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21st	bkf. 1.00 porter .30 papers .20 cakes .10	1.60
	lunch .60 supper 1.00 telegram .60	2.20
22d.	porter .10+.25 paper .10 soda .10 police .10 bkf. .40	1.05
	shave .25 dinner .50 photos .60 bks 8.50	9.85
	drops .25 st.car .06 boys .03 supper .02	.36
23d.	bkf. .50 rr. .21 woman 1.00 dinner .50 children .10	2.31
	st.cars .30 pina .02 bath .56 paper .05 pants 1.12	2.05
	faja .15 dress 5.00 supper 1.00 stamps .01	6.16
	? ?	.07
24th.	woman 1.00 hotel 1.88 nuts 2.00 pina .07	4.45
	sandals .45 goods .50 tip .07 bkf .25 dinner .50	2.30
	supper .70 papers .10 berths 18.00	18.80
25th	bkf. 1.15 papers .20 dinner 2.00 hair .10 porter .30	3.75
	supper 2.00	2.00
26th	bkf. 1.15 dinner 2.00 porter .30	3.45
		71.00
		5.10
	To exchange balance:	76.10

Tlaquiltepec

Southeast from Pachuca and Real del Monte rises Cerro de las Navajas: the road from Real del Monte to this mountain leads through a wild wall-wooded mountain district over the Rancho Teshuánca and the mountain and Hacienda Guajalote (8.911 ft.)

Possible work for Trip.

Puebla.

- Games at Spencer's.
- arrange Spencer for woman.
- Get figures in nuts; onyx, &c.
- ~~See Manuel & arrange~~
- ~~See Anselmo: molds?~~ ~~arrange.~~
- See D. Vaca: visit. photos. molds & notes.
- See Hyde: maps. Ems matter
- See Mercom: cold.
- ~~See Mr Barton: papers. photos: Otomi Talk Manuel~~

Toluca: See Powell: Shipment. ~~Omoba.~~ figure: note. collection.

City of Mexico.

See Matthews.

See private cabs. a.b.c. audsley.

Museum.

~~See D: Butler~~ { ~~Cerro de los Naranjos.~~

~~Call at office~~ { ~~Europa trip.~~

~~Cave shells: Slavs.~~ { ~~Valderrama: throwers.~~ ~~Robbook: value.~~

See L. Bym: book.

Silao: see D: Hyde: { investment. Toys. relics.

Guanajuato: see Buser.

Agnes Calientes: Lawyer: ~~Denmark~~.

Week ending: July 2d.

Letters to ~~E.D.C.~~[23], ~~M. McC.~~[22], Mother[22] a. b., ~~Fred~~[23] R.D.T., aug. N., H.W., M. Simmeis, ~~C. Bellows~~[23], W.O.P.

Read: ~~Caves: Dharma~~, ~~Nirvana~~, ~~Gospels~~, ~~Today~~

Abadiano: Biblioteca: a. b.

Write: Newbirth. Notebook.

Draw up: Last & final Estimate.

June

17th. Friday: Louie was around to give me a farewell and to drink a last bottle of Kiri's root beer brought for the purpose in his pocket. He is more than anxious to see the other boy and plans all kinds of friendly helps and comradeships. I left at about 8.30 and the boy saw me off. I got a tourist-berth to Las Vegas, planning to lay off there for two or three hours and perhaps look up Miss Mack and Mrs. Salazar. Found our sleeping car conductor to be my old friend Brud who was glad to see me and with whom I had several pleasant chats on the way. J. A. Howard, former pupil of mine (Japan) and now just about to take his B. A. was on the regular Pullman on his way to see John Campbell and Otto Hakes at Topeka. We had two or three little visits on the way ——— Our train ran through 18th with no delays or misadventures to Kansas City. We already had a fair crowd of passengers but at Kansas more got on and all lower and some upper berths were taken. My upper was taken by a young woman bound for Los Angeles. She was a rather bright Iowa girl, graduate of Cedarville (Penn College) and later studying at Bryn Mawr. From a younger sister's scribbling on her lunch-boxes I judged the lady's name

Wednesday

~~Finish Asian Bookshelf.~~

~~See Mr. Van Antwerp.~~

~~Slides to Sloan.~~

~~Biblioteca.~~

~~To Office: Letters E. B.C., Mother, [illegible]~~

~~To see Porter.~~

~~Train at 4.~~

Call on Padre Hayde.

Copy asian bkshelf: ~~notes + accts; letters to~~ Frs + ~~M. McC~~.

Thursday.

~~Call at Cholula: on Manuel + mother.~~

Copy asian bookshelf.

~~Letters to Frs + C.B. Moore.~~

Call on Padre Hayde.

~~School at 5 p.m.~~

~~Call on Anselmo: in apt.~~

~~See Mr. Porter.~~

Get nuts, figures, anyx, &c.

Friday

~~Figures, anyx, &c.~~

~~Finish.~~

Copy Asian Bksh.

Call on Padre Hayde.

Call on Anselmo.

" Dr. Baca.

Spencers at 5 p/c.

Games.

Evening.

Call: Hernandez?

to be Maime Meredith. —— We had a very hot and sultry ride across Kansas, all the afternoon. At Topeka I saw John Campbell for a minute as he came down to meet Howard. Toward sunset we had a heavy rainstorm which did not cool the air greatly: they seem to have been having abundance of rain through the State - in fact too much. In connection with the storm we had a striking sunset with a gigantic rainbow, only the lower ends of which were visible, but these, on one side double, were of unusual vividness finely contrasting with the dark cloud background. ——

19th. I woke up to find us standing still at La Junta and all alone. Mem changes in train arrangements! The rest of the train as No.1. has gone on as a local! No.17. from K.C. picks us up and running as express gets to Albuquerque only ten minutes after No.1. It knocked my Las Vegas plans sky high. At breakfast table I found Mr. A. Hoffman (Mex. Central) and his son Geo., coming in on 17 bound for the City. Geo. appears a nice boy and attends the Manual Tg. School at St. Louis. He will be a civil engineer. —— In the Cañoncito near Las Vegas, we

Santepec : Puebla : Otomi dress.

had a magnificent downpour of rain: the mist was so great that at one point the train had to run with extreme caution for fear of wash-out. —— At Las Vegas I transferred to the regular Pullman — At Thornton the train stopped to water, the not at the station. A crowd of Santa Domingo Indians were there with pottery, turquoise &c. As we passed the station I waved my hand at Mrs. Wasson standing in the door, who did not see me: more successfully at the agent, who recognized me at once. —— The sunset effect on Sandia Mt. was most beautiful: deep rose color tinted the vertical rock faces while a deep purple gray was the hue of the rest of its irregular and jagged outlined mass —— After eating at the Chinese Restaurant I started out to find Prof. C. L. Herrick: he left Thursday for vacation in Sandia Mts. — Saw in the paper that the Wassons go to Santa Fe to run a Hotel called the Wasson House. — The Chinese woman waiter got off a good joke. She was pouring me a glass of water and dropped it over badly. She laughingly said — "That a man who make a mistake cook, make him too small."

20th. We arrived at El Paso at 9.50 a.m. on time, having been at no point five minutes from schedule. It took me little time to finish up necessary errands and I had an hour's wait at the station, where I talked with Mexicans and struck up acquaintance with the most disconsolate looking young fellow imaginable. He has come from Montreal and is bound for the City of Mexico. He is to be with Pringle in field work in botany. I think he is hard up and apparently he has not been to bed since leaving: he is plainly tired out. ——
Left El Paso at 2 p.m. and Juarez at 3. Saw Comfort who feels like sending over a lot of "stuff like mine" which Mooney got in Chihuahua and has left there until they threaten to kill it for storage! —— The ride in the early evening was charming. I never liked this part so well: dunes of desert of course, but unusually green and such quantities of jack-rabbits. At one place saw three scamper off at once. Many stand, ready to run, in the shade of some bush or plant: they stand queerly, raised on their four legs quite off the

ground and their run is wonderful. I must have seen eighty to a hundred all told. At one place I saw a queer animal that I don't know. It had something the appearance of a badger & ran rather fast, but without jumping. I noticed as never before hundreds of queer little low flat mounds, perhaps ten feet or so across & with a number of holes entering them, not like prairie dog holes vertically, but almost horizontally. I watched in vain for the occupants of these dark, reddish brown, unevergrown nests but saw none. At one place, at a little distance from one, but in dusk too dark for good vision I saw a little creature somewhat like a cat or ground-squirrel, which I suspect. —— Just before arriving at Thornton I saw a fine big coyote. Someone fired two unsuccessful shots at him: I don't know, whether from the train or the field: I saw no hunter —— Ever on time, and 21st with no incidents. I never enjoyed the trip in No. Mexico so much. At Camacho I telegraphed Lawyer. At Calera and thereabouts noticed the unusual size

and the compass bustingues of the yucca-
The weather has been cool: Ever since leaving
Kansas pleasant cool travel: At El Paso it was
hot, but on the train from there fine. At
Jiminez transfered to the west side of the
sleeper, expected to suffer, but clouds & show-
-ers have rendered it agreeable. Have read
all of Canto - Gospel, Nirvana, Dharma, &
Tao-teh-King - and written up all but the
Last for the Asian Book-Shelf. Have not
tried to do more.

much to my disappointment Lawyer did
not appear at the station at Aguas Calientes
29th. I stayed abed until fully 8 and occupied
my time thereafter writing notice of Lao Tze.
and reading the paper. Reached Mexico promptly
at 11.50 and was Mr Vanantwerp first of all:
had a pleasant visit with him and got
my transportation nicely fixed. From there
went to Sloan's where I left Nelson's slides.
Sloan is deserted. Mrs. S. and the girls have
gone to Rochester for two years until the
son graduates at the Theological Seminary.
Thence (after dinner & shave) to the office."
Powell is in the States, I suspect on acct.
of mission troubles: the Co. is doing nothing.

I wrote a letter to Eben and card to Mother & Lonie. Then for a little visit to D. Butler & Then to the bookstore to buy books. Was at the station a little after 3 and took leave of M. at 4. A Jew named Weil and a young Mexican shared seats with me and occupied my time. Called at Anselmo and on Spencer both pleasantly.

28th Train at 7.30 for Cholula: The boy was not at the station, nor in the Plaza, so I began to hunt for his home. Everyone however was in league for his protection and the densest ignorance prevailed as to his existence, let alone his location. It was finally a little lad, who fifteen minutes before had denied all knowledge of him who finally did point out to me a hole in a garden wall of adobe as the place I wanted. Entering I found myself really in a garden behind a house fronting on another st. which had behind it two very small and miserable single rooms. A man in the garden denied all knowledge of such a boy or name as I looked for, but admitted that there was no harm in asking at one of the houses. I did so and again the densest ignorance and I was about to give up and go away in disgust, when a remarkably pretty child at the next house called to me to come, that he lived there. She is his hermanicita - Dolores - aged thirteen or fourteen, looking much like the boy but

much better looking. The mamacita was there also. I entered. There is an old battered and wormeaten door, no windows: the room was hardly 8×12 ft. one chair I think was all: a table with a drawer, a pile of boxes, a brasero, a metate, made up all the furniture: three sanitos in one corner: a decoration of potteries on the wall pieced out with 40 and more empty sardine boxes, were all. They have lived in this one room for five years, at a monthly rent of seis reales. Manuel was in Puebla but would be back at 10.30 I sat all that time gathering the family history - especially about the boy. He has rather airy notions about trades & considers them he can acquire "low." He is very fond of Dolores & she of him: He has been much worried at not hearing from me - though I had written twice, the first time a registered letter with "buttons" in it: the other time a longer single letter. Dolores was at first much pleased at the idea of the Chicago trip and wanted to go to meet the boy at the R.R. car a full hour ahead. Finally when she really did go, it was necessary to tell her not to let him know I had come, so she hustled him home, with a story about a letter and they came bursting in very soon after the cars arrived. He was glad to see me and quickly took the idea. It was only when I suggested that the mamacita and Dolores should

Cornelia Htecuangny : 12 yrs. old has one hand with seven fingers.

come in contact with the boys stuff to say "abis" that the poor little thing cind a bit. In talking of polydactyly she mentioned two cases one of which I must look up when here again for a cast would have done it now but the child does not know the house and it is her vacation: the subject is a schoolmate of his. — Finally at 12. we left them and took dinner at the fonda: we took 1 p.c. car for Puebla. After a little rest we took a bath & called on Arnelas: there bought some pantalons and a faja, and got around to Spencer's at 5 p.c. for games. S. had been suddenly called to Mexico. Saw Mr. Dalton and had quite a chat with him. Had him give the boy a direct talk as to my wishes and had him sell me the otomi dress he has. He paid 3 pesos for it and I gave him 5. It is from Pantepec, which without being a true otomi town is in the midst of otomi country and is a market town for them. He says there are about thirty otomi houses in the town and that the type is fine: the women are well clothed & he particularly noticed their hair-dressing. A sort of braid is carried up onto the top of the head and done up there: colored cuts of native women braided in & the color shows whether the woman

Dr. Francisco Doria:

Domicilio: Calcita 1½.

Botica del Carmen; Merino 5.

Reference: Mr. Bates: says is well ac-
-quainted with Mex. archaeology.

~~Platollas de~~

Placollas de frijoles.

is married or not. This town is in the State of Puebla. I then visited until suppertime with the boys who played several games for me. —— We ate at the Saint Thomas and then I went to see Padre Heyde, who was however out of town.

24th. Dia de San Juan de Bautista: We went down town for morning coffee. It was plain that some thing was afoot, for few of the shops were open

Cap: 06 machete. 04 rifle. 03 cartouchera 03: bandera. 01-02

and we saw a number of persons carrying loads of little soldier caps, flags, swords, guns, cartridge boxes all cheaply made of paper. It was not long before we saw almost every little child gayly decked out in military garments or carrying more or less of an equipment. Manuel tells me that this is done twice a year - today and Sept. 16. We went then to find our little figures men but the place was shut: so we bought some nut eaters groups in the portales: there were three sizes - macheta nuts, hazel nuts and piñones all of the same price - 20 ¢. Thence to my dear market - always lovely: the brilliant pottery with clear colors and rich bright yellow is always lovely: had a pair of sandals made up for the boy for 45 cents (with straps & work done): the bouquet making was fine: the thick dark green tortillas, are made of red corn which always gives a green dough and contains beans: they are called Nacatles de

frijoles: among remedies were piles of great blue-purple thistle flowers fresh-gathered: among the venders was a man with the lacquered gourds which I can never resist: he came from Querétaro (manual dep. Tulpancingo) and I got some of two kinds — little round apple-like ones and long chili-like ones. — We also went to find my own man but failed at the no trouble in re-locating our "baños." These were most gaily decorated within and a band of musicians inside discoursed sweet strains: The place was crowded inside and a crew were gathered about the door. I thought of it only as a festival day, but later discovered that it was the festival. Both soldier clothes and baths appear to make the day everywhere. I had told the woman and sister to come at 3.30 p. m. Instead they came early at 8, and we found them at 10.30 on getting home. We took them at once to Mr Spencer's and introduced them to Mrs. S. so she might know them. They are to go there for their letters and to receive 2 pesos on the 15th of each month. —— Well through all I decided we would leave at 1.10 when we reached the Hotel the boy knelt to receive his mother's blessing, & then they — though invited with us — dined

to his aunts to eat — while we went to the Hotel. As we were early, the boy ran up to bid his aunt good bye. — We went at once to the station after eating and his mother was there to say "good bye" and receive a promised dollar. The little girl would not come — she had had a tearful time down at the aunts'. ——— Well we waited and waited and waited: the engine leaked so badly that they could not get up steam: left an hour late, but got into Apizaco just before the upstairs arrived. It was crowded as usual: among our passengers were more than twenty Cubans fleeing from the war into Europe. There were twelve of one family apparently they were wealthy people all: they were going to Newport where they would ship & scatter till the war was over — into Spain, France, England, &c. ——— We were 50 minutes late at the City so I gave up all attempt to go down town: we got supper at a Chinaman's near the Station, and secured the two last lower berths, just what we wanted, opposite each other, 7 & 8. I gave the boy, to whom everything was novel and interesting, directions and about sleeping car arrangements, &c. We left promptly at 9 p. m. ——— There were no important events during the day. The boy's presence attracted considerable good-

Salvador Hernandez: juerro.
Jimeng:

natured attention from a very uninteresting lot of passengers. A dreadful boy of eight and he struck up a good-natured acquaintanceship which was most of the time a fight perpetually renewed by the small boy after I had interfered to save his life.

26th. The day was absolutely one of the most terrible I ever saw. Hot air blew through the train as if from a furnace. There was much dust and dirt. To think of reading was out of the question. The boy became interested in counting jack rabbits & other rabbits. We saw yesterday afternoon 16: this morning 18: this eve. 72. They are notably absent during the day but in the cool of morning and evening come out: the boy saw a fawn and a coyote also during the day.

we got into ElPaso on time at 7.55 and got rooms at the Lindell house: pitchers, walls, furniture, bedclothing all were hot to the touch. The clerk said it is the hottest day of year here. We could not sleep at first: perhaps at 11. a perfect gust of dusty wind compelled me to close my windows almost entirely, but it brought some relief. We had but an indifferent night's rest & the boy waited me out before 5 — not used to the early sunrise.

27th.

Money account.

Cash on hand	$3.62
" D. Mexd.	125.00

17th Shoe .10 stuff .40 porth .25 pc .05	.80
berth 3.00 Bd 1.80 stears .20	5.00
pot brushes .35 soap .25	.60
18th bkf .70 paper .05 lunch .30 supt .75	1.80
19th bkf .75 lunch .20 porter .25 berth 3.	4.20
supper	.25
20th bkf .75 Shave .15 dinner .35 stuff .15	1.40
Exchanged for Mex. money.	35.00
porter .25 baggage .10	.35
	1.90
26th supper .40 hotel 1.50	
27th shave .10 bkf .50 Clothes 11.25 soda .05	11.90
papers .10 dinner 1.50 supper .50	2.10
Chinese arts 1.75 soda .10 berths 7.00	8.85
28th bkf .65 dinner 1.50 supper 1.00 paper .05	3.20
29th letter .30 paper .05 bkf .40 din. 1.30	2.05
supper .50 pop .30 ice cr .10 porter .50	1.70
	$81.10
Ret.d Mex. money. 5.11 p =	47.52
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bal. ———	$49.62

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