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The matter of the left pages at one part of book are generally descriptions of the people, manners, &c. Country

Aug 17 Left Leeds at 11-0 & arrived at Manchester about 12:30 here I was met by Aunt & Raymond. had some dinner at "Coras Vegetarian Restaurant & then Raymond & I took the Rusholm Drive along Market St, and Oxford St to Owen's College - Mr Hoyle was out but would return soon so I left my Card with the Porter on the strength of which he let us into parts of the Museum not yet open to the public -

I noticed the fossil tree which I had photo'd at Clayton it is beautifully mounted & also the ice-scraped boulder in the Quadrangle - The Museum is quite new the Geological Section being the only one at all complete ~~Returned to the Station~~ In a short while Mr Hoyle came in, but as it was nearly time for us to go we had not long with him - returned to the Station & met Father about 3-0

& then had some tea
& departed at 3-45
On Chat Moss I
noticed the ground
for a very long way
was covered with tansy
& plovers innumbered
were running about
the moss. went through
Chester, & saw Hawarden
Castle. At Chester there
left the train two
Fusiliers in charge of
a deserter but we
afterwards saw them
at Holyhead & Father
gave one of them some
baccy. they had caught
their man at Hull.
Passed Rhyl & then

(a very quiet place)
on to Bangor where
we arrived at 7.25
went out into the
town & down to the
water & then back to
the station - the train
left for Holyhead
at 9-25 being 1/2 hour
late passed thro' the
2 tubular bridges over
the Conway & the Straits
arrived at Holyhead
at 10.30 left our
luggage in the cabin
of the Violet & then
went out into the
town & returned about
12-0. The boat was
timed to start at 2-0
18- Shortly before that

time Prof Birch came into the Cabin with his wife & I spent some time with him during the passage - at 2 we left Holyhead we had a nice breeze & a moderately fine night & arrived at Dublin at 7-0- as we neared Dublin I noticed kittiwakes Common Gulls Gulleniot & Herring Gulls. Saw in crossing - Bray Head Wicklow Mts Ireland's Eye Howth - On arriving at Dublin we made our way to Jurys Hotel in

College Green & had breakfast - we then walked on to Phoenix Park - the morning was very wet we had occasionally to make our way to a clump of trees for shelter & sometimes to remain there for a considerable while - At 12.0 the Zoological Gardens would open {being Sunday} so we "pottered" about the Park in the rain ~~wet~~ the rain until that time when we entered the Zoo 2nd each on Sundays

The most noteworthy

things I saw were
Aix springs, moose
aquarium &c, we
left the Zoo at 2.30
& had a turn thro'
the gardens they are
most beautifully laid
out. the Park is the
largest in Europe &
no money has been
spared on it. the
Coots Pochards Pelican
& on the waters are very
tame. We saw the
place where Lord
Fredk Cavendish &
Mr Burke were
murdered - the place
where the former died
(a few yards from

where he was struck)
is marked only by
a cross drawn with
a stick on the soil
where the turf has
been removed that
of the latter by a
broken road pebbles
laid together in the
form of a cross - the
Irish people would
not stand any more
lasting form of
memorial. Members
of the R I C showed
us the form on wh=
Carey sat to watch
the victims & the
beech tree where he
took up his position

to strike the blow &
also the road along
which the murderers
went by car after
the deed! a member
of the Dublin police
pointed out to us the
Vice regal Lodge - the
Lodge leading to the
Chief Secretary residence
whither Lord Fred K
was going & also the
residence of the
permanent Secretary -
The Wellington Mon-
-ument was pointed
out to us (£20 000)
& which O'Connell
referred to as the
overgrown milestone

After dining we took the train to Merrion Square & visited the Art Museum. I was struck by the general arrangement of it (so far as I can remember) it being identical with the other the one at Anvers or Bruxelles. At 5-0 the bell rung us out & we, walked back to Jurys where we had tea. Neither of us had had any sleep last night & walking all the time coupled with our walking to day me

were naturally rather sleepy & so went to bed about 8-30 I having just written something toward an epistle to Headingley taken off the bed so that I ~~have~~ might have something substantial to sleep upon - after a capital night rest we both got up about 6.30 Dublin time & went out in the direction of Glasnevin intending to go to the Cemetery when we got on some distance we enquired the way & were directed to follow the tramlines

which we accordingly
did to their termination
& then walked on suppos-
-ing that the cemetery
could not be far away
but as we seemed to
be a long while in
reaching it we made
another enquiry and
found that we had
passed it by a mile
& a quarter. & that
we had gone almost
thro' Glasnevin. We
retraced our steps &
there then directed to
a short cut & in time
reached the cemetery
the most striking
object is a tower

perhaps 100 feet in height built like a lighthouse and erected to the memory of O'Connel the pillar bearing his name simply it is surrounded by vaults which open from an area surrounding the monument. We visited the Column raised to the memory of Mr Burke murdered in Phœnix Park 6th May 82 — walked to ~~&~~ ~~took~~ the tram to Nelsons' Monument ~~&~~ walked to Jurys

arriving at 9-30 &
had breakfast. wrote
up proceedings & went
to the Museum of
Science & Art & gave
my card to Scharff who
took me round noticed
Skeleton of Solitaire made
up perfectly of odd bones
the collection of Irish
Birds is large & fine
but the species are
much less numerous
than in a collection
of English Birds. They
are commencing to
arrange series of birds
after Sir Kensington Model
Scharff complains of
the smallness of the

staff & disinterestedness of the members in their work. There is a very large Skeleton of the Backed whale - Cast of Megatherium Skeleton. We left the Museum at 12-0 went to Jurys packed up our traps paid our bill, & took a Cab for Broadstone station. Father got out on the way at a fruiterers but got in again without buying anything Very ordinary plums were 4d per dozen some rather smaller than Victorias 9d

per dozen - Victoria
1d each - Small grapes
(very poor) 2/6 per lb
he did not enquire
further. departed from
Broadstone for Mullingar
at 1-0 on the way I
noticed a R.I.C at
every station in full
dress which is strikingly
like the Leeds Rifles
they carry the sword
bayonet. I suppose
I shall be stopped by
the one at Mullingar
there are 40 within
the Vice Regal Lodge
grounds at Dublin
besides 30 soldiers
Dublin seems to be

simply alive with
Police & Military there
are the Metropolitan
Police & the R I C
all fine big fellows
& 7 or 8 regiments of
Soldiers. R H A. Lancers
2 or 3 Scotch kilts &c.
the rain has simple
poured down all day
up to now (in the
train at "Hill of Down
35 3/4 miles from Dublin
at 2'43-7) we have
passed the familiar
station of the Name
of Enfield. I am told
that the railways in
Ireland are very expen
sive there being no

competition fortunately for me the Parcels Post will be the same as in England so that the people will not be able to cry another injustice to Owd Ireland.
Arrived at Mullingar the Capital of Co West Meath. leaving our traps at the Station & we down the town in the rain. which seemed if possible to have increased in volume called at the Greville Arms & made a few enquiries resulting in the information ~~Cont~~ that Mullingar com-

tains nothing of any importance considering that to see what was to be seen would be twice we ventured out Fall pipes seem to be scarce & where they exist the water simply overflows the Causeway there being no channel. Noted the Cottages dirty enough & full of Squalid Children & ragged fowls. the Royal Canal wh we saw at Dublin returned to the G Arms & had tea and Chops - such Chops I shall never forget Mullingar - Rain and Chops - Chopped & mashed

long & 5 wide none
o' your fancy restaurant
things but real down
solid chops. & bread
with a crust so hard
that I couldnt get the
knife into it & asked
the waiter to do it for
me he was used to the
job & inserted the point
of the knife into a weak
place & worked outwards
when we arrived at
Mullingar 3 R I Police
met the train I held
up the gun & said to one
I suppose you want to
see me. "No I dont Sir".
We returned to the station
which is marked at

50¼ miles from Dublin (all the station are so marked in distances from the capital) at 6.10 departed for Galway hanging up our Mass from the racks to dry. Just after leaving the station. we saw West meath Lake on our left got out at Athlone for a 10 minutes stretch and at Ballinasloe a real old Irish gentleman got in who kept us alive. In the journey from Dublin to Galway I had a somewhat severe attack of toothache. Arrived at Galway at 9.15 + went

to bed.
20 Got up early and finished my letter to Headingley. Went down to the Bay & shot a Jr Herring Gull? had breakfast & again went out but got nothing more took the body out of the Gull & despatched the bird to Grasshain. Left Galway by O'Brien's Car at 12.0 & after a ride of 49 miles arrived at Clifden at 7.40. Stayed at Hotel Mullarkeys This day was quite as fine as yest was wet. My face was swollen from my jaw to my eye but was

not quite so painful
In consequence of this
toothache I was not in
a very good position to
enjoy the scenery and
the ride to me was rather
dreary. I never saw
fewer birds anywhere
there being a few crows
a magpie a few
chaffinches where there
are houses but no
sparrows. Many dilapidated
houses & the people very
poor.
21 Raining fast this
morning left by car at
9x for a 47 mile drive
Saw a polecat running
along a wall. It was

fine until we reached Letterpack when it rained cats & dogs until we got to Lenaane here we had to stay & had dinner & changed cars passed close to the scene of the Maamtrasna murder. & arrived at Westport at 6.0. went up to the Bay & round the town called at the Ulster Bank but Mr Stuart was not in 22. Again called on Mr Stuart & arranged to meet him at 3.30. I find that Westport does not possess a barber. but one of two co-passengers from Oxford

who had travelled with
us from Galway lent
me his razor & visited
the Church together &
then went on to the
Bay had lunch and
Father & I went to the
Market (Market day)
& Post Office I found a
letter awaiting me from
Rose & Father had one
from Mrs W. we returned
to the Hotel & replied to
them & then kept our
appointment with Mrs
Stuart he showed us
round his house and
~~cal~~ drove us to his
Cottage on the beach
3 1/2 Miles here we

had some tea & went out with our guns I shot a Redshank but it fell into the water too far away for the dog. Saw several Herons & one alighted 100 yards from us I lent Mr Stewart my gun and put in a wire case but he did not allow for wind which was very strong saw large flocks of curlews and many gulls. He then drove us back to the Railway Hotel & we went to bed.

23 Left Westport at 8.50 by train for

Ballina changing carriages at Manulla arrived at Ballina about 10·30. Put up at the Moy Hotel. I ~~took~~ went to the Medical Hall & asked them about my face they gave me the address of the Dr for whom I at once made he lanced the abcess & removed a considerable amount of matter and charged me 5/- he also gave me a prescription which I got made up at the Hall - Went down to the river crossed the Bridge & to the Salmon Leaps - there were a lot

of Pied Wagtails about so I went back for the Stick gun & shot 4 greatly to the edification of some of the bystanders we circumnavigated the town. rather buying a shawl to act as a rug & had lunch at the hotel & at 2.50 left ~~Ballina~~ by car for Sligo saw 2 Herons one of which I could have shot from the car saw several Magpies. the country is much better here drier, & consequently more productive a RIC who travelled with us was going home for

his annual months leave and being rather "jolly" wanted to show his good nature by treating every one on the Car. The weather had been very fine up to within 3 miles of Shizo but there the rain came down as appears to be the thing here in torrents we arrived at 8.30 & put up at the Victoria a very good hotel. My face is very much better the swelling generally having subsided

24 Got up a 7.0 a fine morning. the lower part of my face is

better but the swelling around the eye has nearly reached its former size went down to the Quay before breakfast & after breakfast went down with the gun & shot a gull which fell in the water so I lost it saw 4 cormorants on the skakes which mark the harbour way & 2 Herons - On nearing the town side of the Quay I shot other 2 gulls & then went for a boat to get them we picked them up & I brought down 2 more at one shot

we then saw a gentle man waving to us from shore & when we got up he said he would be pleased to place his boat at our disposal it had a sail, we accepted his offer & with a couple of boys went off again we landed on the opposite side & I was going after a flock of Plovers when 20 Curlews whurred 30 yards ahead from an adjoining field I got one we then tried at a Cormorant but they are too wary I let

drive at one at 100 yards with a wire cage but it took no effect I got in all 7 Gulls & 1 Curlew & 1 ~~Meadow~~ Rock pipit. returned & caught the 3.45 train for Enniskillen where we intended to make our next stay but this being Saturday & finding that we could not go further until Monday we decided to go forward. had to change at Enniskillen had some refreshment & then went on to Derry where we arrived at 9.5 & had a car to the Imperial. Saw one

of the Irwins at Enniskillen - My face is decidedly better. Had some tea at the Imperial & went out into the town which is a large place saw the Gaol Cum-mynear is at present in it

25 Had breakfast & went down to the Quay & 1½ Miles down the river saw several Herons & Gulls also a flock of Curlews went back to the hotel & walked partly round the city walls & went over the bridge 430 feet in length to enquire at the

went round the remaining walls

Station the trains for Portrush found that one went at 2.30 hurried to the hotel packed up my traps in a box I got from boots & left in a car. On arriving at the Station I booked the box for Leeds. the ride along Lough Foyle was grand close to the Sea all the way past Coleraine Castleroock &c & arrived at Portrush at 4.30 went over the road to the Eglinton hotel they had not beds for us but took us to a private house

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where we had a comfortable bedroom, had tea & went down to the west beach & then to the East & round the promontary - a fine sea on breaking on the rocks, full Atlantic swell - went into the smoking room of the hotel laid our schems for tomorrow & departed to our sleeping rooms
26 Went out before breakfast to the East Bay & shot a Ring Plover & saw a Cormorant flying to the left followed it and

got a shot at it as
it was in the water
it was hit and dived
when it reappeared I
got another shot and
killed it. it seemed
to be floating into
the Bay but was not
10 yards from the rock
a fisherman would
get it for me for 2/-
but I thought I
would wait for it
it gradually drifted
in but very slowly
so we went to breakfast
& returned to find it gone
went to the Bay again
shot a sanderling &
a rock pipit & walked

up to the Cliffs and back about 6 miles in all - took the train at 2.0 for the Giants Causeway. & went to the Causeway Hotel & then to the Dry Land Cave I shot a Hooded Crow we then went on to the Causeway & a Photographer prevailed upon Father to have our photos taken. he would take a Negative for 2/- 1/2 plate I did not Care for the first so he took another Saw several Cormorants & H Crows - The Manager of the Hotel appears

to be an enthusiastic shooter or fowler as they are called in Ireland. he took me out after tea but we came on immediately as did also the rain spent the evening in the coffee room with 2 gentlemen who knew a good deal about Nat Hist one of whom had travelled a good bit. Dr C Digby
47 Wellington Place
Geo A Armstrong Dublin
8 Leeson Park Dublin
turned in about 11 to having previously written but not posted

a letter to Rose
27 got up early & left
the Causeway Hotel at
8 30 by Car for Larne
a distance of 56 miles
called on the way to
see Carrickaheed bridge
arrived at Larne after
a long ride at
here I posted my letter
but upon inquiry found
none waiting for us
we took train at
for Belfast while travelling
on the Car we struck
an acquaintance with
a Mr Collins B Hubbard
on arriving at Belfast
at we took car together
& the Imperial but found

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them full up then across the road to the Royal here they had 1 large & 1 small bed in one room - this was all they could do for us so we elected to stay - had tea & then a walk thro' the town the Royal is exactly opposite Robinsons & Cleavers

28 Our American friend of Detroit Michigan left us for Dublin - and we visited the Museum of the Belfast Nat Hist & Phil Soc: it is a very poor place & shockingly kept if kept at all our next place was the Queens College Museum

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a small but very decent museum for the use of the College free to the public - we next visited the Docks & saw the Fleetwood boat - The Duke of Connaught - large numbers of gulls were flying in the harbour but as we could not shoot them there we inquired the best place & were told Holywood We went back into the City had dinner at the Castle Restaurant we returned to the Quay crossed the river by the bridge took County Down Railway at 3.5 to

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Holywood 4½ miles here
I could do nothing the
tide was low & a
long stretch of mud
between us & the water
at the edge of which
the gulls were feeding
not a single bird came
within shot. We left
here by train at
1 on arriving at Belfast
crossed by the ferry &
made for the Post Office
no letters for us - this
morning before going out
I had partly written a
letter to Rose but did not
post it another mail in
from Larne at 8 -
returned to the Royal

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& wrote up the diary
after tea we went to the
Post Office with a nil
result. Bought a Guide
to Belfast & went into
the Smoke room until
9-0 when we turned in
29 Did not get up until
9-0 & after breakfast
called at Cook's & bought
Cook's Guide to Connemara
& made Gunory purchase
I bought a work basket
at the Blind Institute for
Rose 8/6. We had dinner
at some fish hooks & tried
to catch some gulls
from the boat. Prince
of Wales but were not
successful. Several of

Alps
Tickets - 5 - 15 - 9 . (~~300 = 8 [illegible]~~ 5)
Tram Museum 4
Parcels of Richter 6
" " Bangor 6
" " Nottingham 4

the birds took the bait but threw it out as soon as they felt the line - Spent most of the afternoon on the boat & about the docks. Weighed 10 st exactly on one of Pooleys Scales Had tea on Board & weighed Anchor at 8-20 - Irish time - English time after this.. passed the Flashing Down Light at 9-30 the Mull of Galloway at 10.30 passed the Barrow Boat Showing her Port Light, and the point of Ayr

at 1-0. The night was foggy when we started We steamed very slowly out of the Dough but the light became finer as we proceeded and the stars became visible the water was very smooth - the light at the point of Ayr is flashing Red and white alternately. The Assistant Engineer took us down to the Engines there are 4 Cylinders working 2 Cranks. & 4 Boilers the Prince of Wales is the finest and

largest boat of the L & Y & L & N W Ry Co and was built in 1886 last night we visited the boat then & saw the Duke of Connaught. The Prince of Wales is fitted with steam steering apparatus & is lighted throughout with Electricity - There is no log used but the distance is Cal-culated by the number of revolutions which are registered by means of Harding recorder - passed the light of Ramsey about 1.30

& soon after the Laxey lights
Saw Snaefell in the
Isle of Man - The
fog settled again on
the water & although
I had seen gulls for
some time we did
not sight any light
until 5.0 We landed
shortly after had breakfast
on board & left the
boat at 5.45 took
the L & Y train for
Manchester at 6.25
arriving at 8.30 here
we found the Connection
train for Leeds had
left as our train was
late. Father rowed up
the Railway Authorities
& we took the next

train 9-25 for Leeds
where we arrived at
10.40. train the train
to Headingley - and
so concluded our
holidays for 1889.

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money for they must have sugar & bread too. offer an Irishman tea & potatoes & you will not do it again.

Marriages in Ireland are mere money making concerns. the Father of the wife paying the 7 of the husband so much for taking her daughter off his hands & the matches are arranged not by the persons who ought to be most interested but by their parents

by buying a few
Calves & turning them
on to the hills they
scarcely see them for
2 years when they
are looked up & sold
at a good profit.
the introduction of
reaping machines has
ruined the Irish labourers
as in former times
they went over to England
in shoals & made sufficient
money by their Sythes
to last them all the year
tea also appears to
have an evil effect
as having once had
it they will have it
if possible - this costs

of working up the native wool - Most of the pigs are black & white - (piebald) large numbers of goats are kept. Saw some donkeys which appear to be the general beast of burden eating and apparently enjoying thistles. houses in the poorer districts thatched with hay & bound down with ropes weighted with stones - Most of the dwellings are in the face of a hill & are not apparent. the way the people manage to live is

As we travelled further north the land became better & the people less squalid - birds were more numerous, and the children ceased to follow our cars -

A land agent with whom we travelled from Sligo said that the arrears act had partly ruined the country because it was an incentive to hard working honest men to let their rents run into arrear

A Bradford firm is establishing a woollen mill in the Westport district for the purpose

While we were on the water it rained for about 5 Minutes - Saw 2 Herons but Shallows prevented us from getting near enough to the shore.
The Country this side of Nesport is decidedly better than what we had before passed thro' I never saw such poor land as in the Comewana districts it is almost all bog + scarcely a blade of grass to be seen

Common inscriptions on the reverse side of the tombstones are such as -

Murphy O'Kinlavis Family Vault

James Mc Cullans burying place

The family burying place of

inscriptions on the face -

Of your kind charity pray for the soul of Bridget Mahon &c

R. I. P.

speak in whispers & if you stop they stop too & are silent they all speak Celtic in the West though most but by no means all speak English too.

When passing down the Antrim Coast we stopped at Ballycastle - Cushendall Glenarm & Larne & saw the Mull of Gallaway & the Isle of Islay & of Course the Limestone here is extensively quarried

allowing the cars to pass within 10 yards of them. the bread in the mess is rum stuff & the ham they serve is all bacon & of very indifferent quality too. The people follow the gun as though they had never seen one but once before & the boys are very eager to point out game to you & to pick it up when shot. there may be a small crowd following you but when they are near they all

The people in Commanra appear to be wretchedly poor. None of the children wear any covering for the feet the girls are splendid runners they will follow the Cars for 3 or 4 ~~fe~~ miles and seldom get anything their clothing also is of the scanliest description one child had the remains of a dress made of sackcloth across which was printed "Patent roller flour" The birds + especially the Crows are very tame

Sir, sorry to trouble you. you are right anywhere here I lost sight of Birch

King's Bridge Dublin just London Bridge so far as width goes entirely in the shade it is traversed by 3 pairs of tram-rails between them & on the balustrades there is a wide footpath & each pair of lines is in the centre of a road as wide as any ordinary one

* he did not seem to know what I meant probably never having seen it

As soon as we arrived at Dublin I was stopped by a young fellow in plain clothes with "your gun licence sir! Customs" On producing it I said this is not a proclaimed district is it. Yes Sir So I showed him my permit. All right

the Mail cars &
those corresponding
to our Wagonettes
are vile. Some time
ago the L & N W Ry Co
negotiated to buy
up the Dublin and
Galway line so as
to make a port of
Galway & open a
Grand trunk line
to America but
they did not come
to terms

Peat is cheiffy
used for fuel there
being immense bog
of it in the West
I asked a man at
Clifden about Coal

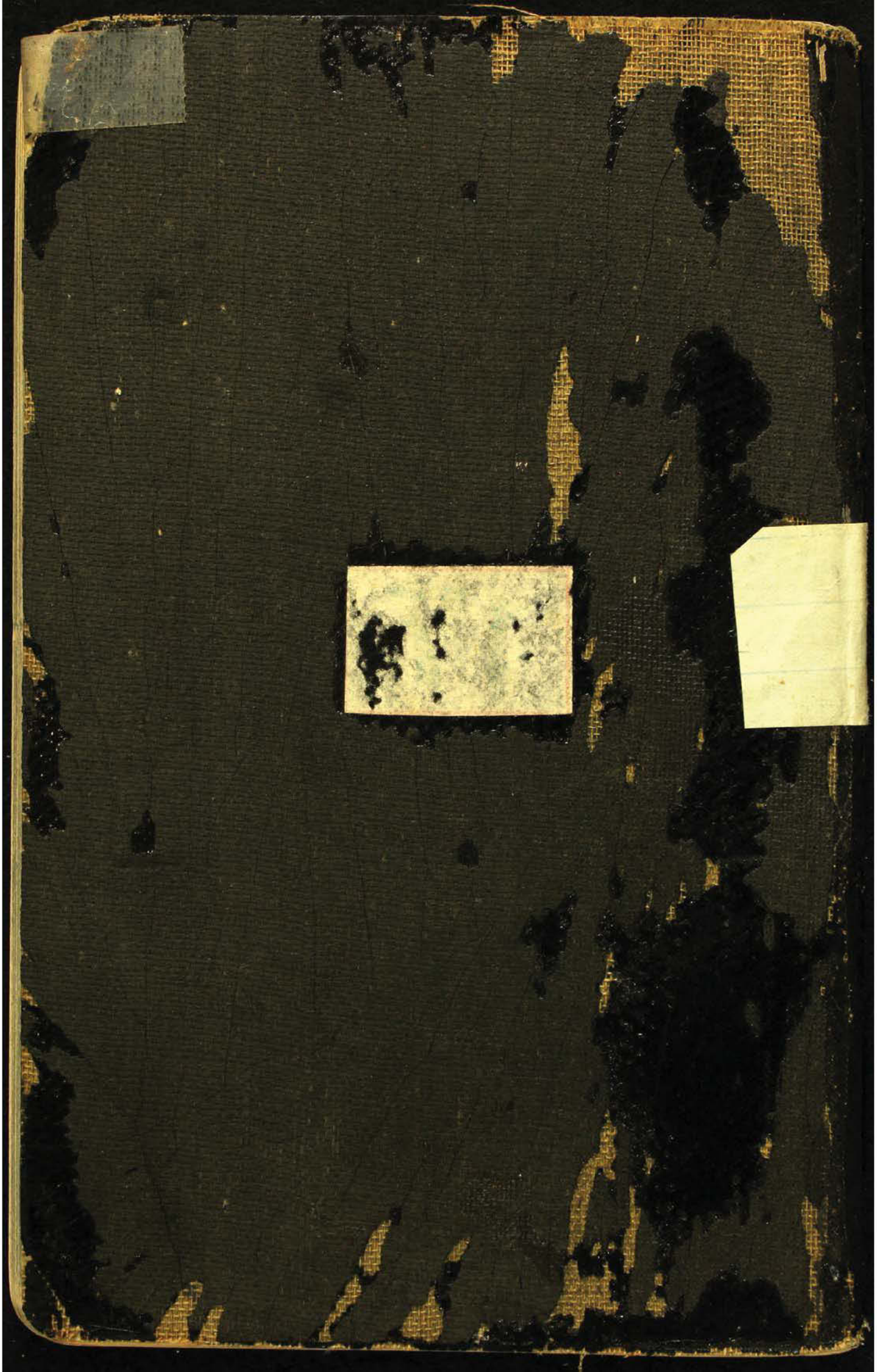
the bag by saying
Mind you don't
spoil your boots
Biddy. She like
most of the women
in the district was
quite destitute of
any encumbrances
of this description
their dresses reach
very little lower
than their knees
At Galway saw the
women washing
clothes with their feet
The Car is the
universal mode of
conveyance - the ordinary
passenger car is
not so bad but

The gate posts in Ireland are very substantial affairs being built of stones & curved into a tower perhaps 4 feet in diameter & this shape

When at one of the post offices between Clifden and Westport one of the passengers brought the color to the girls cheeks who brought

Aug 18 Dublin.
Rook Blue Tit Common
Gull Kittiwake. Herring
Gull. L B B gull? etc
19 Dublin Helix aspersa
H nemoralis and
Bulimus? —— ? On
way to Mullingar
Roots in large heaps
Ragwort. Oxeye Starlings
in flocks. Scabious Thistle
Poppy. Gt tr Herb Cow
Parsnip. Birds F Trefoil
Swallow. Magpie Foxglove
Heather, Knapweed etc

Ragwort Plovers Flint Pebbl
Gulls + Curlews? or the Sand
Hardwicken Castle

Leave	Dublin Broadstone.	1 – 0
arrive	Mullingar	3.24
dept	"	6.10
arrive	Galway	9.15

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