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 Temple. Passed 2 Dahebeah
 coming down from 2nd Cataract.
 The Island of Philae is
 quite uninhabited not a house
 on the place just a few
 Palm trees scattered about
 the Temple is an immense
 size & the columns of some
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Thursday 22nd
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 about 4 Miles from Philae
 Natives came swarming round
 the boats with beads & odd
 things for sale smelling
 horribly of Castor oil of
 which they use for their
 hair. in no small quantity
 we all felt the heat very much
 to day glass 82 in the shade
 all went ashore for a
 Stroll the Libyan desert
 looking like Mountains of
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Friday 23rd
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 very early & came about
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in the Simla with us.
a pretty place where we
moored not so hot to day
Sir James Cathonen(?) Vatel [Valet]
came to see us in the
evening

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Saturday 24th

Wind dropped Moored at 2
Ladies & Gentlemen went
out in the Felookah (the
small boat) Miss Urquhart
& I went climbing the rocks
Met Sir James C. Vatel, he
gave us each a God. and
some Henna. a powder
the Natives stain their

boat. "The Alice". with 4
Gentlemen on board and
2 Valets. one came over
in the Simla with us.
a pretty place where we
Moored not so hot to day
Sir James Cathonen(?) Vatel [Valet]
came to see us in the
Evening.

Saturday 24th

Wind dropped Moored at 2
Ladies & Gentlemen went
out in the Felookah (the
small boat) Miss Urquhart
& I went climbing the rocks
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gave us each a God. and
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nails with, it turns them
red. the Henna tree grows
in India and I believe
the leaf is taken for the
powder. the Gum Arabic
Tree abounds here; saw
the carcass of a Camel on
the desert. The cultivated
land is becoming much
narrower & in some places
the desert almost reaches
the water. v[e]ry calm night.

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Sunday 25th
Wind in our favour able
to sail passed some very
high Mountains in the
Afternoon we passed close
by the Bagstones. Mr Talhamy
threw a cake on board to

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the Ladies. had service
this Morning in the Saloon
sat on deck ^{nearly} all day.
getting very hot.

Monday 27th Reached Korosko
about 4 O'clock & went ashore
for a good stretch. Met
Sir James C. Valet. also Met
Mr Talhamy with letters: again
ev[er]y body some letters from me
I feel I could cry; so many
Miles from, & ev[er]y day going
farther. Had a Note from
Mrs Mac Callum Maids
Moored just beyond the
Village under a high
bank. beautiful night
Sailors sung & played
all love Song but we dont

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this Morning in the Saloon
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for a good stretch "Met
Sir James C. Valet. also Met
Mr Talhamy with letters: again
ev[er]y body some but poor me
I feel I could cry; so many
Miles from, & ev[er]y day going
farther. Had a Note from
M^{rs} Mac Callum Maid
Moored just beyond the
Village under a high
bank. beautiful night
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all love Song but we dont

Understand them.

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No wind Towing all day
Mr Barclays boat passed
with 3 or 4 large Crocodiles
on board. 4 boats Moored
near us. Bagstones Fostat
Alice & Manzoorah. fine
star light night.

Wednesday 28th

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to see a small Temple on
the desert a short distance
from called the Temple of
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dedicated to Ramses the
2nd and other ruins some
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in on our heads & knees
started again as soon as
we came on board passed
3 boats returning from 2nd
Cataract Moored about 3
Miles up the river; one
sailor had a sheep killed
the only time they get meat
& is when it is given to
them by the party on the
boat. This is the second
time we left Cairo

Thursday 29th Crossed over to
Derr. Much amused
with the Nubian women
who came round the boat
some looking very like
savages. Mr Mac Callum
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dislike to being sketched
The ladies went ashore
Miss Renshaw bought a
nose ring from one of
the women. started again
at 1 o'clk. one of the sailors
had sun stroke. washed
& ironed

Friday 30th Favourable wind
Eagle escaped this afternoon
flew to the desert stopped
boat M^r Mac Callum and
M^r Talhamy went with their
guns to try & get it; could
not get it only by shooting
to wound it. brought
it back with a broken

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to the Ladies disgust.
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man servant appeared in
the evening in an Arab
dress. & danced the Native
dance much to the delight
of all the Ladies. beautiful
Moon light night Miss
Urquhart & self went for
a Moonlight stoll [stroll] with
M^r Sir James C. Valet.
Sailor better

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 Simbol at 10 P.M. splendid
 Moonlight night so that
 we could get a good view
 of the Colossals as we
 approached the spot it
 was a grand sight to see
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 faces from my Cabin
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 Saloon at 11.30. M^r Mac
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 top of the hill for a walk
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 beautiful. fine day. v[er]y warm
 but nice wind. sailors sung
 in the evening

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 Mansoorah left this Morning for
 Wady Halfa. Mr & Mrs Her Eyre went
 in Felookah & saw an old Tomb
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 in the boat smells horrible.
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Evening

Aboo Simbol

Wednesday 4th Miss Urquhart and
myself went out for a stroll on
the Hills to see the sun set
which was very beautiful. got
up at 2 this morning to see
the southern cross which can
only be seen in this quarter
of the globe. Splendid Moon
light night. no fresh arrival

Thursday 5th Aboo Simbao
Very windy day washed & ironed
awfully hot went for a walk
in the Evening: few cargo boats
past no fresh arrivals to day

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Eagle still alive dreadful fuss
with it I wish it would die
Miss R has given it Beef Tea &
sherry v[e]ry fine night

Friday 6th Abou Simbou
Crossed over this afternoon to
the sand Islands in Felookah
saw the marks of a crocodile
in the sand. Miss Urquhart
& I picked up a few pebbles
& brought back some wild flow[ers]
Miss Edwards shot at a bird
Mr Mac Callum shot the Eagle
& a happy thing it is out of its
Misery. The wing dropped off to
day when it was unbandaged
Mr Talhamy buried it in the
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no boats arrived

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to day about going to Wadi Halfa
some wished to go & others did
not. A favourable wind sprung
up & we left Aboo Simbol
about 2 this Afternoon. Scenery
very pretty. Moored about 10
O'clock near a sand bank
some about 22 miles; every body
very quiet beautiful star
light night.

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12 A.M. had Morning Service ser(?)
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Renshaw myself & Mr Talhamy
went over the desert on donkey
Mr & Mrs Eyre Miss Edwards & Miss
Urquhart went in Felookah
and we met on the high rock
Abooseer which is about 7 miles
from our boat. we had a
charming view of the whole of
the Cataract & could see the
country far beyond. most
perfect scenery the only green
to be seen is a few palm
trees a scorching hot day.
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taken down & fastened above
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tholes & the plank taken up
to make room for the rowers
legs. all these alterations very
much disfigures the graceful
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little wind Sailors rowed all
day, came about 30 miles

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high bank. Bagstones just
before us don't like the boat
so well now the large sail is
gone does not look so ~~pretty~~
pretty and not so convenient

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Tuesday 10th Contrary wind could
not even float. so was shut
up in a bank all day. Gentlemen
went out shooting. Miss Edwards
& Mr Eyre went out in Felookah
with Mr Talhamy. Miss Renshaw
at home. Miss Urquhart & my-
self went for a walk on shore
rather cold wind picked up
a few stones met a great
many natives. Sailors sung
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had covered the bodies to the
statues leaving only the heads
visible. a model of one of
the heads is in the British
Museum. There is a smaller
Temple near here was was
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 Washed & ironed to day Bagstones
 arrived & Ladies & Gentleman dined
 on one boat their servant dined
 with us. our boat was lighted
 in the evening the coloured
 lanterns & the people from the
 other boats invited to see our
 sailors dance & sing Miss Booth
 servants dressed as an Arab
 & danced much to the amuse-
 ment of every body especially our
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 a white man in an Arab
 costume & dancing & he really
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but did not stop. The Bagstones
still here the young gentleman
shot some very pretty birds
wind rather cold to night

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Morning service in the Saloon
at 11.30. Mr. Mac Callum was
roaming about the rock & found
a new Temple or Tomb. the
sailors all are at work getting
sand away from the entrance
was able to crawl in on our
hands & knees at 2. P.M. &
by 4 O'clock could get in with
ease. It is a beautiful cham-
ber & the paintings on the
walls bright & perfect; not a
scratch or a name written in
any part of it. "as I am sorry
to say that in most of the
beautiful places are dread

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the sand & in the new chamber
sailors worked till dark all
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Monday 16th Aboo Simbol
Mr Mac Callum sent for the
Sheykh "or Governor" of the place
to inform him of the discovery
he came in the afternoon
"a very fine looking man". &
has promised to send 100
men to morrow to help our
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all in a great state of excitement
about it, wondering what it
can be & what it contained
we are afraid we cannot stay to
know. charming night another
boat arrived this evening with
5 ladies on board but no
Gentlemen.

Tuesday 17th Abou Simbol
The Sheykh sent 100 Men this
Morning & they have done a great
deal that the room is almost
free from sand. nothing more has
been found & no more will
be present. the Sheykh had
Lunch here. he did not
know how to ~~use~~ use a knife

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and fork so the Ladies cut
up his food & fed him a little
amusement for them: and after
Lunch they played a few pieces
on the Piano. he seemed very
delighted & pleased with the
performance. Miss Urquhart
& Myself went on the top of
the hills to see the sun set for
the 2nd time at Aboo Simbol
has been a very hot day.
Boat with the Ladies left this
Morning

Wednesday 18th This Morning M^r Eyre
was up at the new Temple with
the sailors & found some human
bones & 2 small urns. also a
staircase near the door of the
Temple but ~~on~~ outside: we were

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& Myself went on the top of
the hills to see the sun set for
the last time at Aboo Simbol
has been a v[e]ry hot day.
Boat with the Ladies left this
Morning

Wednesday 18th This Morning M^r Eyre
was up at the new Temple with
the sailors & found some human
bones & 2 small urns. also a
staircase near the door of the
Temple but ~~on~~ outside: we were

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All much interested in this discovery. I must lead to some chambers or tombs. Into it
at 6 o'clock this evening we left
all behind us very sorry we
could not stay longer. Mr Mac
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& we had already stayed over
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about 3 miles from Aboo Simbol
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able to row. about 8 O'clock
overtook the Bagstones Moored
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a Visit. They are waiting for a
Crocodile that the Young Gent
shot it is now in the
water they generally rise to the
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being wounded. I hope they may
get it: Started again at 9 O'clock
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me etc.

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the stream. had to moor by
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very interesting Temple.
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"slow work" did not go ashore
nothing particular happened
dined on deck by Moonlight
wind dropped sailors rowed till
mid night

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Thursday 26th Boat started at 5
A.M. & reached Dakkeh at 7.30.
walked to the Temple a short
distance from boat it is
situated close to a large
Village & stands on the Libyan
Desert. it was built in the
time of Ergamene an Ethiopian
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 Miss Renshaw & I walked
 back to boat the rest went
 across the river in small boat
 to see a fortress. on our return
 to the boat we saw died
 Donkey and was quite visit
 with naked children took
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 from us. we started again
 at 2 P.M. & sailors rowed till
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 at 8 A.M. Moored near a small
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 the Island & we walked across.
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of Rameses and is excavated
in the rock excepting the
portico and area in front
very fine sculpture both in
side & out. When we lighted
our candles to go into the
chambers the bats flew out
by thousands. Miss Edwards
sketched front. we returned
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 older Temple to which it
 succeeded & it is probable
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to see Temples one is quite
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other is an Almanack supposed
to be of the 4th or 5th century
the scenery here was perfectly
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here: and the pounded leaves
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 we did not feel disposed to dress
 again to day. the scenery here
 is one of the most lovely bits on
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 dangerous to pass in the night
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 the rapids. Ladies returned at
 7. boat started again Miss
 Renshaw bought a nose ring
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 this morning I reached Dabod
 about 7.30. went ashore to see
 a Temple a short distance
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 out shooting & shot a Boy did not
 kill him. we heard the screams
 & wondered what was the matter
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the Father seemed very pleased
to take. & dressed the child
up in a shirt of Mr Talhamy
& the little fellow went trotting
of the boat quite pleased in
his long white robe. We left
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6 O'clock And breakfasted the
Cataract Men came soon after
I prepared for our descent.
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Desert & met us below Assooan
we left Mahatta about 7 what
an excitement it was our cabin
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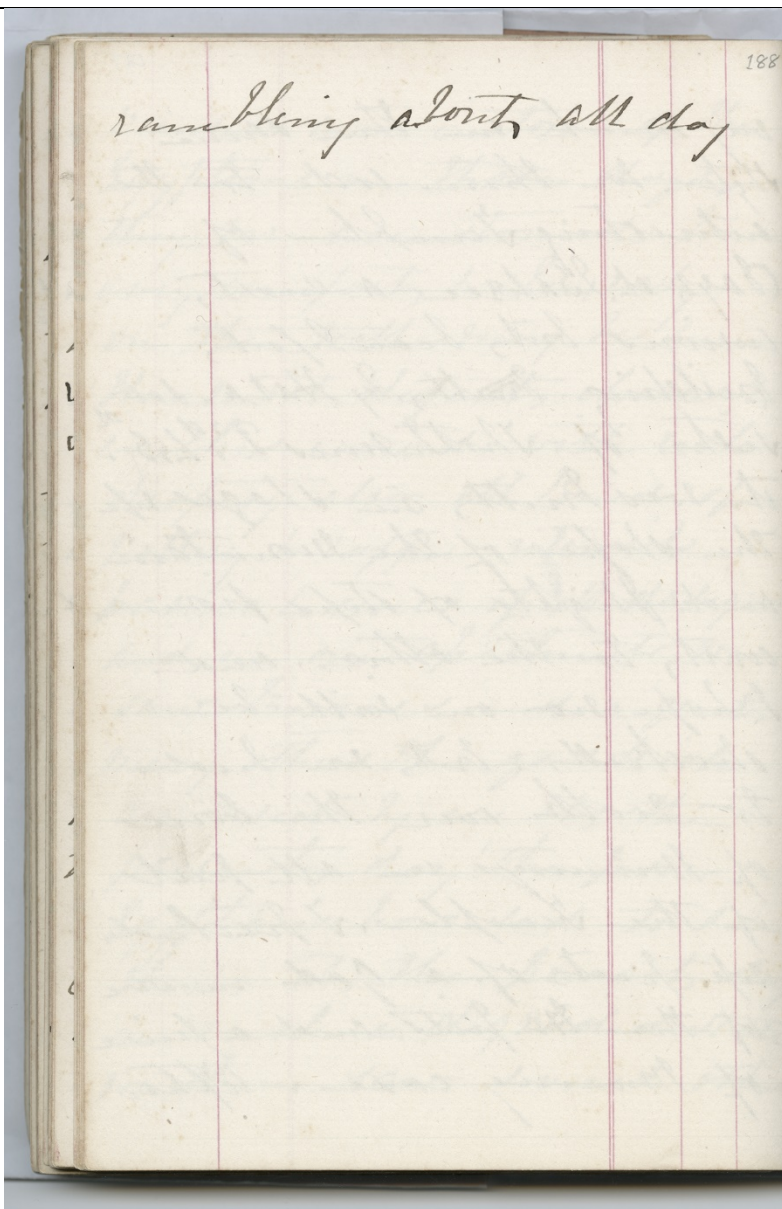
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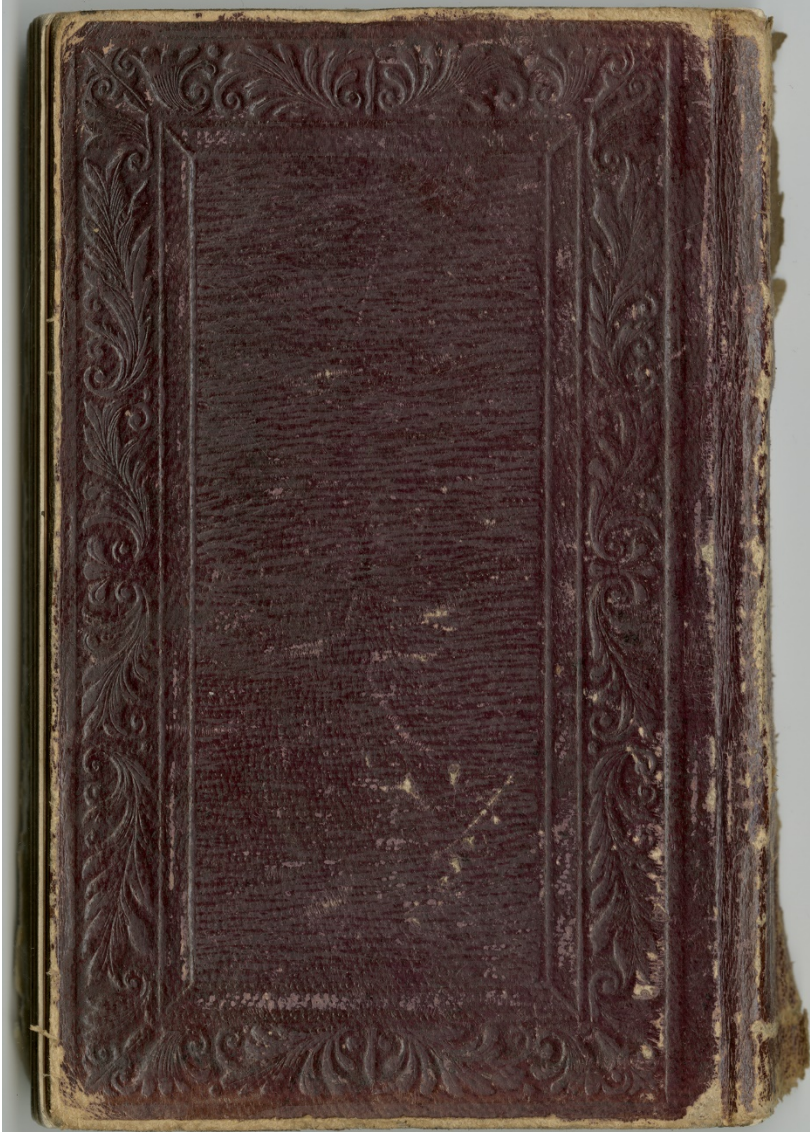
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