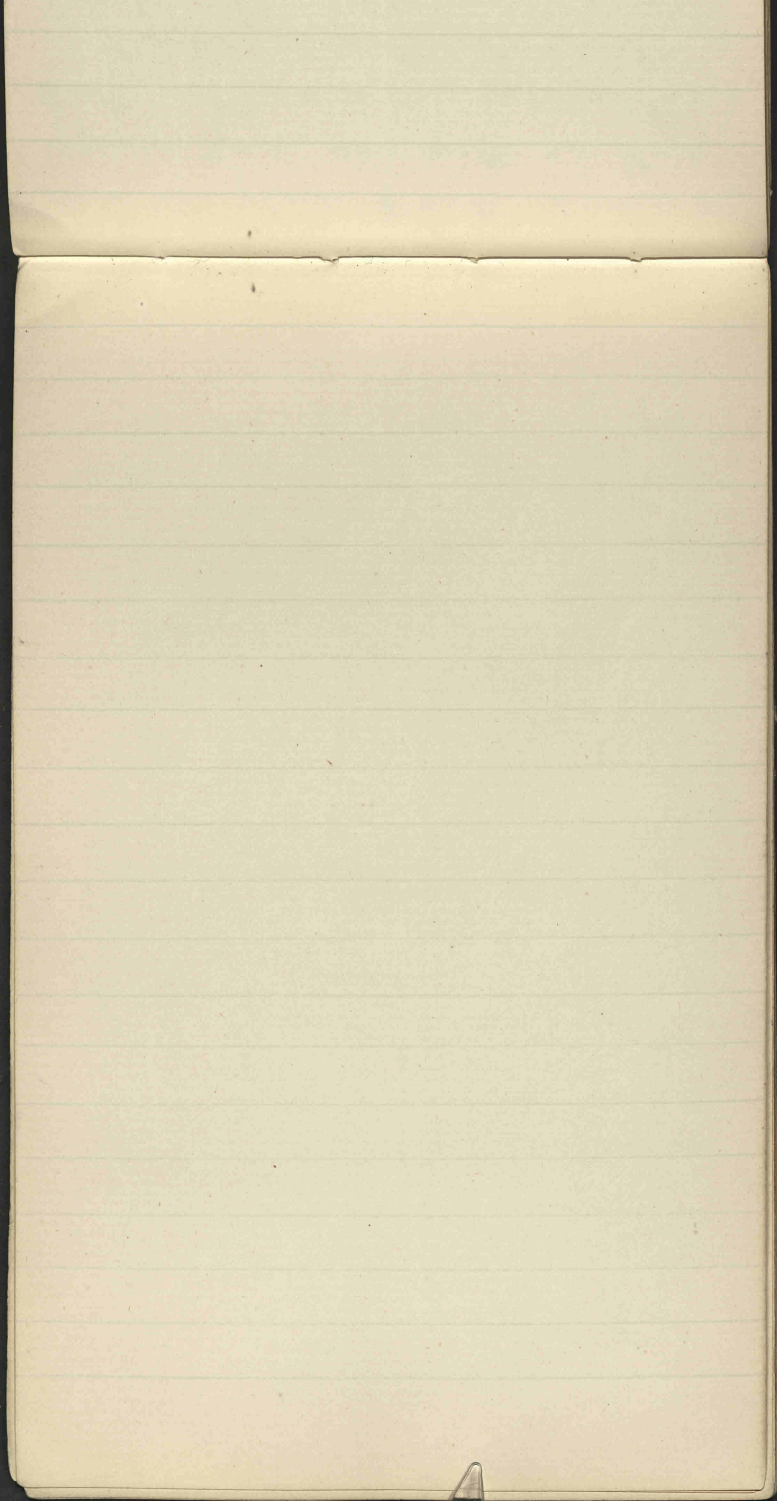
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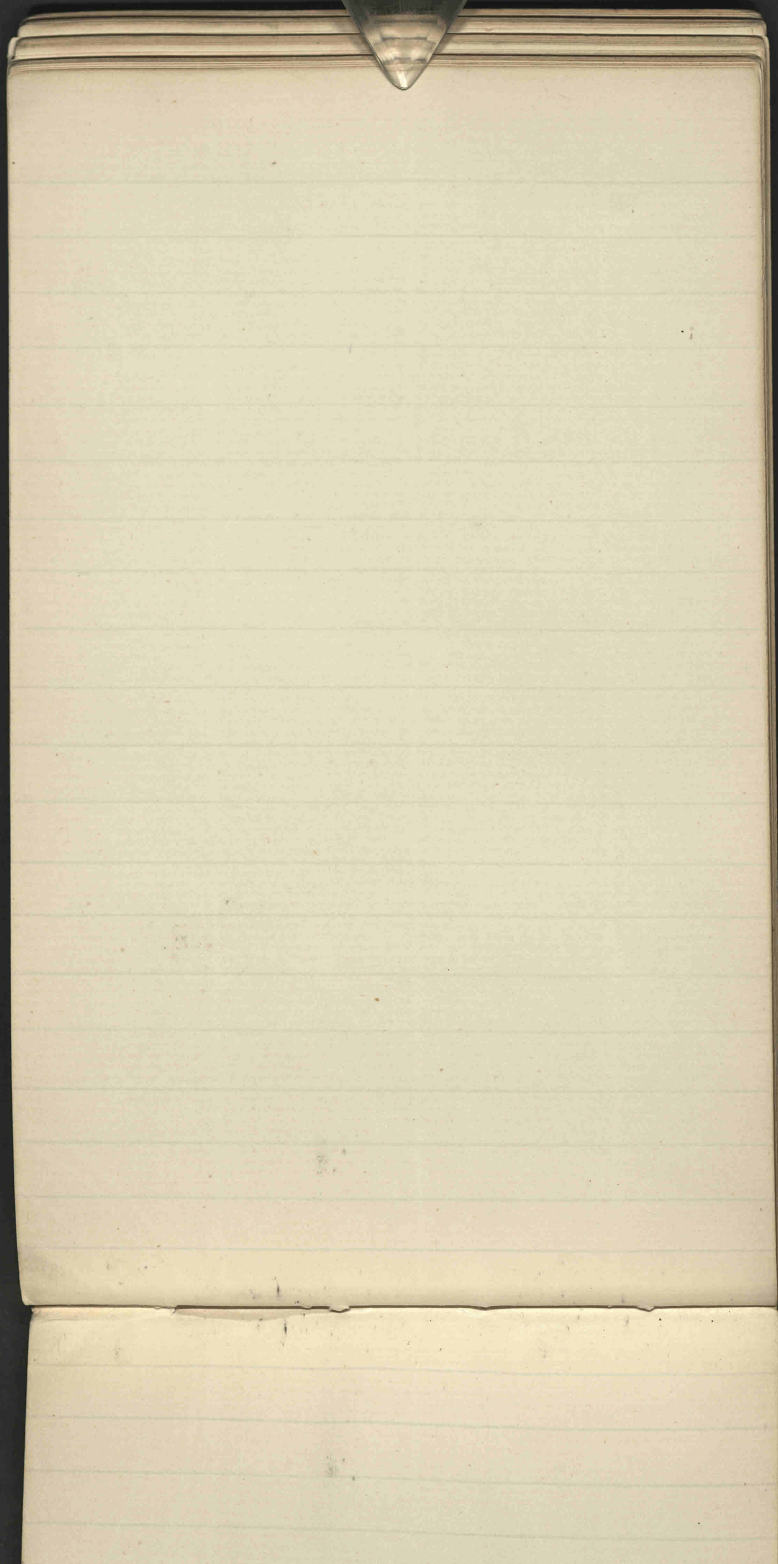
Socatra Adan & elsewhere about here  
are sent to China where they are  
considered a delicacy.

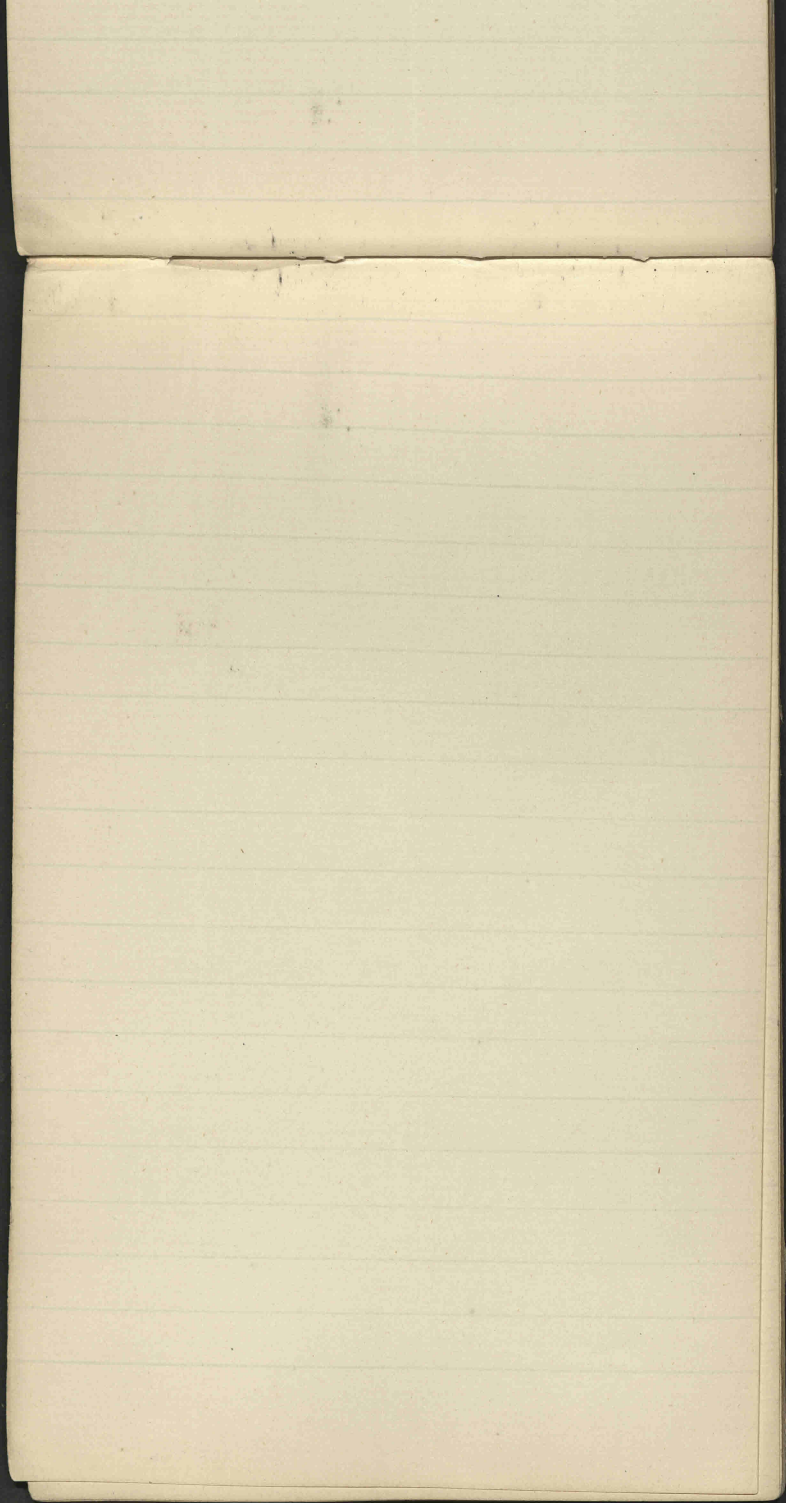
Use of abou "father" curious in Arabia  
Doubtless called "Abou itnain"  
also Abou Umab. man good at catching hare

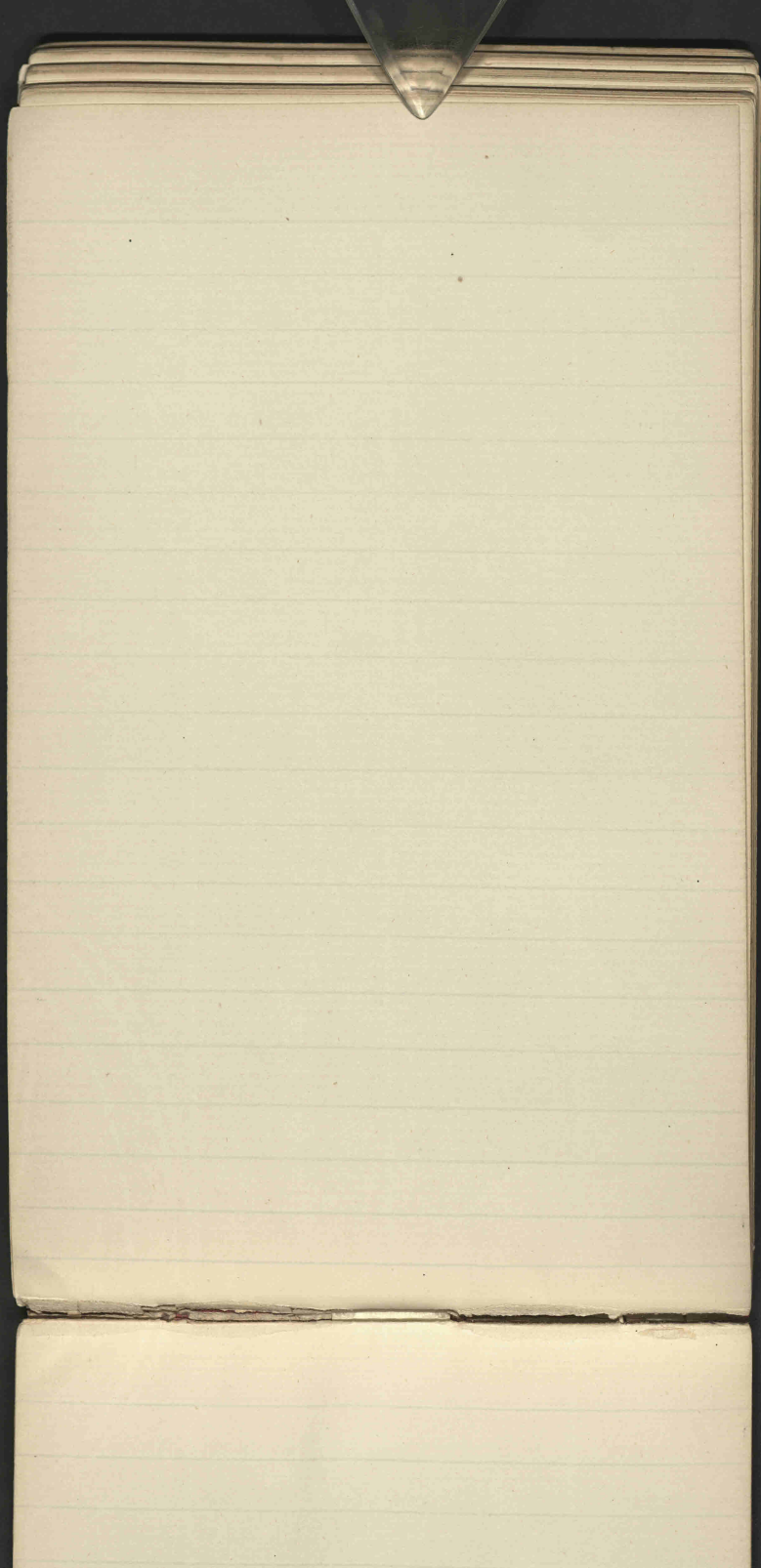


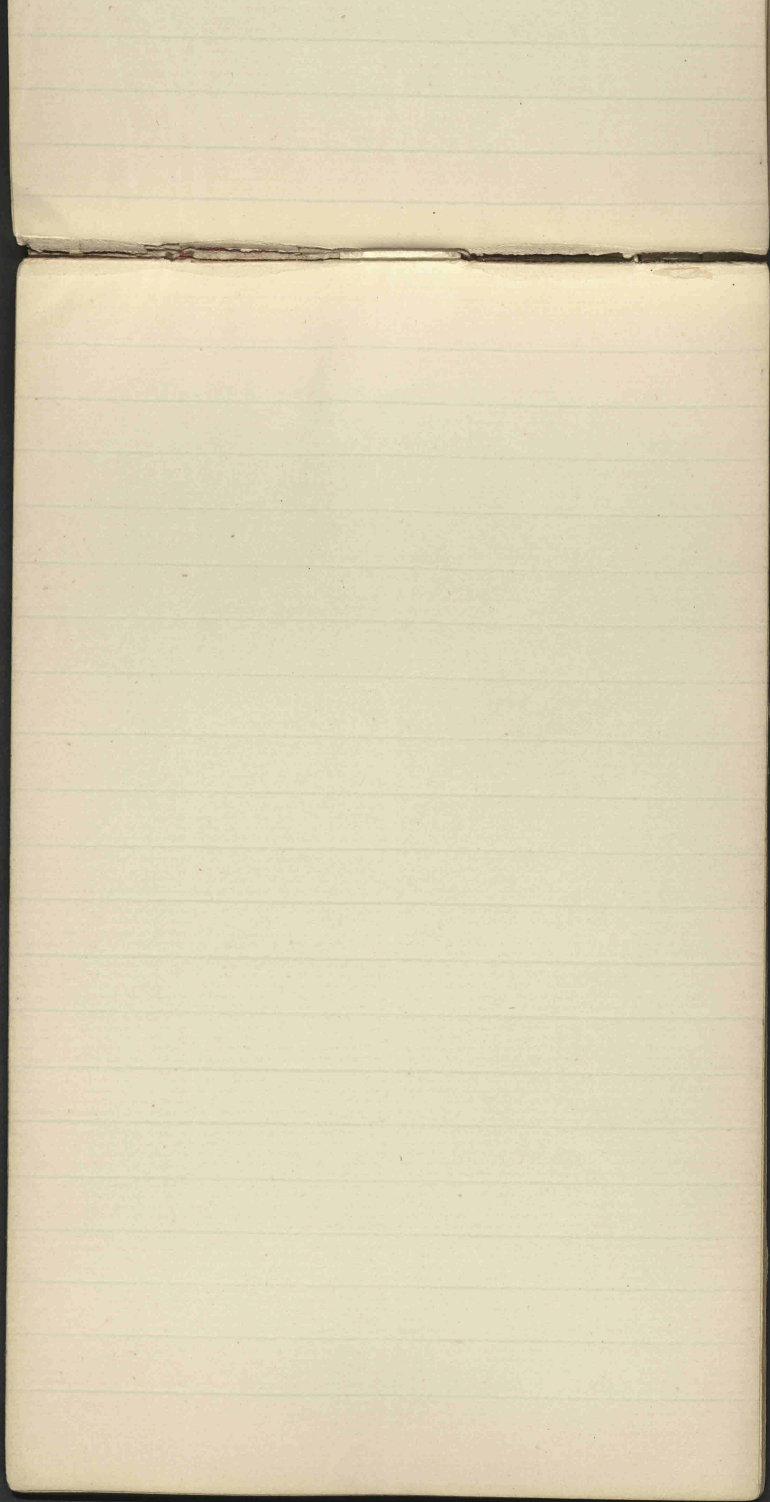


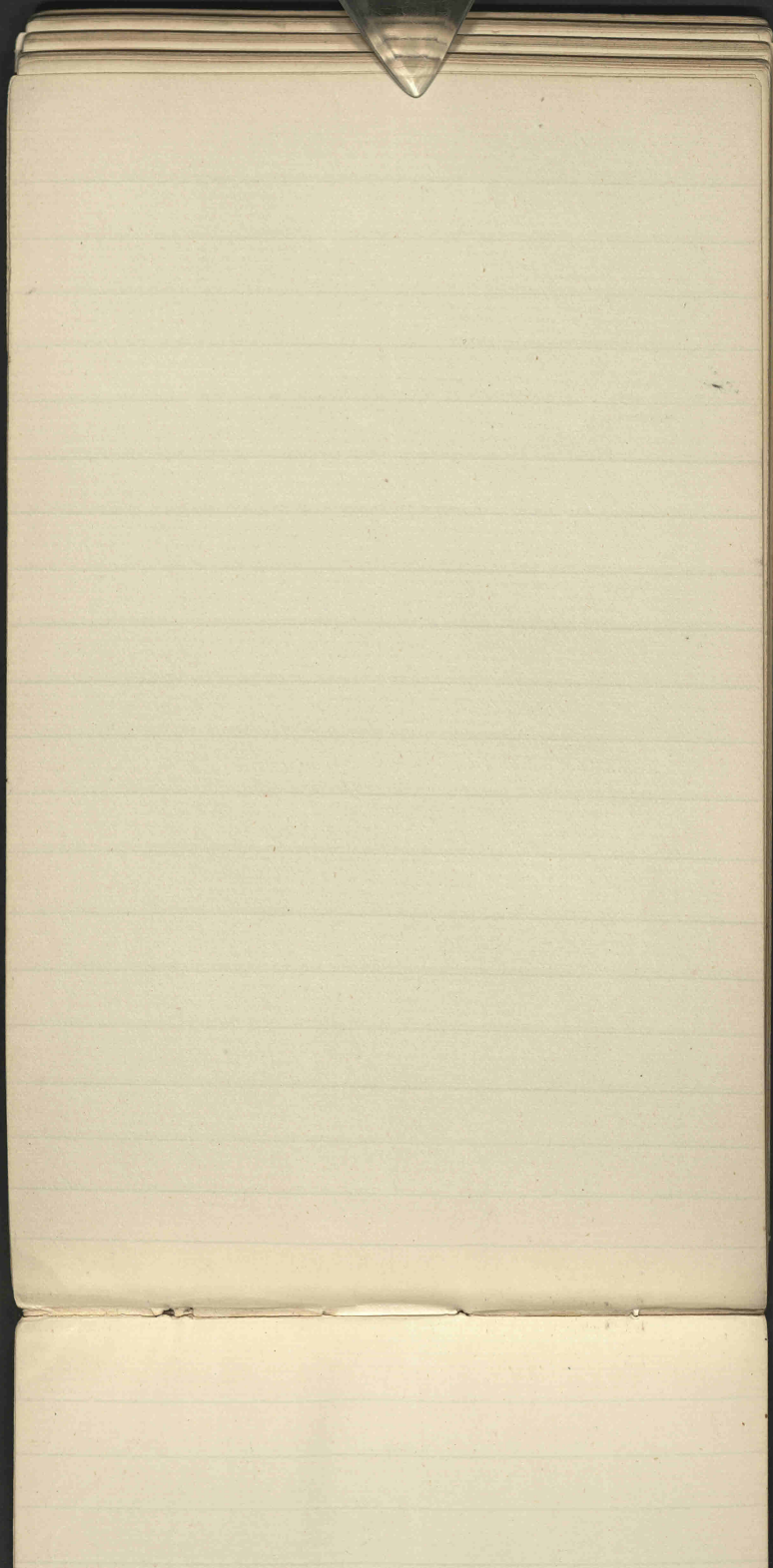


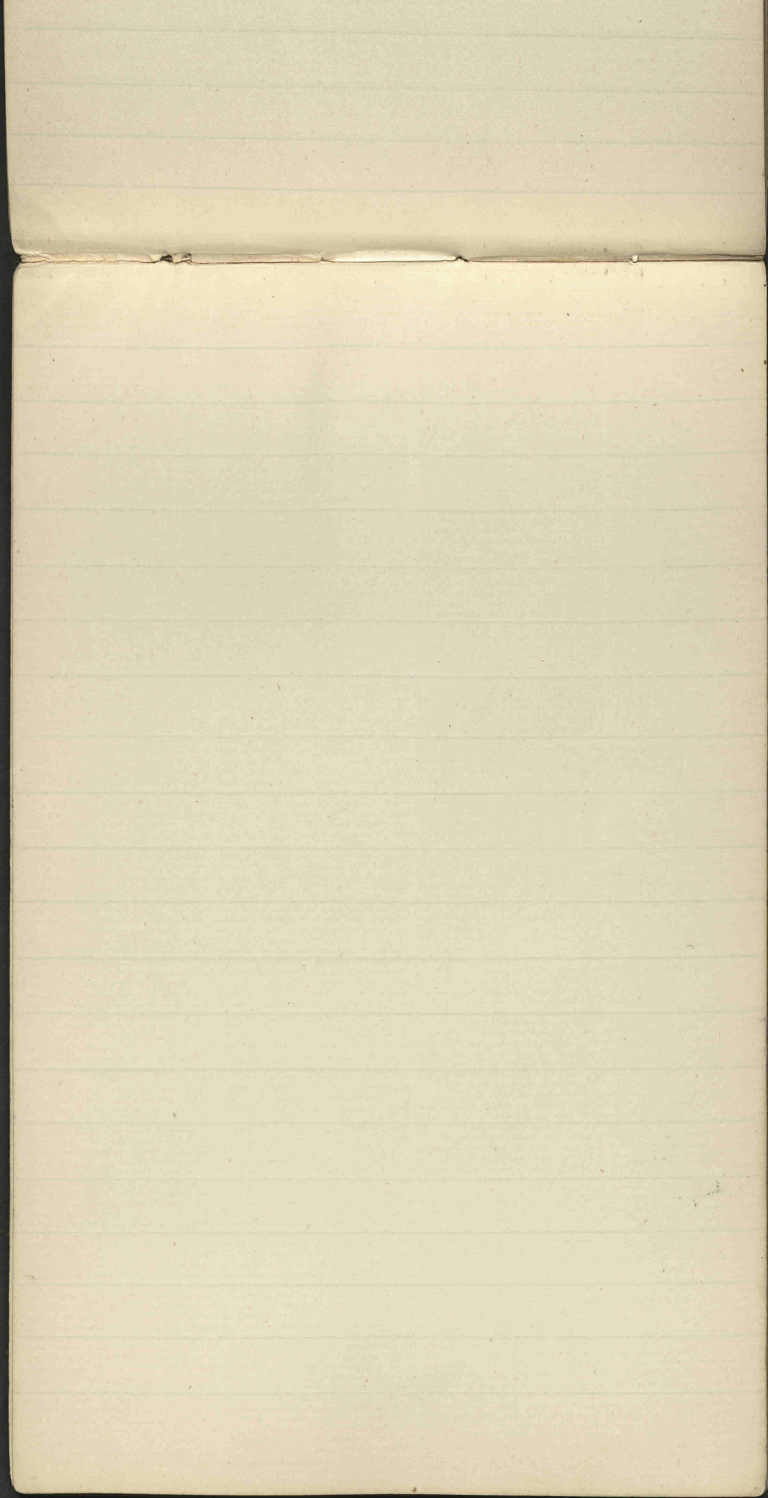


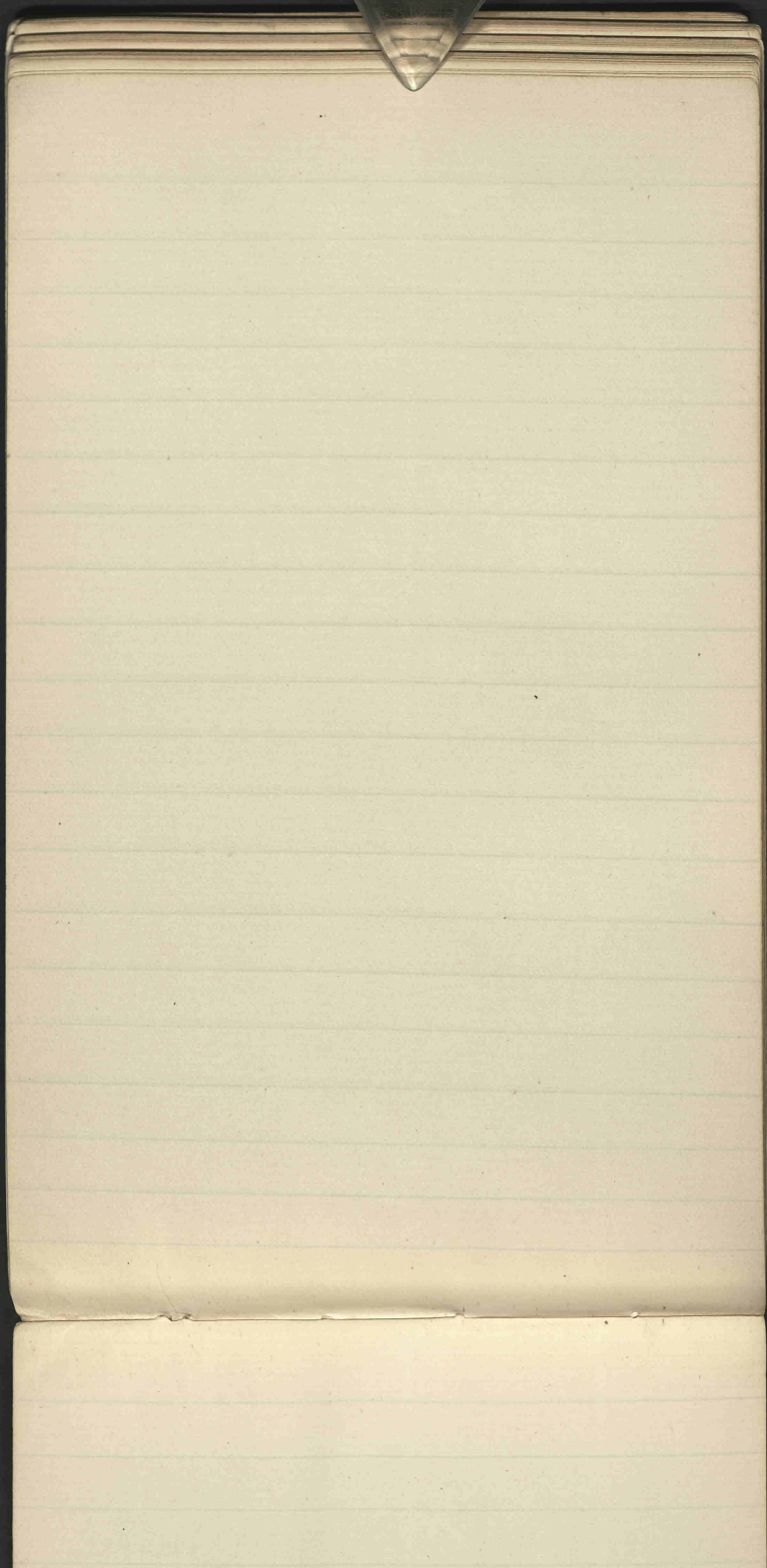




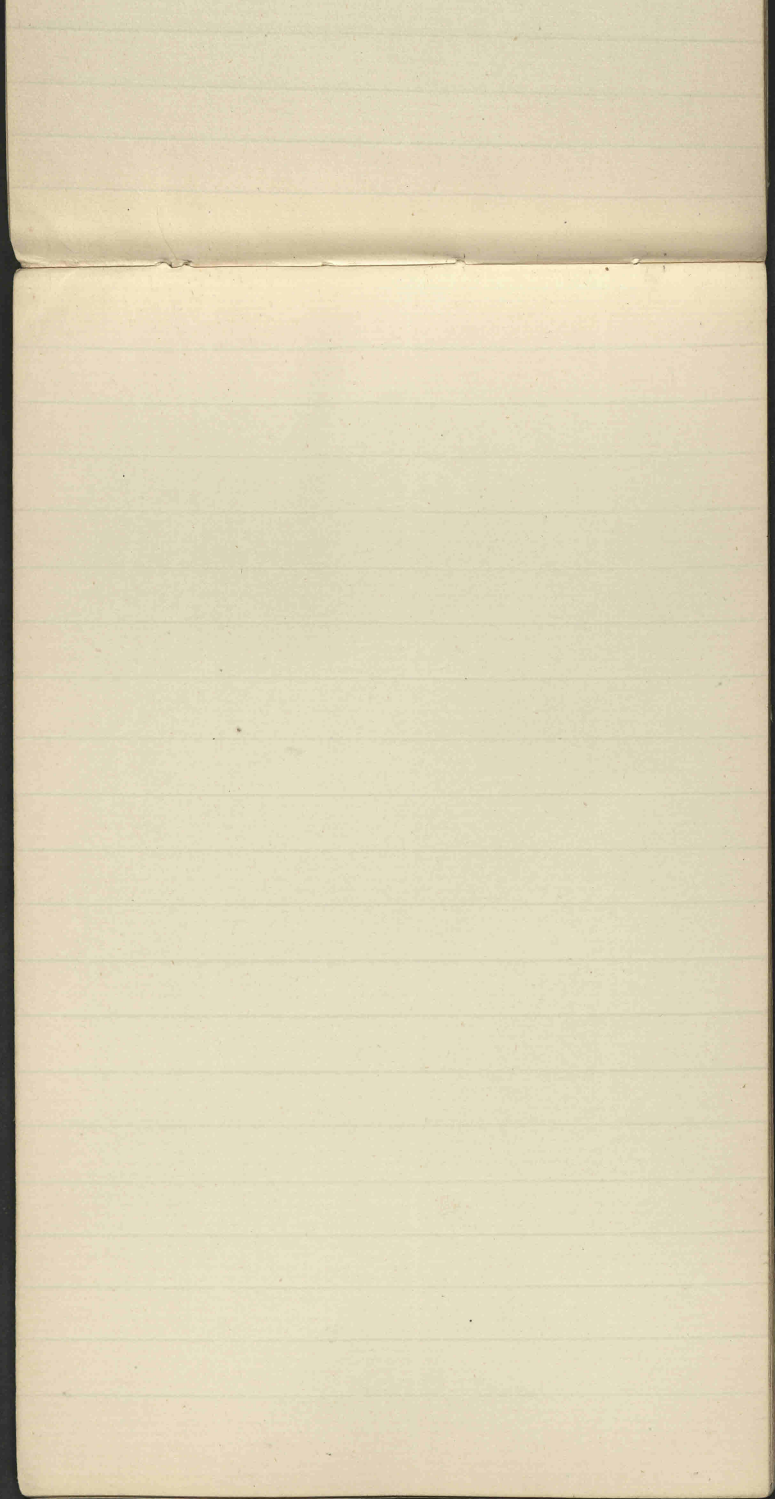


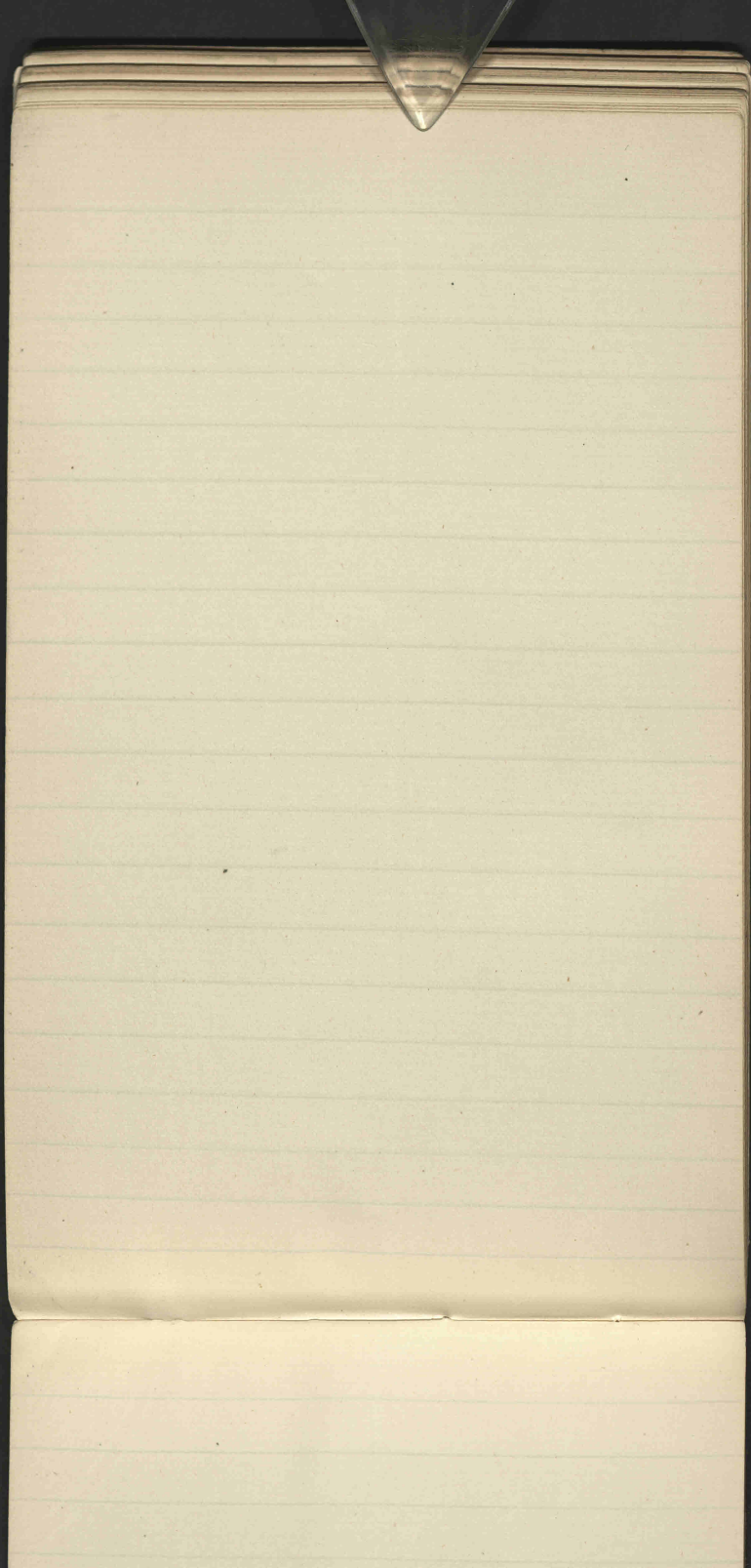


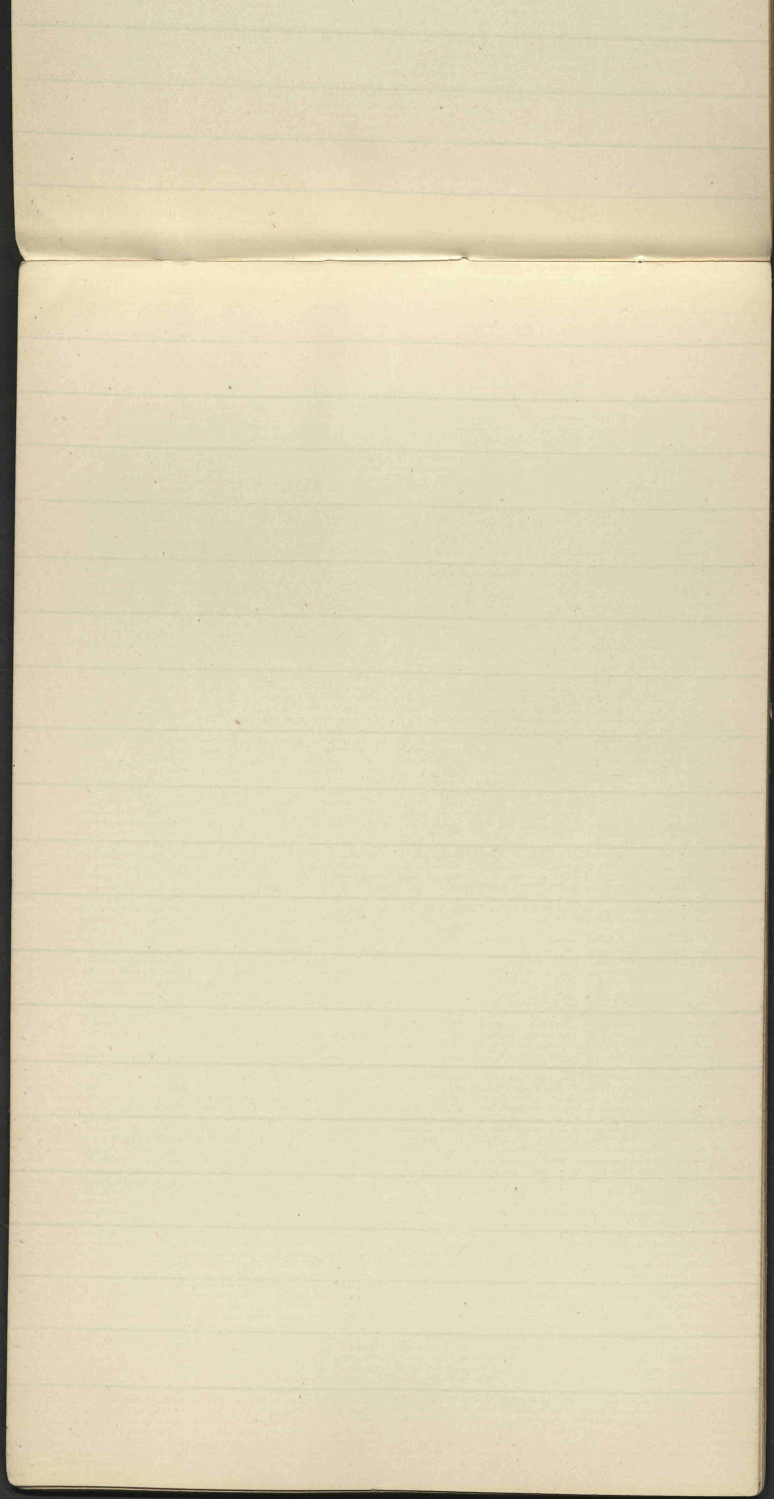


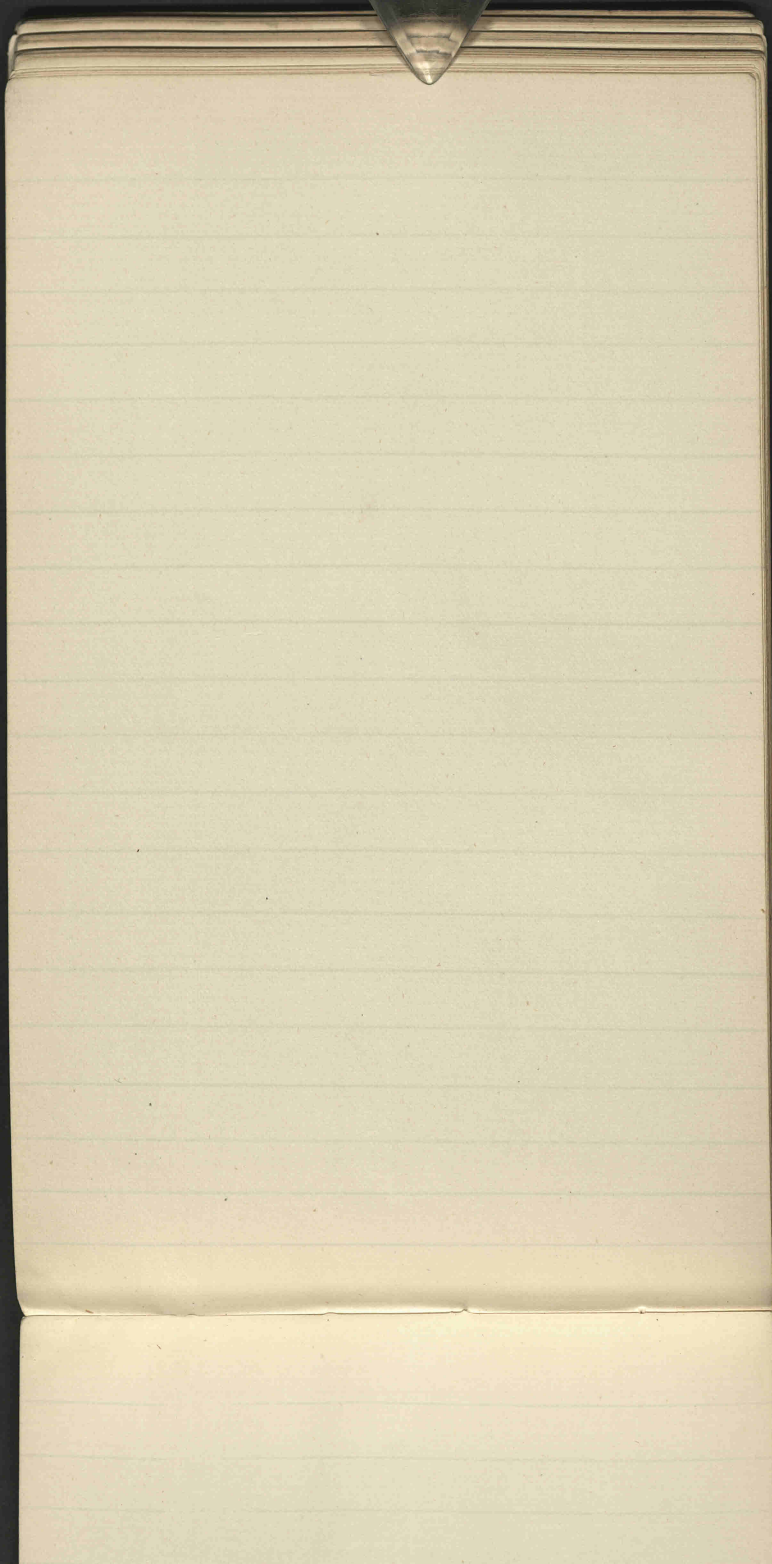


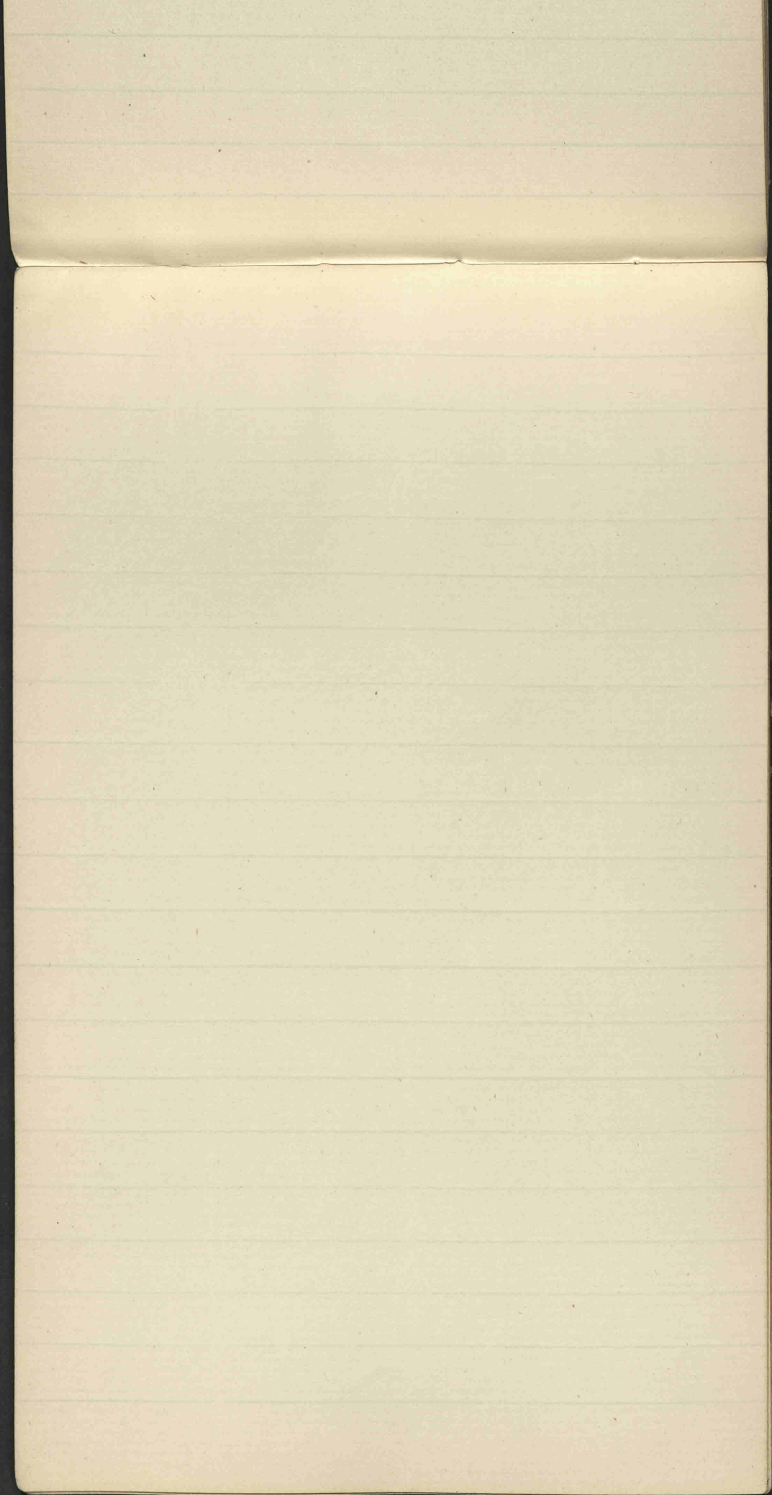


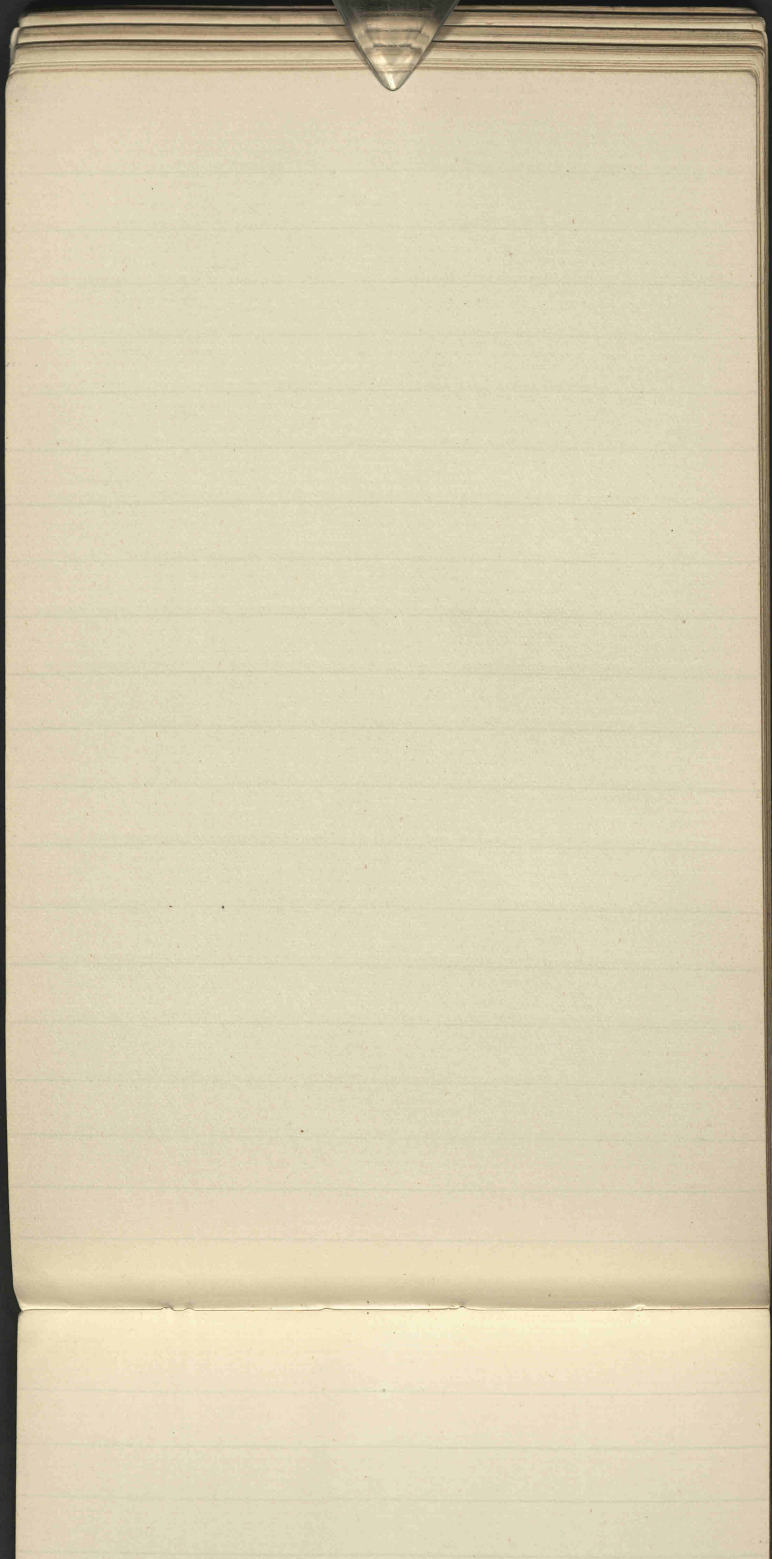


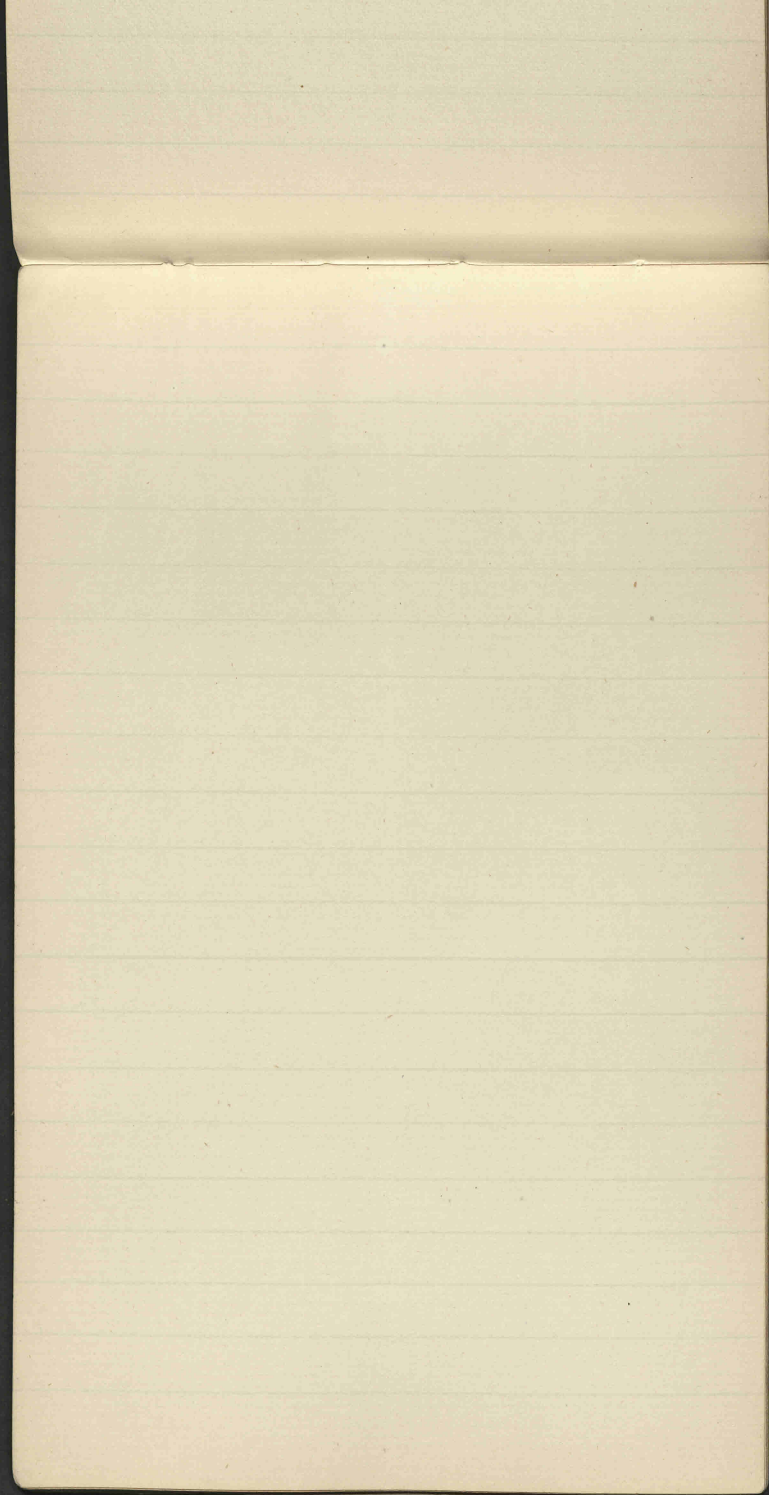


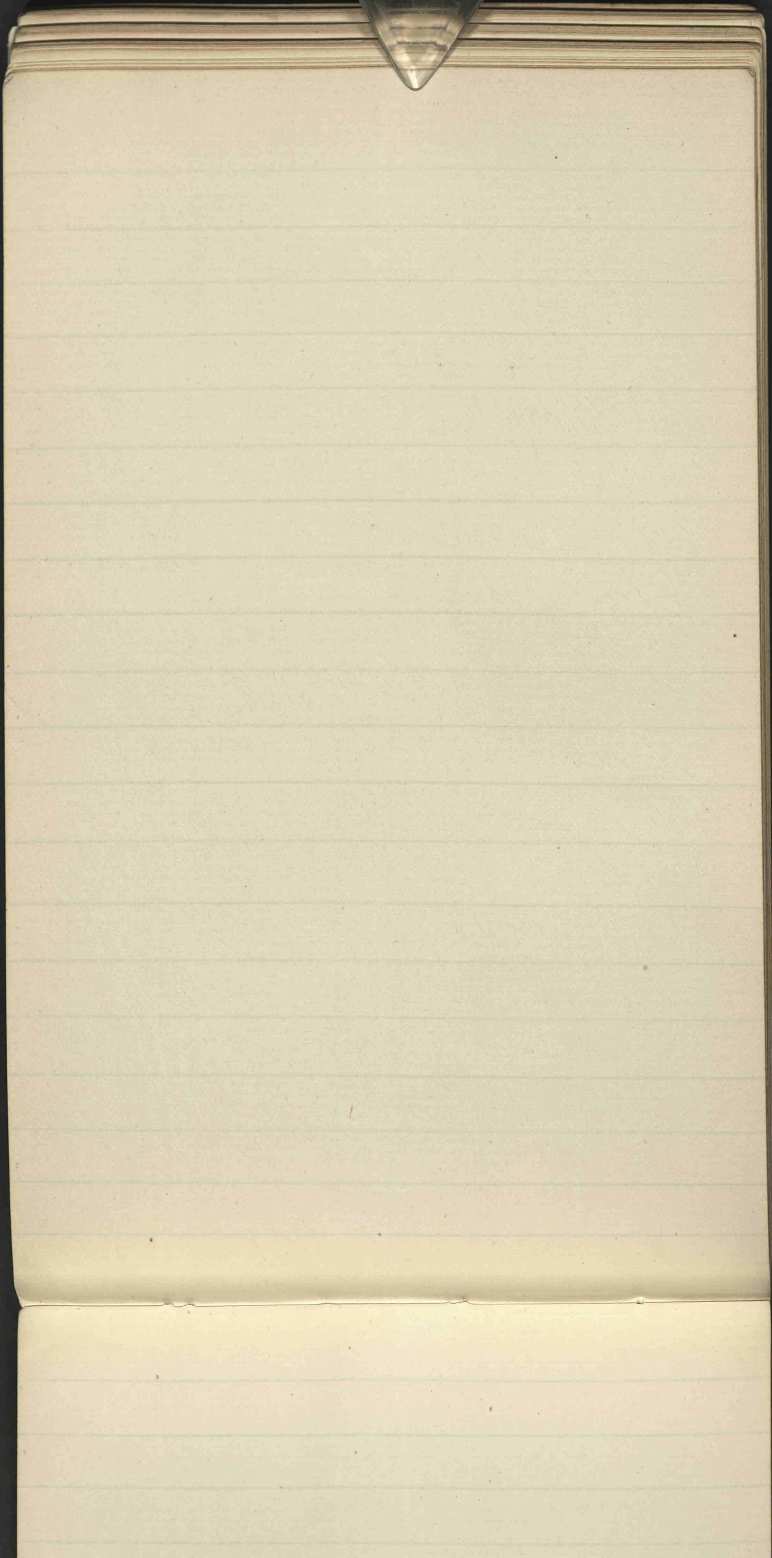
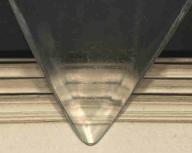




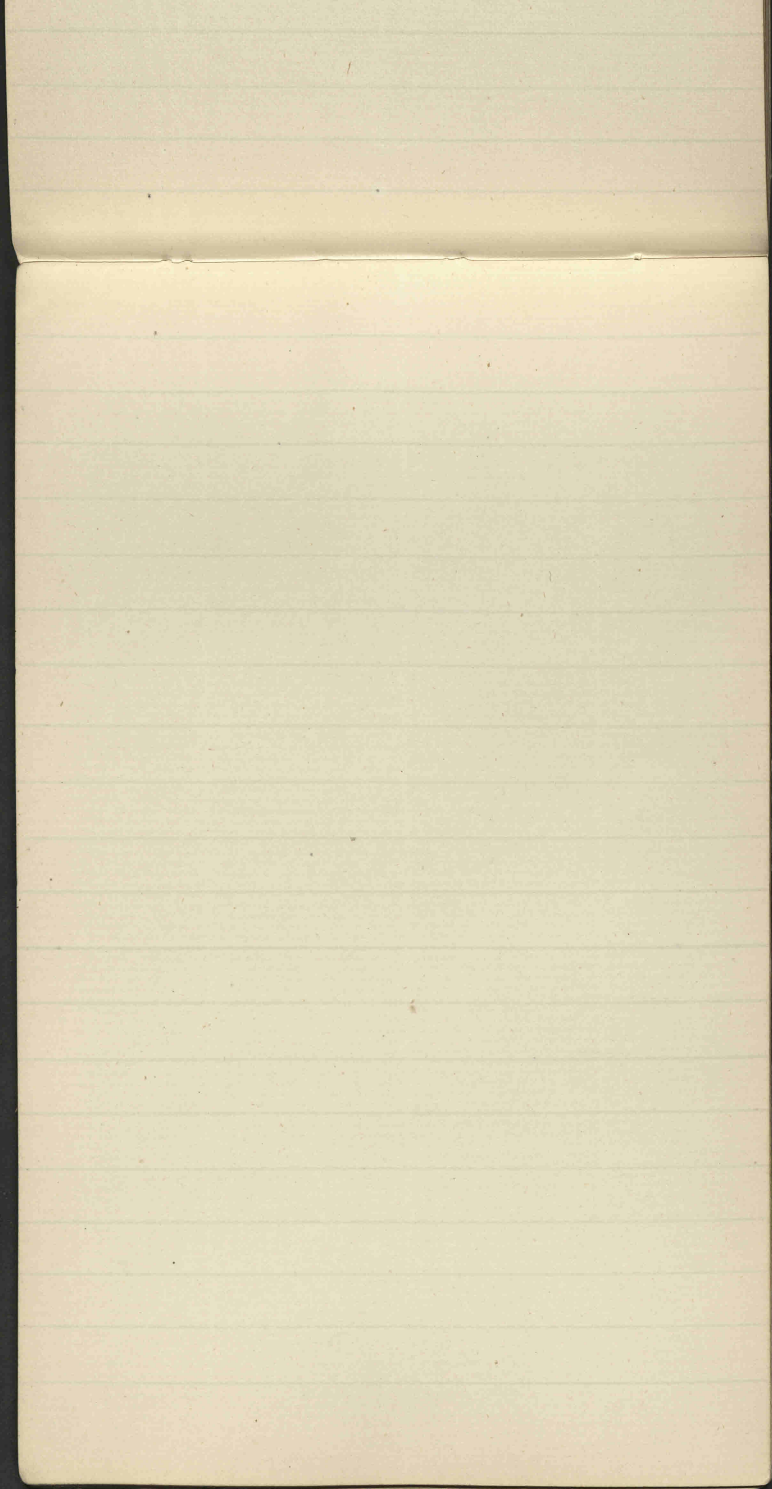


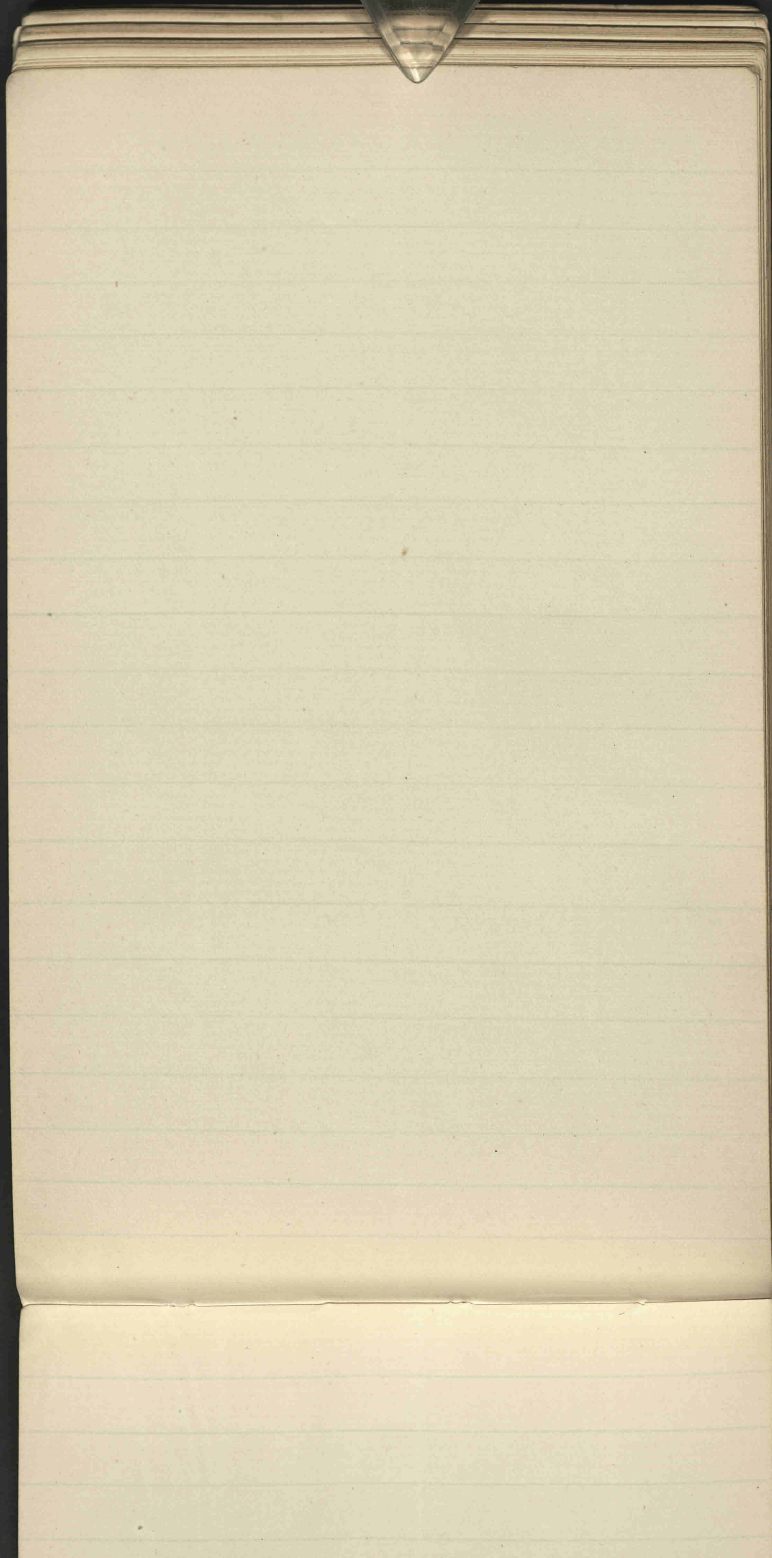


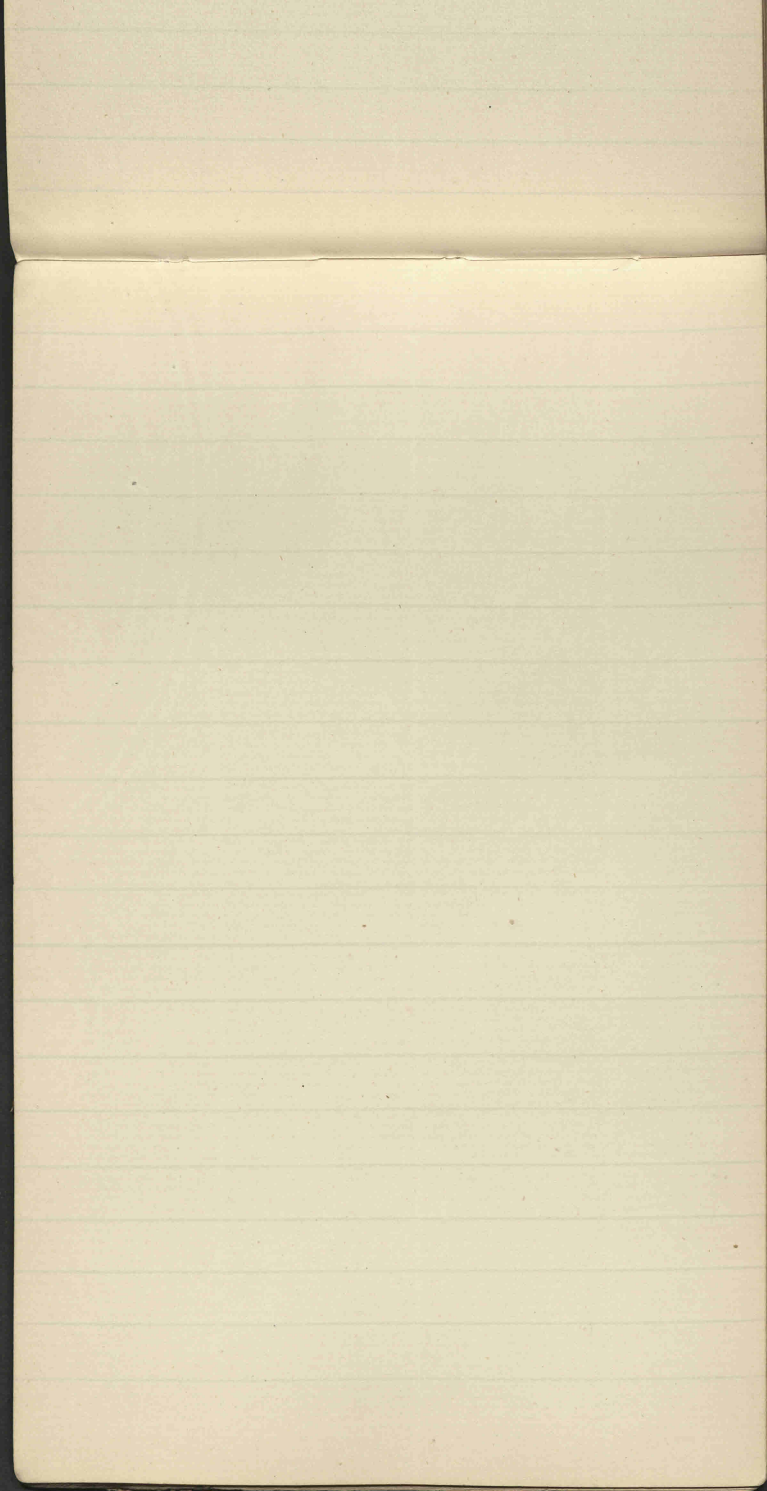


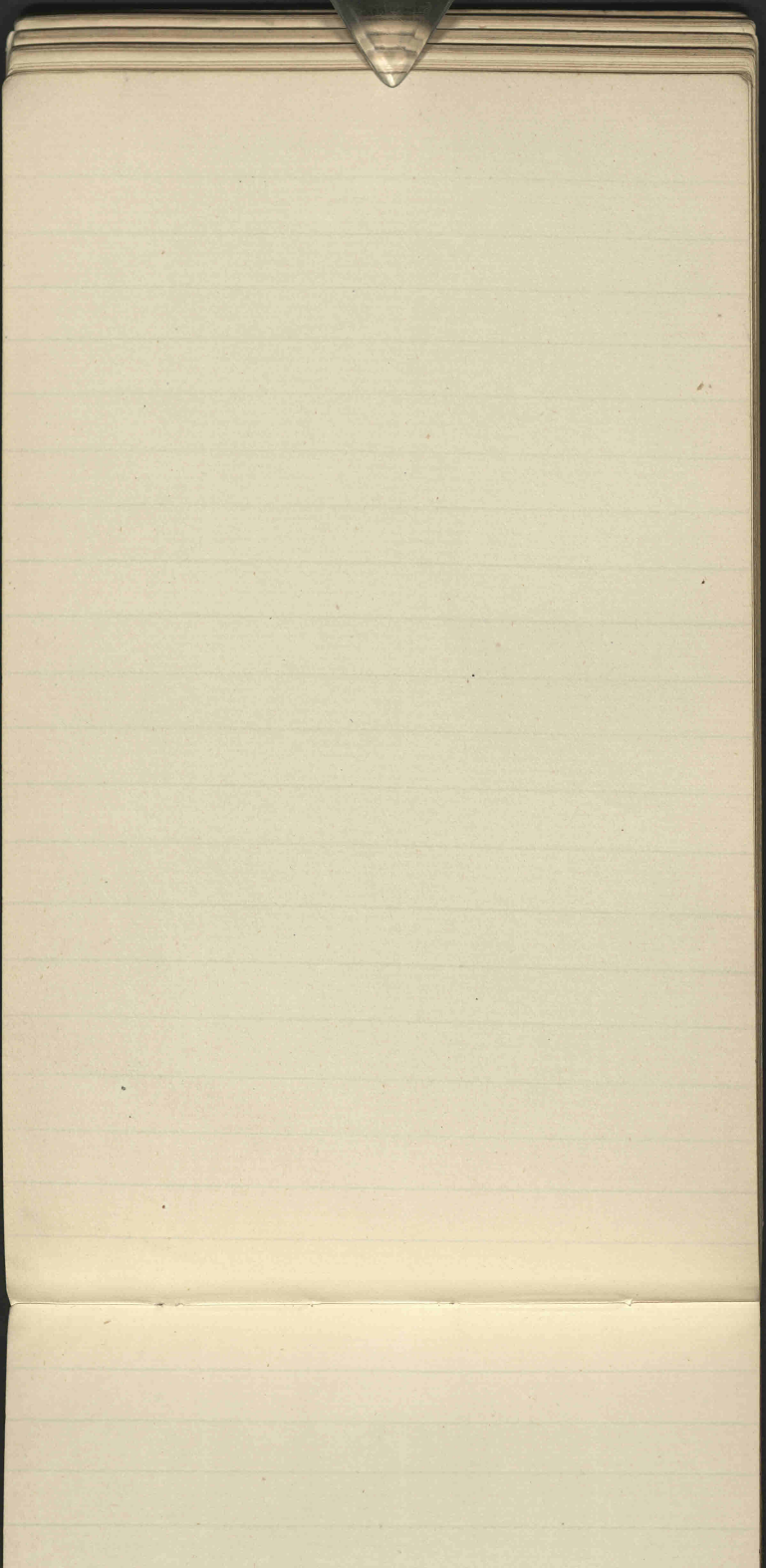


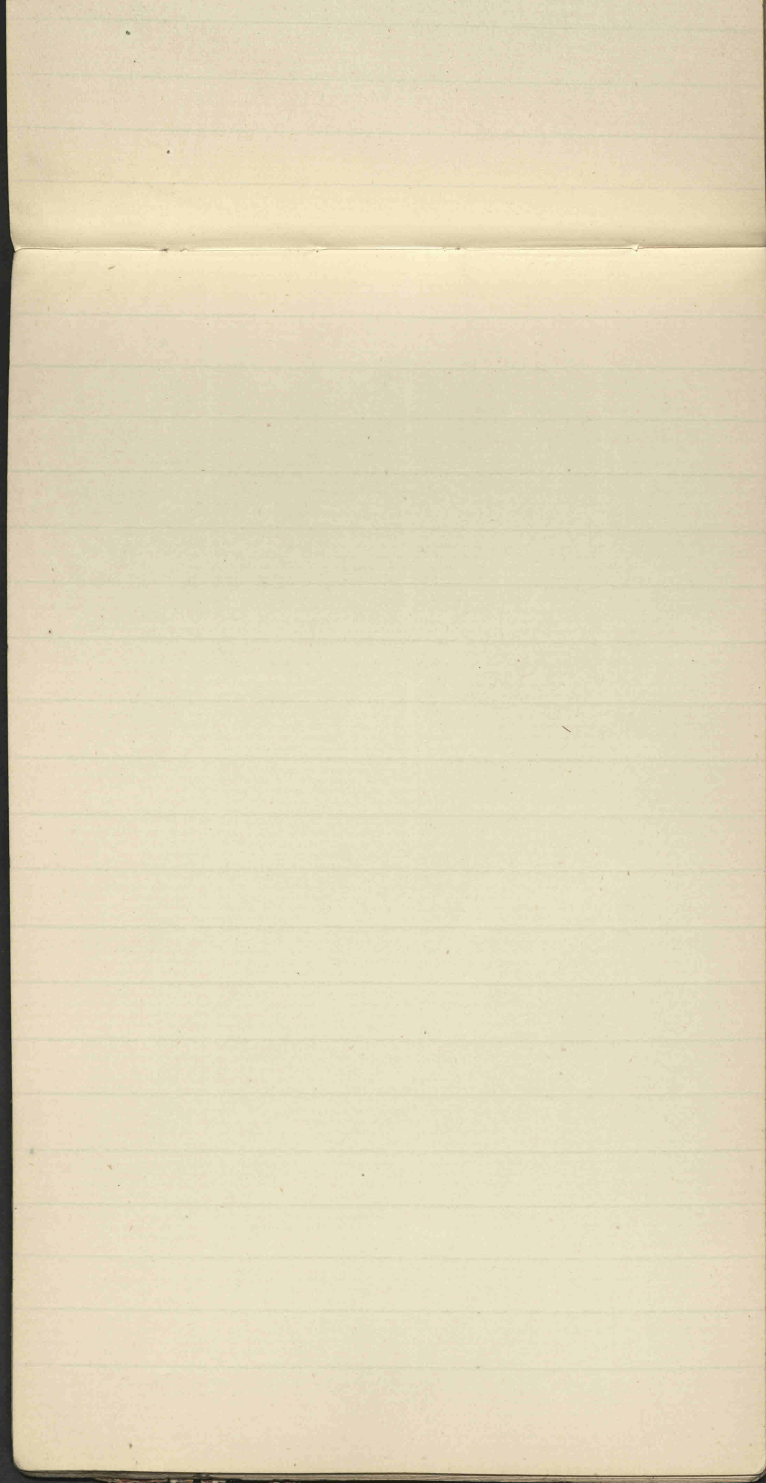


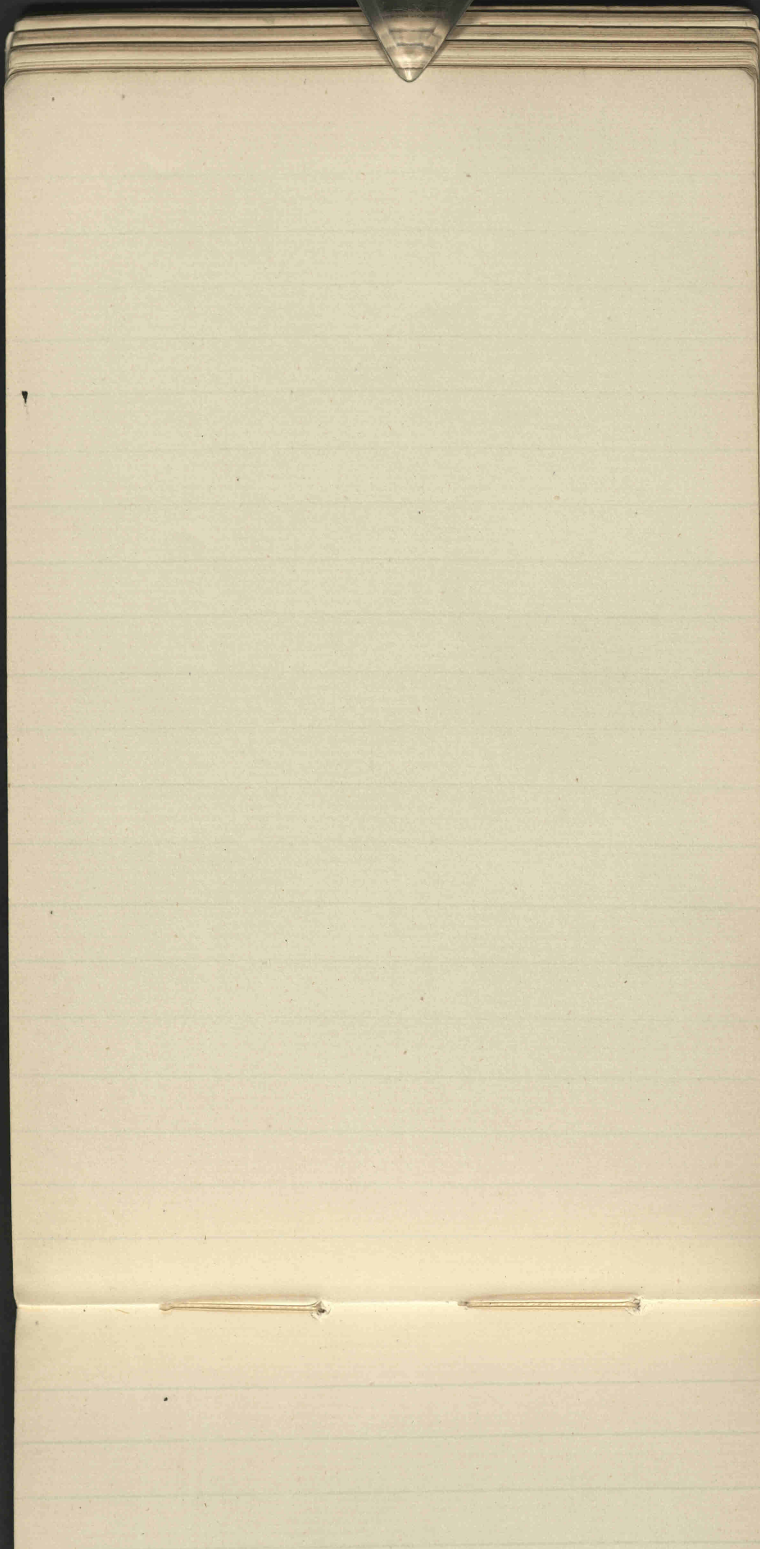


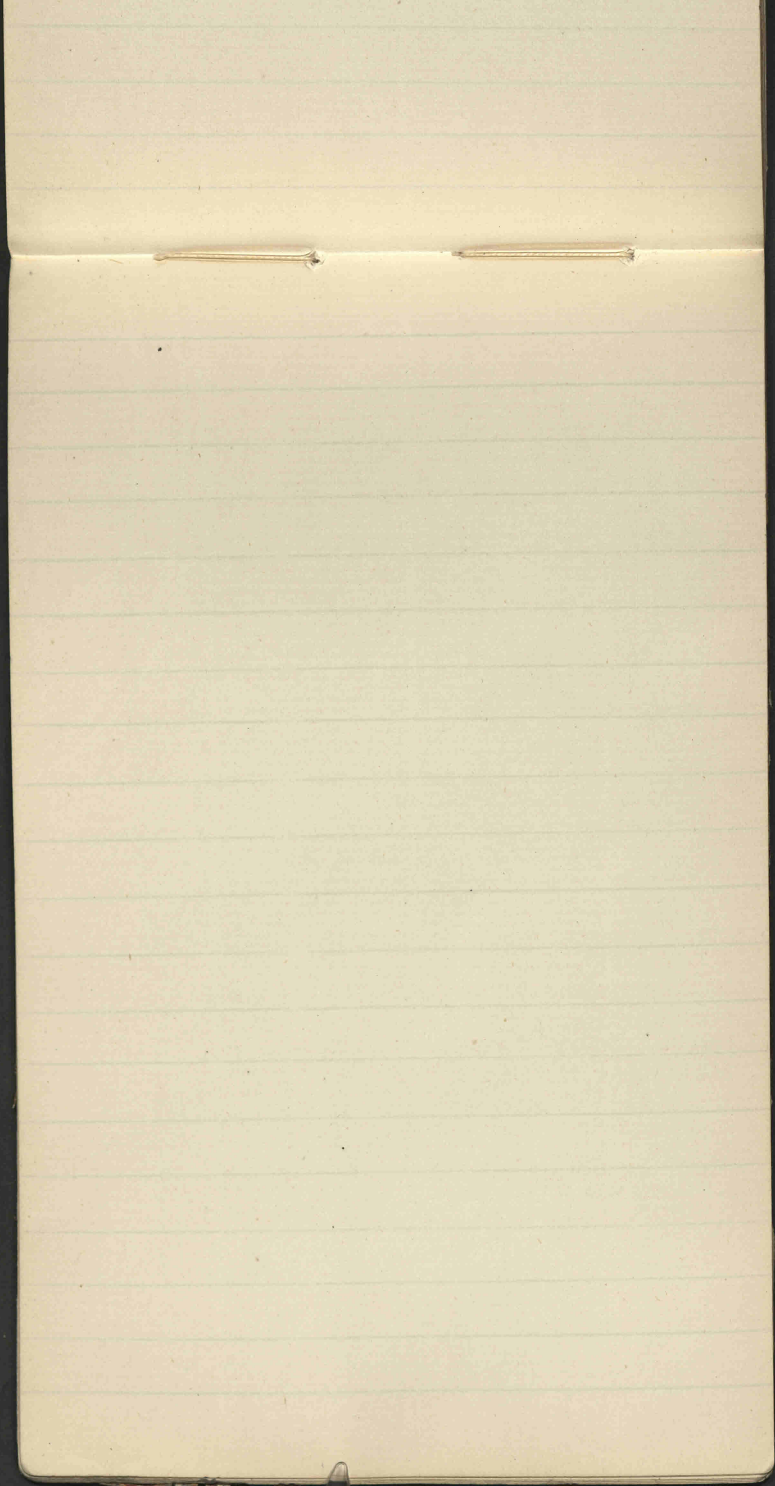


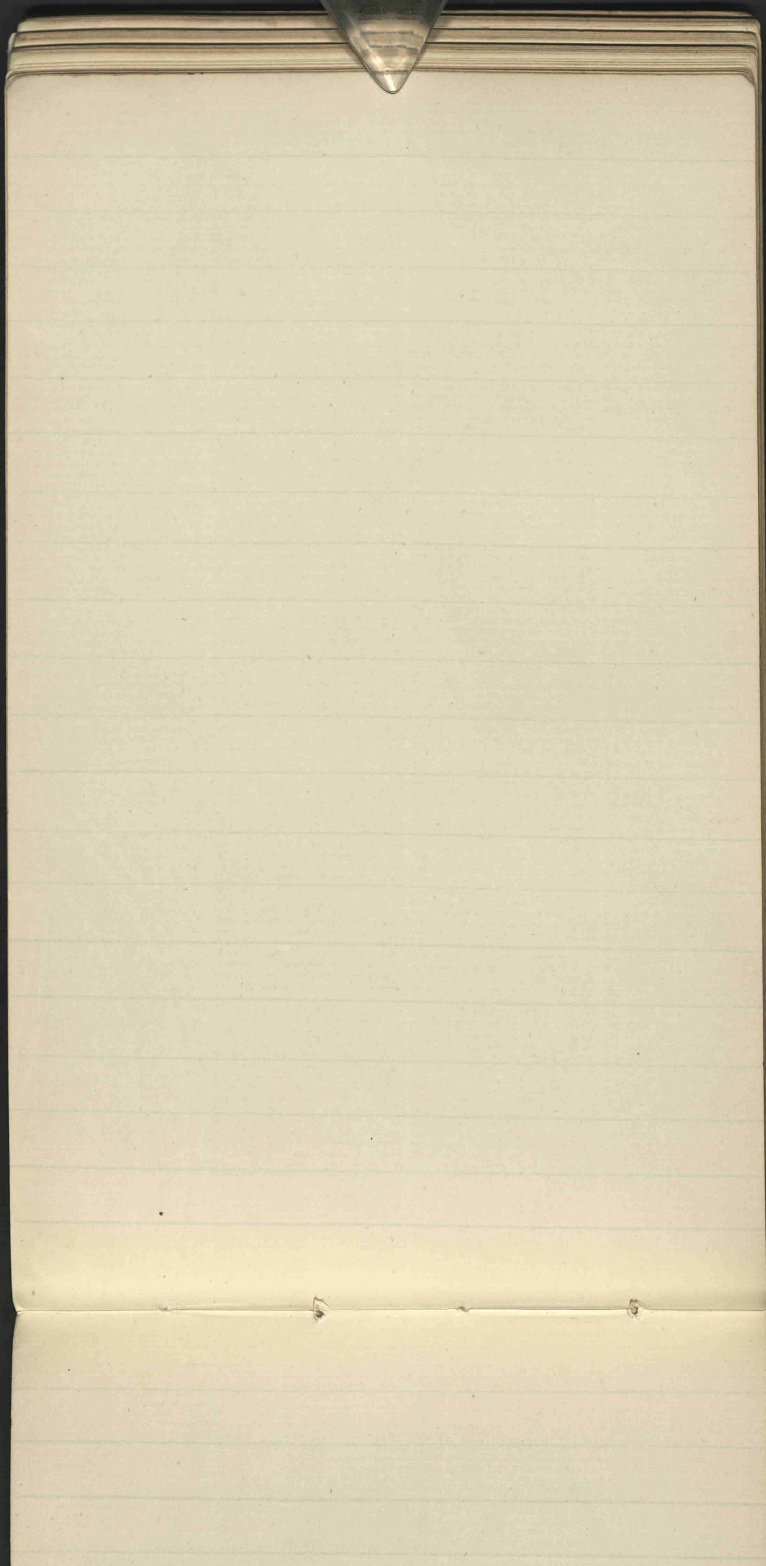




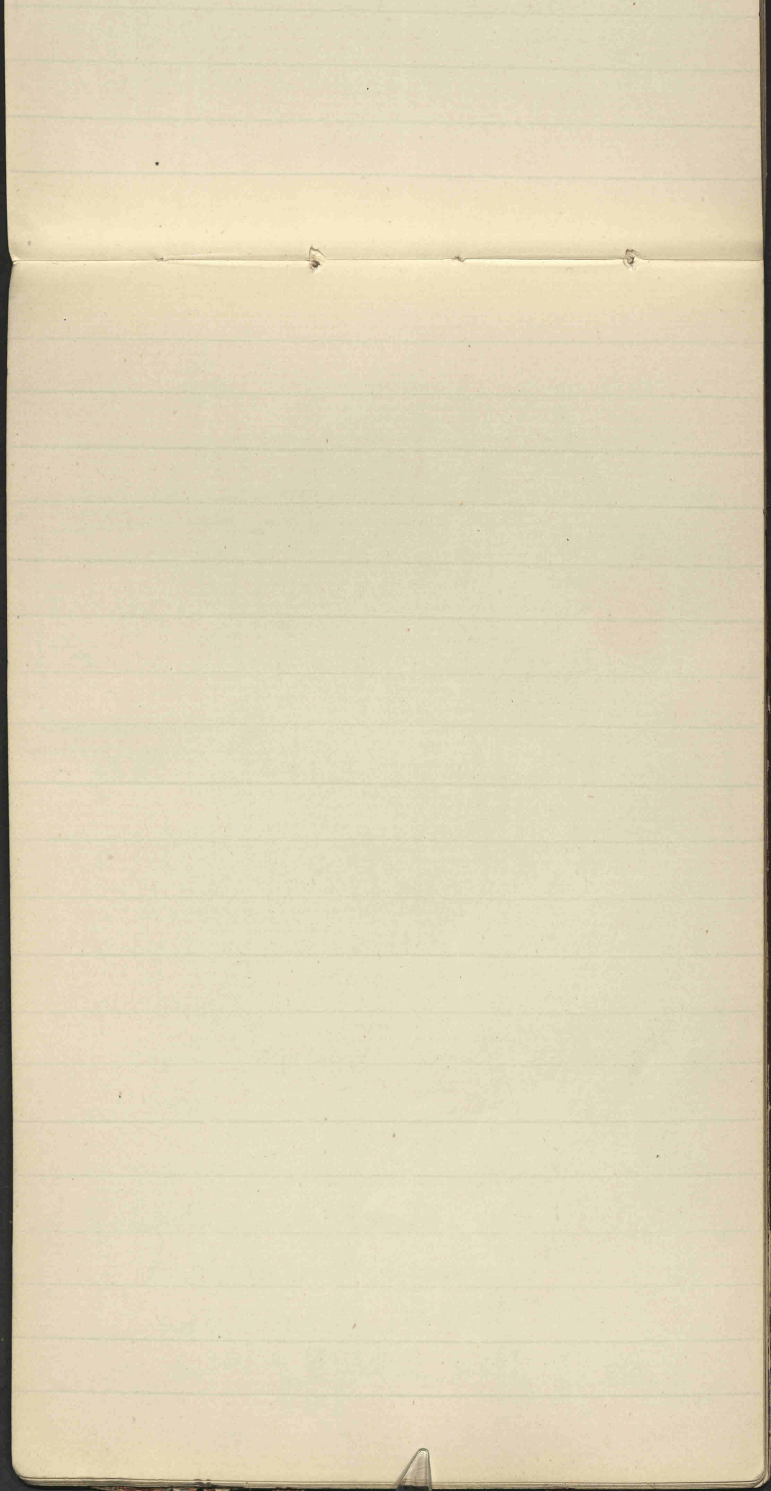












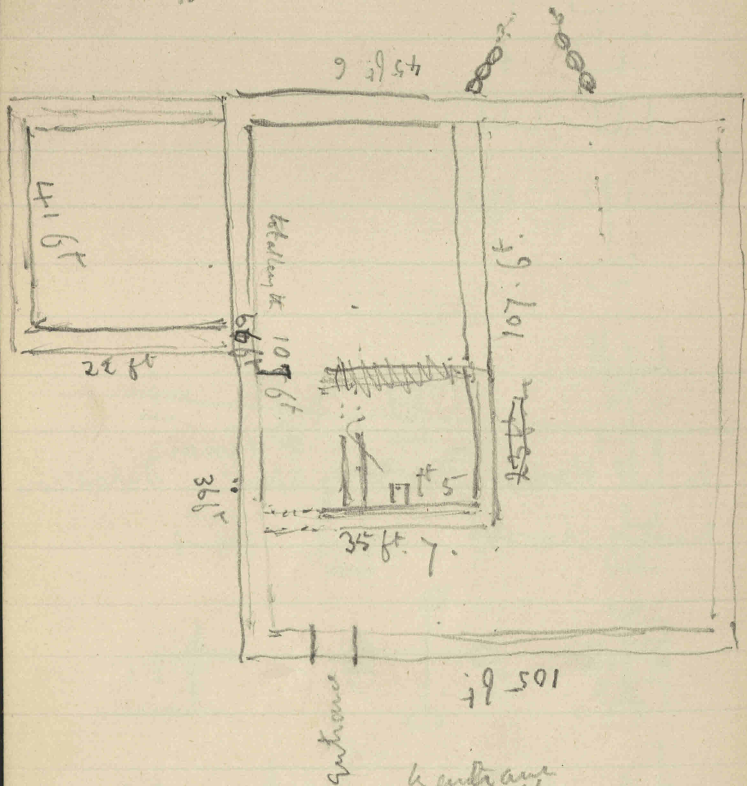
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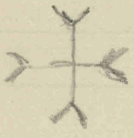
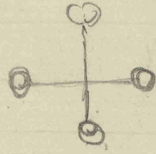
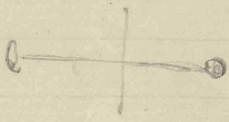
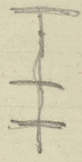
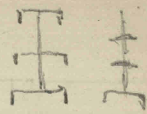
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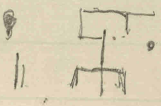
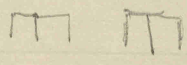
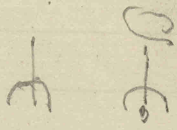


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 width of wall of annex 36 ft  
 width of longitudinal wall 36 ft 8  
 width of ~~inner~~ wall 5.10  
 101  
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series of crosses

A Hill House Discovery Spur  
of Haman Dakotans



Inspection at base of Bonafants



18:00 - 100 summa with  
 Shadi Osman 40 Ro for count  
 8 in saddle  
 El Kaur - 45 -  
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 Bir dommas 15 in saddle  
 Bedmas 8  
 Abdulkah 8  
 Kid 4

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~~Sent 12 Engrs~~

Canada 114 from Gallows  
Kashrop 12 men

lost 10

paid 100 / at Jansons for canoe party

5.10 at Sabin Jan 12

10 at Schlichts - Bremer

5.10 at Thorsen 2 10 canoes (banned)

1 Rups to Amer

3 Rigs at Gadder

- 223 at Jansons - for 10 canoes

19 returned 2 bookshelves

1107 22 returned

amer 36

Bret & Co 800 - laundry 5

Hack & Johnson 80

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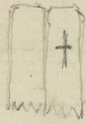
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Handwritten symbols: a crescent moon, a square, a circle, and a vertical line.



Handwritten symbols: a circle with a cross, a circle with a vertical line, a circle with a horizontal line, a circle with a diagonal line, a circle with a vertical line, a circle with a horizontal line, a circle with a diagonal line, a circle with a vertical line, a circle with a horizontal line.





Akerba Souda	1 <sup>st</sup> day	March	13
Mislah	2 <sup>nd</sup> day	—	14
—	3 <sup>rd</sup> day	—	15
Fannas	4 <sup>th</sup> day	—	16
El Akerba	5 <sup>th</sup> day	—	17
Shugera	6 <sup>th</sup> day	—	18

(Sultan Ahmed bin Saleh — Naab-  
 Sult la Ahmed bin Hassan Shugera

1<sup>st</sup> day Sherrigeh — with mine  
 2<sup>nd</sup> day Docto Dhakota — water-  
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 Raibai goes to see El Kans — Somme —  
 Al Oudel. Tibe. —  
 3<sup>rd</sup> day Mislah

at Oadel. tube. - -

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Wish all,

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Plant  
Valley

Dec

Wish all

