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Jacksonville Florida Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 1892  
217 E Adam St. Mr Reynolds

I arrived in this City about 9 A.M. And rented a room at 2.50 per wk. I take meals at Restaurants.

In front of my Room grows a live Oak and the native Florida Moss is hanging from its boughs. The live Oak I see as large as 3 1/2 ft in diam & some 50 ft high. The Moss will live & grow on most trees but is chiefly on the live Oak and Cypress I see it plentiful on some Cedars. The Moss has to be buried to kill it it is then prepared for & used for beds &c it sells @ 5¢ per pound. I went down to see the Comanche a Steamer just in from N.Y. it is 330 ft long with a tonnage of 3500 Tons Bay it seems to be the business street of the place and is now being ornamented for the Holidays mostly with Holly of which there are here several kinds. There is the broad leaf with thorns then with a leaf oval and nearly as large there are ~~two~~ two kinds.



with oval leaf and a kind very beautiful the leaf is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  in long and  $\frac{1}{8}$  to a  $\frac{1}{4}$  in wide the berries are some smaller and the plant is very pretty.

Sat- Dec 21<sup>st</sup>


I observe in street market this morning that vegetables all have a fresh look inviting. I was told by a Policeman that there are 40 Police in City.


The St James Park between Laura & Hogan Sts. The St James Hotel is on the north, of large proportions & 4 stories high well kept. Terms \$3 to \$4 per day.

The Leland Hotel on the west is of good size with large ample parlors & dining rooms at 4 to 5 per day \$21. & up per week.

On the south is the Trinity ch. M.E.

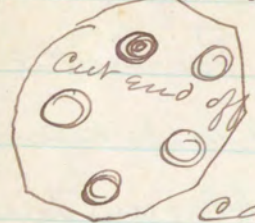
In the Park are growing many Cabbage Palms. This species of Palm grow a body as of spikes, <sup>but as the tree gets older they split & drop off leaving</sup> a tree of nearly uniform diam with a handsome

appearance.  The small Palm only grows about waist high and is called the Palmetto there is also the Saw Palm I have not yet seen to know. The Japan Plum I see in bloom the bloom about ready to drop it ripens about march or April. the earliest fruit to ripen.

There is a plant  called by some Spanish needles - Bear Grass & but a Gardener at Park says its right name is Spanish Bayonet. The blade is some 2 in broad and often from bottom to top again, <sup>there is</sup> only the body until reaching the top - it is a dark green & I was told the bloom was in spikes. I saw the fruit about  $1\frac{1}{4}$  in in diam & some 4 in lg hanging from a stem of some 2 ft. long there were a great many. On opening one there was but little odor. The meat purple & the seed flat and black nearly round & about  $\frac{1}{4}$  in diam and



packed in some 5 rows closely from end to end



seed row


he gave me one <sup>keep</sup> but I fear it will rot so I

cannot take it home.

In Park I see the Common Bamboo a bushy plant on a small smooth cane like stalk.

The Giant Bamboo also but its foliage like a very coarse grass has been yellowed by frost.

The Crinum (white) also is growing there it is a kind of Lilly.

The China tree now has no leaves but is full of berries the centre hard but soft outside - boys I am told use them for Pop Guns <sup>cracks</sup> the berries grow in bunches and are of about this  size & a light yellow. The tree is a very profuse bloomer. The umbrella tree differs only in size & shape. it representing its name.

Gall Berry is a bush some 4 to 6 ft high and bears black berries bitter & poisonous - look like huckle berries.

Japan Plum. A tree some 10 or 15 ft high with a dark green foliage and very full of bloom some of the bloom is now about dead.

Prickly Ash. looks W & full of warts sometimes and has thorns  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch or more long. - See 28. I see in bloom

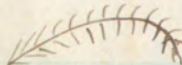
several kinds of Varnas

The White Crinum (A Lilly)

The Water Lilly

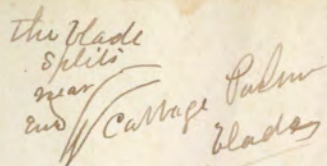
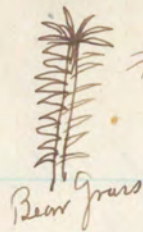
Roses Zinnias & Chrysanthemums

Large Magnolia trees grow in the forest

The Date Palm I saw a lady said she planted the seed that it does not grow as tall as the Cabbage palm - The body is similar & leaves on it some 4 ft long the blades on each side about 6 in long thus  it looks pretty.



Palmetto leaf



## Sanford

Dec 31/895. I sailed from Jacksonville on Steamer City of Jacksonville  
 Due to start at 3.<sup>30</sup> PM but delayed until 4 PM. It was a delightful ride up  
 the St John's River. The Sun when setting in the west let fall the most  
 beautiful reflection on the little rippling mirror like waves it  
 was splendid And as the sun set in the west. The large red full  
 moon arose in the east. The passengers aboard our boat were  
 all good humored & social. One a Japanese. One of the  
 Amusing things of our ride was. A Rev. Sir from N. Y.  
 questioned a boy from Palatka (boy 12 yrs old) left Ga when  
 two yrs old & now with family moving to Sanford)  
 he questioned the boy on education. The boy gave his  
 grade & rec'd 100 on Examination he questioned him on  
 Grammar Geography & then on History. on Early  
 history of N. Y. Md. Va & Florida. & some other state  
 finally he says wif that boy is as good as  
 some of the N. Y. boys. Then he thought -

puzzle him but the boy answered all questions  
 and the boy to the joy of many ladies & gentlemen  
 who heard - correctly - for it was apparent the  
 preacher was self conceited & would have made  
 fun of South. But as it was he had to say  
 the boy was right. & boy you go on learning and  
 you'll go to the white house. The boy was one of  
 several children who with the mother were aboard  
 & the mother present, silent & proud of her boy.

We took supper & breakfast on board, all nice  
 Early yes at 12.<sup>20</sup> I peeped out of my window to see  
 the beauties. it was now 1896. & I lay back in bunk  
 until about 5. when I arose dressed & went out in the  
 Cabin to join others to watch the ever varying beauties  
 as we passed them. The distance from Jacksonville to  
 Sanford by rail is 125 miles. by boat it must be near  
 200 miles. You sometimes sail a mile around a loop  
 and to see only about 100 yds from where you



boat passed thus the ~~St~~ St John wind and it  
varies from several miles in width to say 75 yds.  
and but little more than room for the boat to make  
the turn. The limbs of trees with hanging moss  
scraping side of boat. We saw some ducks, &  
now & then a Blue Heron. And after getting  
well along on our trip could see the fishermen  
but generally several children a woman or two & 2  
stakes in ground with pole across supporting  
a pot over pine wood fire. getting breakfast  
supposed. All in all the St John River is Grand,  
great groves of Orange trees killed by the freeze  
& now sprouting out again. The many large Palms  
Pines Oaks Cypress & with the mosses often reaching  
nearly to the ground. Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1896.

We reached Sanford an hour late & train I  
met Mr Harry Bakley we obtained lodgings at a  
Restaurant paying for a bed room & Parlor well furnished

A fire & 75¢ for the night (37½¢ each) and 25¢ a meal  
we saw soon after procuring lodgings a group of  
men in street and wondered what they were doing  
At night heard they had a wild cat which they  
conducted around with ropes then turned it loose  
& put (about 40 some said) but several dogs on  
trail they soon caught & dispatched the cat.

Sanford is a dead town, half <sup>the</sup> stores are closed. &  
many vacant residences The water is from  
Arterian wells all Sulphur. H & I went to  
hunt up some Fig Trees and enquired at a gate  
way when a boy says if that is what you want  
there are 2 here. & we walked around the house  
into the yard. I then saw the Boy of the boat  
ride he recognised me as did the Mother & she  
said she had just got moved in. She was very  
proud when I praised her son's conduct  
success with the preacher.



Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> we took train over S. J R-R to Titusville  
47 miles fare \$2.20 left on time 1.36 P.M.  
along road saw lakes all covered with water hyacinth  
# so thick you would not think of water being beneath.  
A number of cattle I saw in the lakes the water  
up their sides, sometimes nearly covering their backs  
& they grazing on the hyacinth. There are  
great quantities of this plant on the St Johns  
River and it is said to be the <sup>accumulated</sup> growth of only  
about 4 years. On reaching Titusville took  
room at Mrs. Decker \$1.00 a day.

About 2 squares of town were burned Dec. 13  
for which a few was credited & to save being  
dealt with by a neck tie party - he left. was  
caught & put in another County Jail because  
of excitement. Titusville is level has a  
Fiber Mill. The Fiber is said to be prepared  
from the Palmetto & is used in mattresses

& upholstery generally. We saw tied in open  
square a Bear - The leather strap around his  
neck an inch wide & looked old. The chain  
an ordinary dog chain size, save longer some  
10 ft long. The Bear was constantly walking too  
and for. We started up to take a near view  
but a man called to not go near that he  
was vicious. I then thought how unsafe the  
neck strap. He had been caught young but  
they had not succeeded in taming him. He was  
(a pretty Black Bear) in Titusville we saw  
some Date Palms - This town is on the Indian  
River a quiet crater fed from the ocean  
through various inlets. and abounds in  
oysters of fine size - Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday bought  
tickets to Melbourne some 40 miles fare 1.50  
landed a little late after 5 P.M. We found  
Quarters with Mr. Snedeker a young married



Man from Ohio (Alecian) not far from Cleveland  
His wife was a Chicaguan. @ \$1. per day along  
front of yard is a hedge of Oleanders some 5 ft high  
that as we were told was 15 ft. before freeze of last winter.  
The Castor Bean grows to be quite a tree and is  
largely grown for its shade. Especially in chicken  
yards. The ~~B~~ Oil is not extracted here but it should  
be for they thrive well & grow a tree 4 to 6  
inches diam; Sat. the 4

Viewed Melbourn. it is located on the W<sup>st</sup> Bk of the  
Indian River & North of Crane Creek on a kind  
of Bluff some 20 or 25 ft above river level dry  
& sandy with roads or streets paved with shells  
procured from Banks - the shells are white & pretty  
The buildings are generally detached with yards &  
~~some~~ Ornamented with flowers or otherwise some  
with the new sprouts from the frozen Orange Trees.  
and maybe bordered with the Oleander, a favorite  
bush here. The cottages are mostly owned by

persons in the North who spend their winters here.  
The cottages are neat and the one main street  
(New Haven Ave.) is wide leaving spacious lawns  
in front of Cottages. I am writing from Grandview  
Cottage. Melbourn is high dry & at the same time  
picturesque. The river is literally covered with  
wild ducks floating & diving for fish. Also with  
great acres of fine Oysters. And fish.

Sund Jan 5.  
To day H & I walked over Crane Creek and down the  
Indian River Bank to Old Mr John Goode's he walked  
through grounds with us showed us the Sisal  
Hemp growing it runs up to seed. A long shoot  
or tree sometimes 4 or 5 in diam & say from 15 to 25 ft  
tall - the fiber is in the leaf. The Date Palm  
grows not quite so tall as Cabbage palm the leaf  
I see from 4 to 6 or 7 ft long with blades on  
each side of stem of uniform distance & some



10 or 12 inches long. On one tree I saw the ripe fruit but nearly all was gone.

### The Guava.

A Bush with leaf the same nearly as of the Japan Plum - I saw on one bush the fruit a very dark green like a lemon as large as a hulled walnut and pear shaped - was told it was about  $\frac{1}{3}$  full size the grows as large as a lemon or larger. is used for jellies largely is from a little tart to sweet very wholesome but it will not keep for shipment.

### The Scuppernong Grape

I saw was up Crane Creek in a yard forming a thick bower some 15 ft square from one plant growing in middle - The vine is of a light color ~~and~~ near the shade of, or lighter than Young Maple trees, smooth. It is not of a class to be trimmed for it bleeds so freely. The

fruit does not grow in bunches but along the vine and as large as a good sized plum. it is not in leaf now.

I saw another kind of Guava with a small glossy leaf that they say the fruit forms on plentifully and is wonderfully delicious.

The Bay Tree looks some<sup>thing</sup> like the live oak and bears a black berry that looks like the huckle berry only a little larger.

There are great quantities of the Castor oil Bean grown here. but it is not being manufactured into oil. It is used to shade poultry & it is said to be a fine fertilizer. it is now in berry some ripe.

The Umbrella tree or China berry has nearly lost all its berries.



~~10 or 12 inches~~

Jan 6.

Mr Snedeker told us this A.M. whenever we wanted to go a boating to go & get his or the Banker Branches. So we Harry & I - took to the water & I paddled the boat while Harry trolled a spoon for fish we failed to catch any.

Jan 7.

Mr King agreed this A.M. to take us over to Melbourne Beach & back. We left at 10 Mr Churchill going over to remain & Miss Butler said she would go also. As we were coming back it is a boat ride of 2 miles and wet for lack of wind were  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours crossing. Then a walk of  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile along a car track used only for a truck car & we came out of land nearly covered with palmettoes & over a ridge very suddenly upon old ocean. The sun was shining very bright. And the billows rolling in very

large breaking into a fine spray - the sun's shining through which made a picture most beautiful to behold & I do not think I can ever forget. The color of ocean seems to be here a bright Pea Green. We rambled along beach which is constantly changing & so precipitous as to make it dangerous. Sea shells line the shore but mostly they are broken into so small pieces as to look like sand unless you look closely. A great many Jelly Fish (a very annoying order of nature to the bather) are found washed on shore. Also The Nautilus <sup>(or Portuguese man of war)</sup> from the size of a small Hen Egg up to 6 in - it is a low order of creation filled with air clear & blue with tentacles hanging some 6 inches of a greenish color & poisonous to tread on them the crack like a bladder.

Here we see the Pelicans flying along skimming the



surface of the water looking for fish occasionally a crane  
or Sea Gull will pass. Old Ocean here makes  
a loud roar with her heavy waves. We saw an  
old Hoghead—it had been chopped into & was full  
of sand & about 1 ft above line of Beach. To escape  
a large wave which came much farther than  
the rest. I stepped on it. but the wave came so  
high I had to jump & over, getting 1 foot wet  
After that Harry & I were trying who could stick a  
stick farthest to sea. I did but was caught  
by surf up to my knees. The Hoghead is supposed  
to have been of wine from some wrecked vessel.  
Many timbers of old vessels lay here & there  
with bolts nearly eat up by rust. On this Beach live  
6 old maids 6 ~~at~~ widows and several old Bachel  
ers—some are there only for winter  
Some 8 were in bathing one a girl some  
12 yrs old;

Jan 8  
this A.M. we took to boat, Harry with his gun  
& I with the Oars paddler out on Indian River  
for Ducks we went near 1/2 mile shot twice  
but no Ducks. We went then a mile or more  
up C. Creek to see Gators but saw none then  
back to Oyster beds we rolled up our sleeves  
and gathered over a 1/2 Bu Oysters. Went home  
shucked them & eat them for dinner. After  
dinner we went out on landing & Mr Gleason  
from Eau Gallie came down with his new  
Naptha Launch & asked several of us to get in  
& try its speed. We did so & it fairly spun  
through the water. This Boat is 30 ft long &  
Engine 7 horse power.  
I forgot to mention that yesterday about 9  
A.M. a merchant called me to see a great curiosity  
(& it was) he took me through his store & there



I looked up River and saw a Mirage  
it was the Bananna River reflected into  
the Indian River with both banks and  
the Mouth. he said he had never seen it  
before. I then came out & showed it to Harry.  
it lasted for 15 or 20 minutes any way & I  
do not know how long before we saw it.

Thursday the 9th

Ther 66° at sunrise - 63° at noon & raining some  
When on the Island I saw several Acres planted  
in Pine Apples nearly one foot high but they  
had been injured by Cold come. They plant  
them about 20 inches apart each way

I cut a cane from the Sea Grape it only  
grows on banks of the sea. & grows some 4 to 6 ft  
tall with a few large green leaves near 6 in  
diam. I picked up on Beach several balls called  
Sea Iron. said to be seed of some plant on  
West Indies or Bahamas that washes

ashore <sup>here</sup>. The Sea Oats grow to some 5 or 6  
ft high. On return from Island on the 7th we  
had the wind to help us & we came over in  
1/2 an hour distance 2 miles or more

### Coquina Rock

This is a Rock formed of Shells & common  
to this part of Florida. Some of it is very  
beautiful. There are great banks of shells  
found along the ~~Red~~ Indian River - they are  
used for making roads and walks & are  
of various kinds and white like Chalk  
& when broken down make very smooth  
good roads - Evidently the sea at some  
period has washed them into the great  
heaps where they are found. It is also  
suggested that the Indians used to eat of the  
shell fish while sitting around their camp  
fires & toss over their shoulders the shell



until Great Mounds were found  
There is a great deal of Scrub Oak not more  
often times than 2 ft. high with Acorns  
on. Also Hickory trees about 3 in diam  
some 15-ft high with a nice crop of  
Hickory nuts on them (the bark of this  
tree is smooth and light colored).

At Dr Lyman's I was shown by him the Orange  
Lemon Grape Fruit & Lime tree Also the Camphor  
tree or bush - And another kind of Quava with a  
glossy smooth leaf - the fruit grows of this kind  
about as large <sup>as</sup> Crab Apples - he had several Vines  
of the Scuppernon Grape he says they grow from 1 to  
about 6 in a place & as large when alone as 1 in diam  
he has

Jan 11

This A. M. Harry & I went with Mr King over  
to Beach - we walked a long way up the

Beach & gathered several kinds of shells  
Also The Spawn of the Kouek Iron Beans  
Sea Beans Coquina V. On return ~~Mr~~ <sup>Mrs</sup> Butter  
~~into~~ down Beach to Bath house Mrs Butter  
introduced us to several ladies who came over  
in Mr Lyman's Boat (Radolph) she said they  
sent for us to go over to Beach with them  
& invited us to return with them. Very ladies  
then we did so. The wind was strong and  
the waves breaking gave us a good splashing  
at times. as we landed we had a farewell  
& I told them they must come around &  
give us some music.

Jan 12 -

Walked up to Hammock & Sulfur Artesian Well  
on Bank of River. Saw Cemetery only 3 marked Graves  
One of Tho Mason the 1<sup>st</sup> White settler. The sand so white  
it hurts the eyes when sun is shining brightly -



At night Genl Sherman Snedeker & wife Harry & I went  
to Christian Endeavor M<sup>g</sup>-Congregational Ch. Dr Lyman  
a Resident from Mass. took me up front & I after much  
persuasion remained after it adjourned to church.  
Dr Butler preached from 2<sup>d</sup> chap Gen. After M<sup>g</sup> he his Mother  
Mr Butler & the Miss Johnsons all came up & spoke.

Jan 13- at 9 AM with Gun & I with Oars paddled  
out and down Indian for a mile or more after  
Ducks then back to Oyster beds & on up Creek  
Dr Lyman hailed us as we passed to come ashore & he  
showed me how he grafted the Concord Grape into native root  
instead of grafting wax - which he says will cause it to sour  
he ties tightly with a cord I suppose I must have roved  
over 3 miles this AM & returned in time for a 12<sup>th</sup> in  
Dinner.

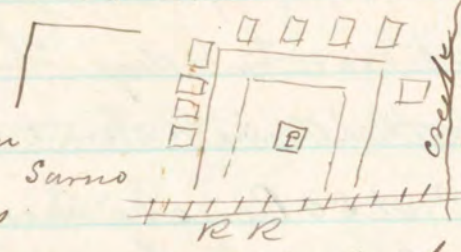
Jan 14 / 89 C. Went out on landing to fish having bo't  
a new line & hook 30¢ I had just thrown in when Geo Phillips came  
along in a Sail Yacht & invited H & I for a sail. We sailed over River  
1 1/4 miles to his fathers place which is nice he has some 4 kinds  
Pine Apples by far the best I've seen - Our party were Mr Geo Phillips  
Mr Richard (the M<sup>o</sup> to Dr Browns wife) of Detroit  
Mr Mills of Kentucky Harry & I - We saw on his fathers  
place Acres of Pine Apples - The Cathey Grove & the  
common kind many Date Palms some Mulberry  
& Fig trees & the Sugar Apple Tree. We walked over  
to Beach picked up many small shells - Mr Phillips place  
looks like living. The bank of River is a large shell mound  
and a large Area cleared Mr Ingles south of this  
is well cleared up (home for dinner at 12 M) after dinner  
3 Mr Snedekers Harry & I got in boat caught some shrimp for bait  
& then rowed against a strong wind out to an Old Boat house or rather  
store house out near 1/4 mile from shore, we settled down to fishing.  
In some 20 or 1/2 hr on looking up we saw our boat going  
before a stiff breeze & we were at the



mercy of those Ashore to get to land The Pier having been washed away. Finally Mr Reeves being out sailing with Mr Richard & Miss Kyle & Mr Reeves came to our rescue & took us ashore. On seeing our boat going down river we were wondering where it would stop. Some 2 men in a boat gave chase & near 1/2 mile below caught. 1 man got in and we thought was coming for us. but the wind was too stiff for them & we had to await the sail boat. Our luck was 4 fish I having caught 2 one of which weighed 4 lb 2 oz Mr Reeves engaged the teeth for a dentist friend of his in Wash. Jan 15 Stormy today & night and the Ocean roars loudly.

Jan 16 Thursday

Weather well sun arose clear, H and I walked up to Sarno & by the landlord were shown around the plan of Hotel ~~is~~ is in cottage style - 1<sup>st</sup> contains Parlors & other rooms down stairs 2<sup>nd</sup> contains Dining Room Private Din. Room & 3<sup>rd</sup> Smoking Room &c and up stairs over each are sleeping Rooms. These Cottages are all connected by Passages under roof including the above named there are some

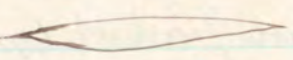
belonging to the Hotel built around a vacant square with street between  in centre with stone  
to sit and enjoy ones self. North of this is the Eau Gallie Creek nice for Boating & fishing. Hotel &c. is supplied by Cistern water. From here went to Eau Gallie (Crossing Creek on a good bridge wide enough for vehicles) this village is not very inviting in appearance but with a good wharf where you see the fisherman repairing his nets - At this seems to be devoted somewhat to the Lumber trade & cars run out on wharf. A rain coming up we from here took car attached to 7<sup>th</sup> train for Melbourne arriving at 12 M. Friday Jan 17

ther 60° at San die. A fog this A M the first I've seen having had a hard rain both last night and night before yesterday near the Beacon Bogene's Yacht was capsized by a squall. 2 Boys & Mrs Bogene were in - They were rescued by Capt King - (water was 10 ft)



Later reports state instead of boys Mr. Bogen & a young man were in boat - Paid board \$7. to day. This eve Mr. Sondaker & I after supper walked down to shore, & Mr. Lockwood stated he had lost about 50 Acres by encroachment of beam at or opposite Banana River. & Cape Malabar has about all washed away & to discover it you have to sight the line of Coast. Cape Canaveral is also going & the old Light house is nearly gone & they had to build a new one a mile back from Coast.

Sat 18 - Took a bath. had hair cut, went to club shooting edge of town 6 men shot 25 rounds at Blue Rock Pigeons thrown from spring trap. West 17 by two out of 25 shots. Evening. Miss Clara Kyle of Chicago. Miss Mansi & Miss Carliton spent eve - played cards music & danced bed after hearing the Ladies home - Jan 19 Visited Hammock north of town on Indian River Saw Mound (Indian Mound) about 150 ft diam. Skeletons have been dug also rare pieces of Pottery etc. Royal Porciana is the name of a pretty tree with an abundance of small leaves very much like the Locust. but not large. "The Eucalyptus tree" This tree is grown here and is very pretty

I saw a row of some 1/2 doz about 3 yrs old and 25 to 30 ft high & 5 in diam - the leaf is long narrow  and green the bark smooth & some little like Sycamore - the leaf when rubbed is very fragrant like lemon verbena.

Monday Jan 20 / 96

Early this A.M. Mr. Gibbs sent invitation for a sail over River. So at 10 to 9 A.M. Mr. Gibbs Norton Mills Oakley & I sailed reached Philips landing 10 to 10 looked over about 40 Acres of Pine Apples & saw a patch of Porto Ricos from which Apples were gathered weighing from 6 to 13 lbs each on the property of Mr. Philips & Ingles. After near an hour's stay we stopped at another place where an English man had bought 30 Acres built a house moved in & lived there for some time about 2 yrs. The freeze came & he in disgust left leaving furniture ~~even~~ a ladies hat on table and newspapers & also door open but screen door closed we went in & viewed. he had also 5 Hives of Bees working busily. I must mention the St Lucie Grass



It grows readily in Sandy land & runs along the ground. Sometimes you find it 1 yd in length & take root at joints. It spreads & thickens rapidly & stands from 6 to 8 in high. The wind having abated we were slow to start again but at 1/2 past 11 a wind having sprung up we started for Popie - we had an elegant ride up River & were shown houses of some who had bought expecting money to roll into their treasury with out <sup>further</sup> effort of theirs. & they being disappointed had left. One House of a Chicago man 2 1/2 story large house & 80 Acres having cost several thousand was sold to Mr Barnes for about 1500. At the mouth of Bananna River saw a 2 story House Boat anchored belonging to a rich old man who lives in it of winters with some relatives & tries to enjoy life. Along the River Bank you find the Coquina Rock peering some feet above the water's edge, reminding you of some Coral formation it being so ragged & worn by the splashing waves and on the Bank the Cabbage Palm stands though not thick get enough to form a shade & make very beautiful

Scenery. The land between Indian River & Bananna River is very narrow so narrow in many places you can throw a stone across. At one place the land is very low so here a narrow Canal has been cut between the 2 Rivers making what is called the Island. We pulled into shore about 1 1/2 miles above the mouth of Bananna River at a small landing. The water all at once seemed calm & we were at the Popie. Warm with now & then a mosquito the Bank studded all along with the Cabbage Palm, we then passed beyond into a flower garden with pretty Green Orange trees on either hand, many of them loaded with fruit. Much of it had been picked. There was no signs of the freeze save that shown by the Cocoa Nut trees. Acres of Beans in all stages from just peeping out of the sand to those being picked & crated for market. (One man has an Acre of ground there & makes about \$500<sup>4</sup> a year from it.) The Egg Plant by Acres & fruit ready to gather. Tomatoes & many things just in full growth & beauty.



Beans yield about 125 crates per Acre & sell for as high as  
\$3 or \$4 per crate. All the early vegetable bring fine prices  
No sign of the freeze of 1 yr ago save that of Cocoa Nut trees  
which are sprouting out - Cocoa Nut tree looks much  
like the Date Palm & near of size. The limbs are held  
by a kind of cloth wrapping.

The boat in Banana River I guess belongs to Laird of N York he  
keeps 2 boats to sail together on one 2 crews 3 or 4 men & as many  
dogs on the other he & his friends, He anchors his boat where  
wishes to stop to enjoy himself. 21<sup>st</sup> stayed home & wrote  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Windy we caught bait but too windy &  
quit. Evening H & I went to Carlton had a game of Euchre with  
Mr Roberts, Miss Roberts Miss Clara Kyle & Mr Ferguson who is a bro. of Mr. Barnes.  
We came home after 11. 23<sup>rd</sup> Thur. 75° at 8 A.M. - Went on board  
vessel Olivette from Bahamas just landed made round trip  
in 2 weeks. = Say oranges at \$6 to \$8 per M. & ~~Cocoa~~ <sup>Cocoa</sup> made 60¢  
Pine Apples 60¢ doz - was told Seminoles hold there corn since  
1<sup>st</sup> full moon June - last 2 wks or about. A pile of Bones 6  
or 8 ft high surrounds circle 100 yds or more in diam

inside of which circle, they Cook Corn & Venison And  
have every year for possible 100 yrs. The Seminoles  
are unoffensive, And live some 15 or 20 miles back  
of Ft. Pierce - 23<sup>rd</sup> At night - home learned Pedro 6 handed  
gamb. 24<sup>th</sup> Friday went to Beach (Philip) very few shells  
saw many large Porpoises & Sharks at some 200 or 300 yds out  
either playing or fighting & on top of the water often. Mr. Beringer  
and wife were with us, He Harry & I shoes & socks off & Pants  
rolled went in surf. Some of us & Mr S gathered Sand Fleas for  
bait and small Crabs for broth. Of course our pants got  
wet but we took no cold. 25<sup>th</sup> danced a little & played 5-  
handed Pedro. 26<sup>th</sup> <sup>even</sup> attended Christian Endeavor & Miss K  
walked around to go to church (Negro) did not go & I bawled  
home. Monday night - Negro Ing - Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> went to Beach  
with Mrs Gibbs & 4 children, Mr Rump 1 child Mrs Metcalf Mr -  
Mr & Mrs Branch H & I water very rough coming home  
& waves broke over boat & wet us pretty bad. Gibbs' are  
very kind. 29<sup>th</sup> cut Eucliptus cane P Palmetto heart for  
fence. Also section of Palmetto root.



Afternoon fished on Bulkhead (Hectors) 5 of us - Caught  
2 Porcupine 2 Sea Devils & 2 Sheeps head.

Evening went to Jones Cottage to Ice Cream Social I invited the  
2 Miss Johnsons to cream with us but they had had. but we had  
some fun & they pinned a flower on my coat I also played Pom-pom  
wants a corner & How far to Bailey Bright. (to bed 9:30)

Jan 30 Thursday. a pleasant time

- 31 - hired boat & took 3 ladies sailing to Beach. and  
all but one went in wading. <sup>Miss Ola Johnson</sup> <sup>Birmingham</sup>  
<sup>HVS</sup> "Carrie" <sup>Alabam</sup>  
<sup>"Elise Heath Atlanta Ga</sup>  
The ladies gave us a big spread and all very very jolly.

Feb. 1 - Episcopal Ch in A.M. & to Christian Edwor  
in Evening - H & I presented Ladies with 2 wee Rabbits.

Feb 3 - took Gibbs boat & 2 pair Oars - in A.M. Miss Ola  
Carrie H & I took a row up Crane Creek until dinner  
P.M. were joined by Miss Elise Heath & 4 of us 1 oar each  
went to Hectors Pier on Indian River & fished & gathered  
a lot of Oysters for Girls Supper & pulled ashore  
gave us Cards & said we must spend last one with them  
After tea Called on Dr. Butler & Miss Butler

5 Harline had us put our names in their  
with day Album - left at 8:10 & called at Gibbs  
played Euchre until 10:30 Mr. G. is a director of the  
Pine Apple Club. The Misses named their Rabbits  
Bonny & Oakley and strange to say they are  
doing well. Melbourne was named by Mr. Hector  
an early settler who had spent a large part of his  
life in Melbourne Australia. Harry left on 5th & I was  
by myself Mr. Branch Banker said he would cash ck  
for me any time from Daytona if I would send it to him.  
On the next A.M. I began to bid farewell Mrs. J. said her girls  
had taken a great fancy to us & she & they were very sorry  
to see me go. Ola & Carrie said I must not forget them  
& when I came to F. come see them. 6th

farewell Melbourne ticket 3.30 to Daytona. Mrs.  
Wiley on train called me she was returning from Nassau  
& gave a very nice description of her trip to Bahamas  
she gave me of Sour Sap to eat it was very nice



a little acid. I saved 3 seed. the fruit was about size  
of Coconut, green & small spines on it. meat white  
& pulp like (stringing from center) Daytona 3 P.M. went  
in Carriage to Holly Inn. House nearly full. Daytona is  
perfectly beautiful wide streets. Beech St runs along  
river front on which are the stores & hotels. Holly Inn  
& Palmetto kept by sisters. Grand View & several others  
Ridgewood Ave parallel to river 100 ft wide thoroughly  
shaded <sup>with</sup> Calappa Palm Line Oak &c. being thick with moss  
and paved with a mortar smooth, as is also all  
the cross or other streets. Daytona is on Hammock  
land. Feb 4<sup>th</sup> took 1<sup>st</sup> lesson of Mr. Monk 8<sup>th</sup>.  
took degree 10<sup>th</sup> H & I rode wheels over to Beech  
& about 1 mile above El Borden Hotel & back.  
Then at 10 P.M. 40°. crossing on bridge saw  
schools of fish or rather the moss buntings so thick  
nearly all the way across river you could seldom see  
a space between 6 in square, a great curiosity.

numbers look at them - these fish are some  
4 inches long full of bones & very oily - not used  
to eat but are caught & made into fertilizer  
It almost seems incredible how so many fish  
can exist. It is thought that either they are  
sick or the rise and float to get more warmth  
There are 2 canals about 1 mile apart ~~cut~~  
through town that was cut by the Spanish.  
they drain the Hammock. There are others  
toward Ormond. Dr. Tanners widow lives  
in town. The capacity of Ice factory here is 3 tons  
a day - The Ammonia in Petrol is under  
pressure of 180<sup>+</sup> per sq inch. Sells to customers  
at 25<sup>+</sup> for 10¢ a day. Along this (Halifax) river  
are shell mounds of Oyster shells several feet  
deep. The shells are dug & used for roads &c.  
Along Beach are thousands of fish heads washed  
ashore. The supposition is that sharks or



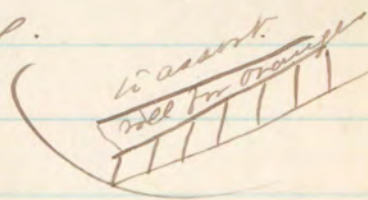
other fish have been chasing & bitten the  
smaller end off. A Nautilus shell was found  
there perfect & shown me it is 7 inches long  
perfect & beautiful. they are rare and sell  
at about \$1.<sup>00</sup> an inch. Dr. Tanners Widow  
Mrs Lowell lives in town & I had a talk with  
her this A.M. she is quite pleasant Feb 11

Several Nautilus shells have been found along beach  
Also Monk, Key shells Periwinkle & aline.  
The Beach is smooth gentle slope several Hotels  
Big Sea Side Inn. Sea Breeze. Elinden, Surf Crest.  
and many Cottages, 12 miles to Light House &  
Mosquito Inlet. 6 along Beach to Osmond  
I rode to latter place 1 1/4 miles to Beach 6 on Beach  
about 2 miles in town - making some 17 miles  
my third ride on wheel 7 miles in 1 1/2 hours  
21<sup>st</sup> A.M. walked out in Hammock gathered many  
air plants & saw 4 or 5 Chamulions. could not catch them

large Groves of Oranges & Bowers of Scuppernong Grape  
also Niagara but it does not do well the Oranges  
are sorted by sizes - by rolling down a grove with  
holes to allow 1<sup>st</sup> the small then larger & larger  
up to 6 being largest size at bottom the Oranges  
are allowed to lay a few days to sweat before  
packing to keep from moulding.

Saw live Oak some 5 ft diam  
another dead about 7 ft "

Palms some 40<sup>ft</sup> 50<sup>ft</sup> & even taller  
land black and rich, A strip of Pine land  
passing through Hammock is called Pine Island  
Mr Porter owned Palm Beach & sold 3 yrs ago to  
Hayler & came to Daytona.













Guava









Barauna Shrub

~~Barauna~~

