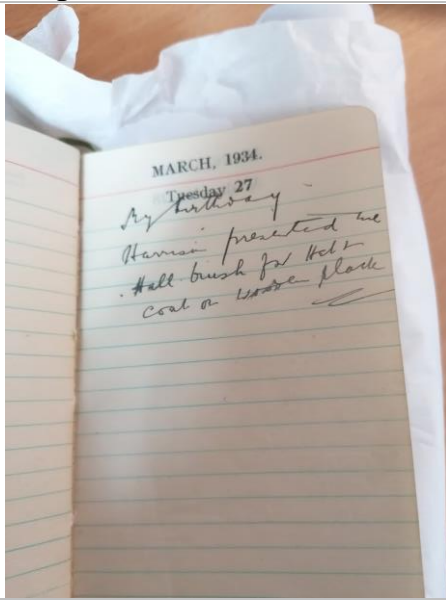
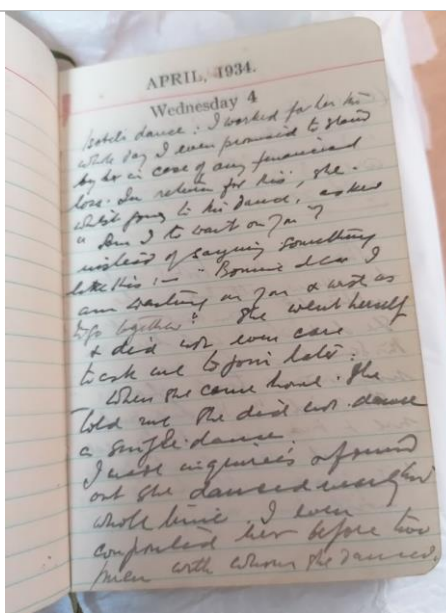
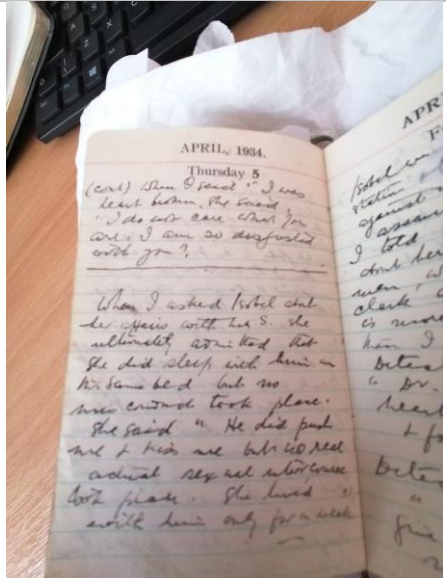
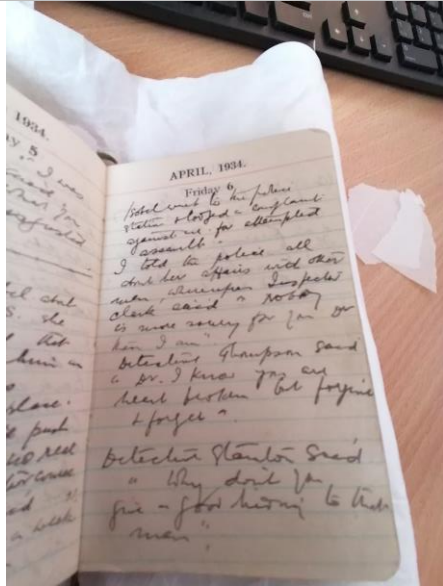


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 Dr Buck Ruxton's Diary
 Transcript

Images	Date: Tuesday 27th of March 1934	Notes
	<p>My birthday Harrison presented me hall brush for hat and coat on wooden plack (sic)</p>	<p>All other references cite BR's birthday as 21 March, but his diary states that 27 is his birthday. There is nothing in this diary prior to this, which suggests he may have been given it as a gift.</p>
	<p>Date: Wednesday 4th of April 1934</p>	
	<p>Isobel's dance. I worked for her the whole day. I even promised to stand by her in case of any financial loss. In return for this, she whilst going to her dance asks, "am I to wait on you?" instead of saying something like this "Bonnie dear I am waiting on you and want us to go together." She went herself and did not even care to ask me to join later. When she came home she told me she did not dance a single dance. I made enquiries found out she danced (??) the whole time (?). I even confronted before two men with whom she danced. (Continued on next day's page, see next image) When I said I was heartbroken she said "I do not care what you are. I'm so disgusted with you".</p>	<p>Note that he spells her name Isobel and not Isabella, as it is spelled everywhere else. Bonnie was her endearing term for Buck.</p>
	<p>Date: Thursday April 5th 1934</p>	
	<p>When I asked Isobel about her affairs with S she ultimately admitted that she did sleep with him in the same bed but no ** (?) took place. She said "He did push me and kiss me but no real actual sexual intercourse took place". She lived with him only for a week.</p>	

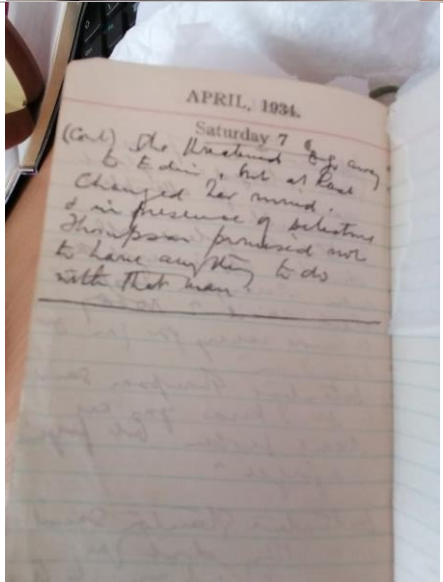
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Isobel went to the police station and lodged a complaint against me for attempted assault. I told the police all about her affairs with other men whereupon Inspector Clerk said "Nobody is more sorry for you Dr than I am." Detective Thompson said "Dr I know you are heart broken but forgive and forget." Detective Stamton said "Why don't you give a good hiding to that man."

Walter Stamton ?

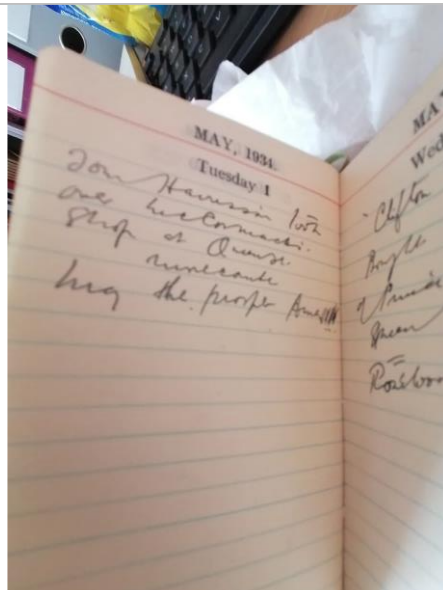
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She threatened to go away to Edinburgh but at last changed her mind and in presence of Detective Thompson promised not to have anything to do with that man.

No entries until

Tuesday 1 May 1934

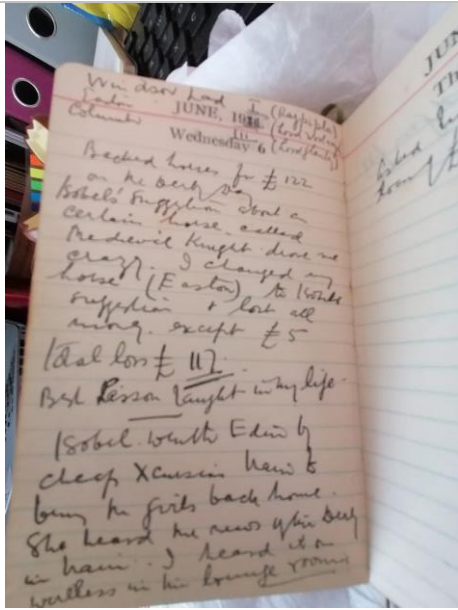


Tom Harrison took over ** (?) shop at Queen St Morecambe
** ** (?)
Bring the people home!!!! (?)

This refers to Thomas Harrison opening a Dental Surgery in Morecambe

	<p>Wednesday 2 May 1934</p> <p>Clifton Hall Sale Bought marble statues of Prince Consort + Queen Victoria Rosewood Cabinet</p>	<p>He is clearly trying to furnish Isobel's life, trying to keep her happy at home by providing for her.</p>
	<p>Wednesday 16 May 1934</p> <p>Bought from Hest Bank Lodge Sale Statue Indian Slave Girl holding a torch Carved ** (?) Binoculars Plated ** (?) Dresden China Figurine and Salad Bowl Silk ** (?)</p>	<p>Hest Bank Lodge was a school opened by Thomas Bond and Grace Hetherington in 1840. Demolished 1964</p>
	<p>Monday 21 May 1934</p> <p>Went with Belle and children (2 girls) to Edinburgh. Left the girls at Jean's but we came back the same night. Mary (maid) looked after Billie Boy. Shops were shut when we set out shopping. Saw a chandelier through a window. Commissioned Jean to go the next day and buy it for us.</p>	<p>Note he calls her Belle when happy</p>
<p>No entries until</p>	<p>No entries until</p>	

Wednesday 6 June 1934



Windsor Lad I (Maharaja ?)
Easton II (Lord Wooler?)
Columbo III (Lord Stanley ?)

Backed horses for £122 on the Derby Day
Isobel's suggestion about a certain horse called Medieval Knight drove me crazy. I changed my horse (Easton) to Isobel's suggestion and lost all money except £5.
Total loss £117
Best lesson taught in my life.

Isobel went to Edinburgh by cheap excursion to bring girls back home. She heard the news of the Derby in the train. I heard it on wireless in the lounge rooms.

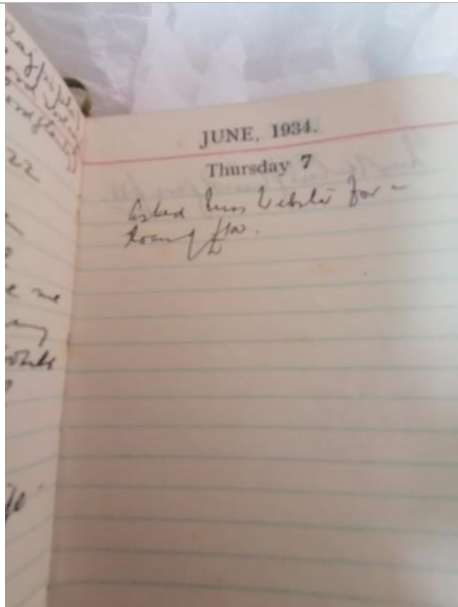
These are the order of the winners of the Derby that year, and their owners.

Note Easton came in second.

Bella had a long history of betting and wanted to set up a Murphy's betting shop. Buck rented an office in Blackburn, while she negotiated with Murphy's.

Money was tight at this point.

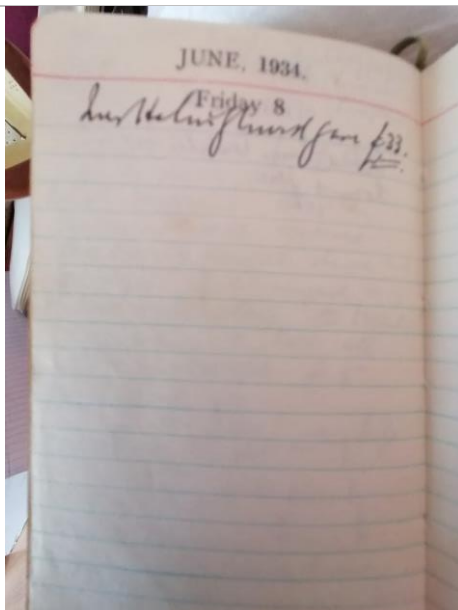
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Asked Mrs Webster for a loan of £100.

See notes at back of diary, which refer to Webster as 'not true-blue'

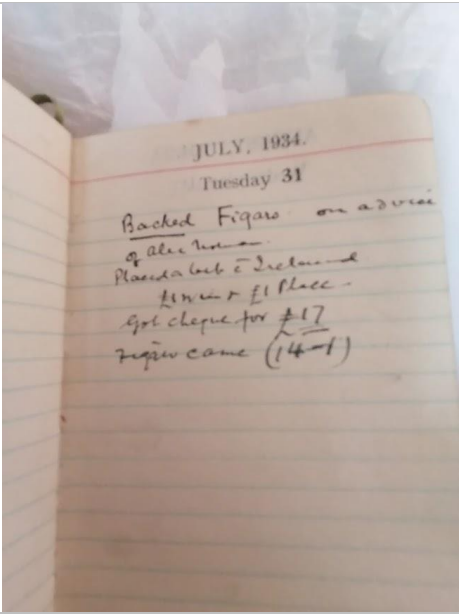
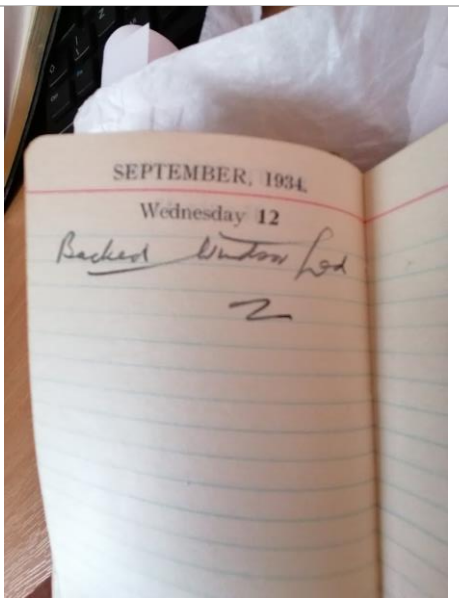
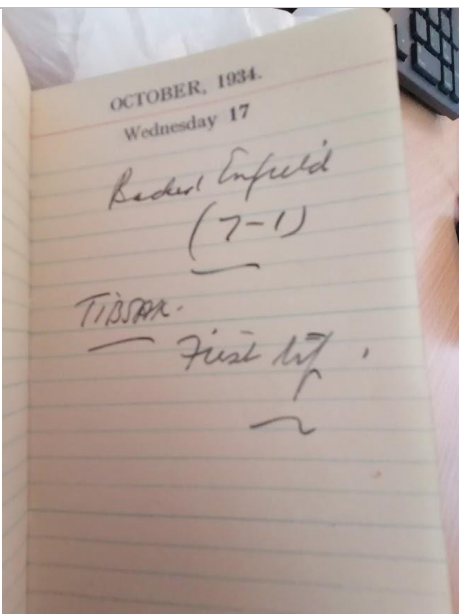
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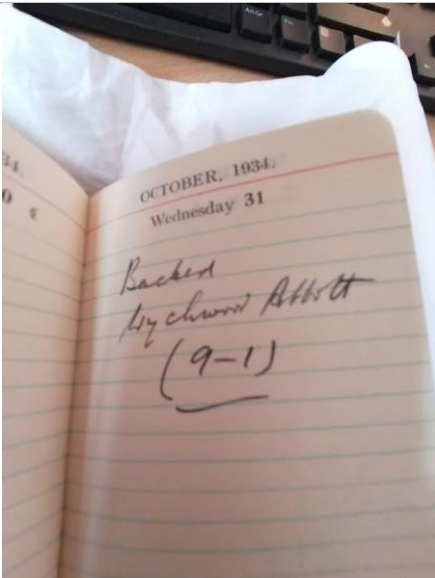
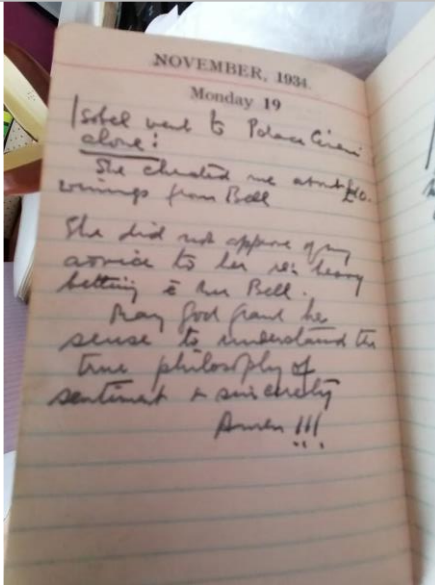
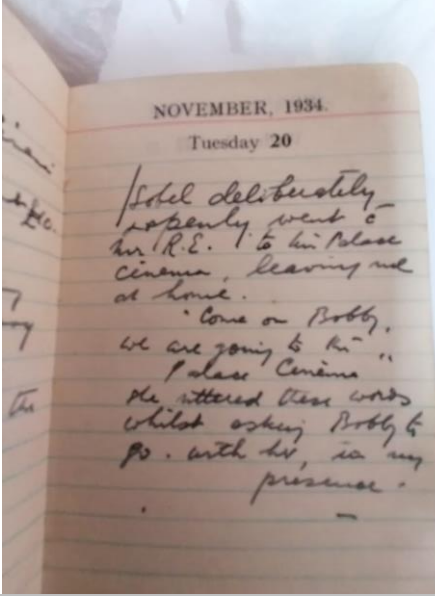


** ** ** £33 (?)

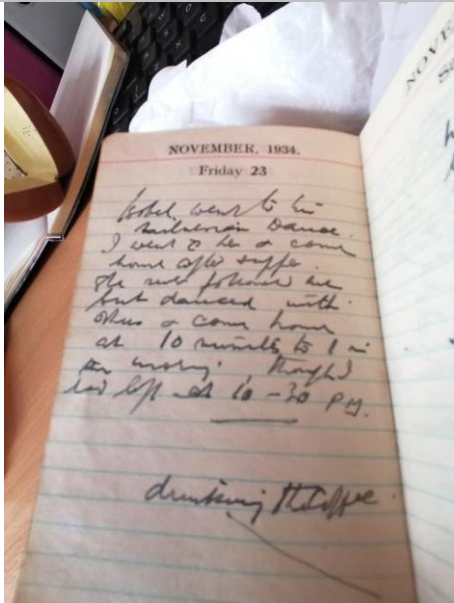
See notes at back of diary, which refers to this person as really good, so assume they lent money.

No entries until

	<p>Tuesday 31 July 1934</p> <p>Backed Figaro on advice of Alec ? Placed a bet in Ireland £1 win £1 Place Got cheque for £17 Figaro came (14-1)</p>	
	<p>No entries until</p>	
	<p>Wednesday 12 September 1934</p>	
	<p>Backed Windsor Lad</p>	<p>St. Leger Stakes</p>
	<p>Wednesday 17 October 1934</p>	
	<p>Backed Enfield (7-1) ** (?) Finish last (?)</p>	

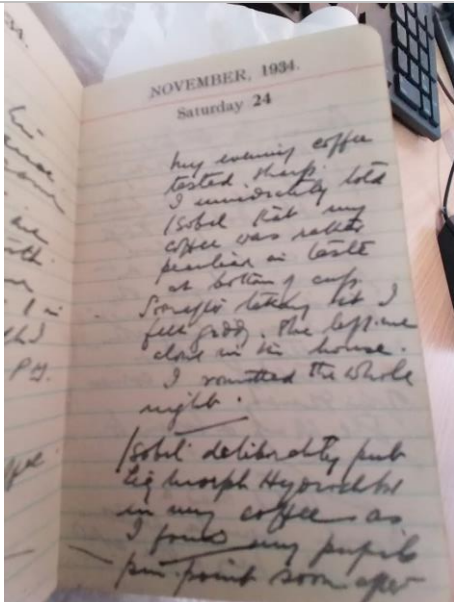
	<p>Wednesday 31 October 1934 Backed Wychwood Abbott (9-1)</p>	
	<p>Monday 19 November 1934 Isobel went to Palace Cinema <u>alone</u>. She cheated me out of £10 winning from Bell (?) She did not approve of my advice to her heavy betting with Bell. May God grant her sense to understand the true philosophy of sentiment and sincerity Amen !!!</p>	<p>Wonder if Bell was a betting shop?</p>
	<p>Tuesday 20 November 1934 Isobel deliberately and openly went with R.E. to the Palace Cinema, leaving me at home. "Come on Bobby we are going to the Palace Cinema" she uttered these words whilst asking Bobby to go with her, in my presence.</p>	<p>R.E. Appears to the Robert Edmondson. Not sure if Robert B or Robert J. Also shortened to Bobby.</p>

Friday 23 November 1934



Isobel went to the ** (?) Dance. I went with her and came home after supper. She never followed me but danced with ** (?) and came home at 10 minutes to 1 in the morning, though I left at 10.30pm.

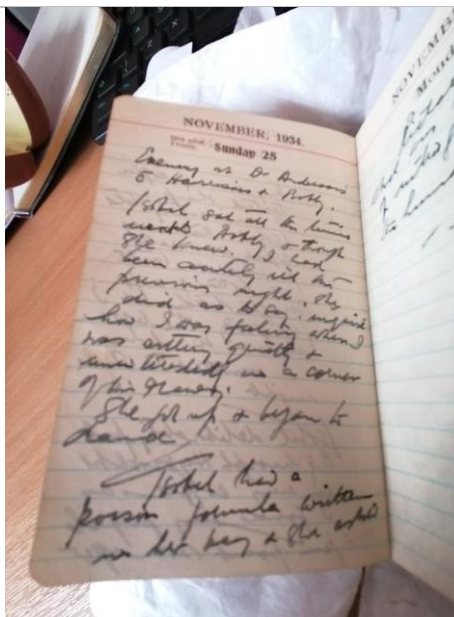
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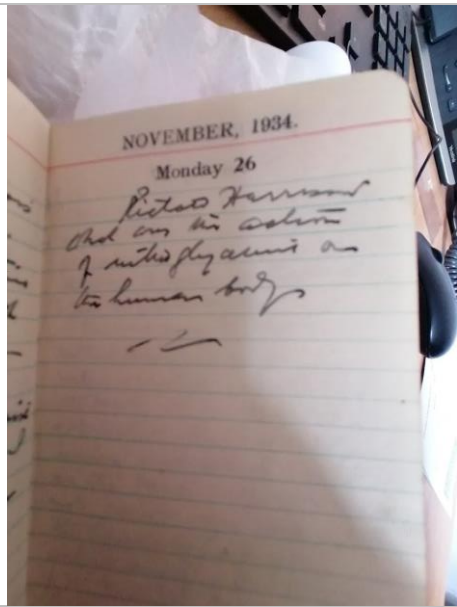
My evening coffee tasted sharp. I inadvertently (?) told Isobel that my coffee was peculiar in taste at bottom of cup. Soon after taking it I felt giddy. She left me alone in the house. I vomited the whole night. Isobel deliberately put liquid Morph Hydrochloride in my coffee as I found my pupils pin point soon after drinking the coffee.

Used as an analgesic. Isobel used to help Buck with tooth extractions, so would have been able to get her hands on controlled drugs.

Sunday 25 November 1934

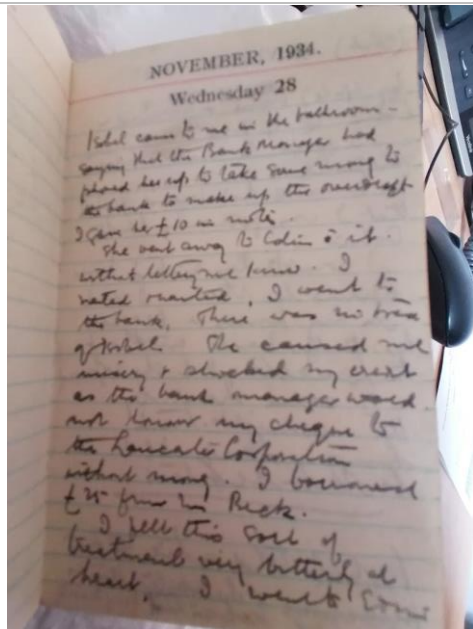


Evening at Dr Anderson's with Harrison and Bobby. Isobel sat all the time next to Bobby and though she knew I had been acutely ill the previous night she did as to say inquire how I was feeling when I was sitting quietly and ** (?) a corner of ** (?). She got up and began to dance. Isobel had a poison formula written in her bag and she asked (Continued onto next day's page)



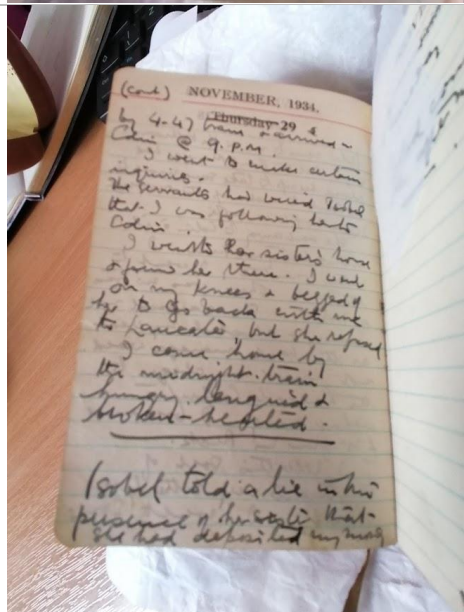
Richard Harrison * * * * (?) on the human body.

Wednesday 28 November 1934

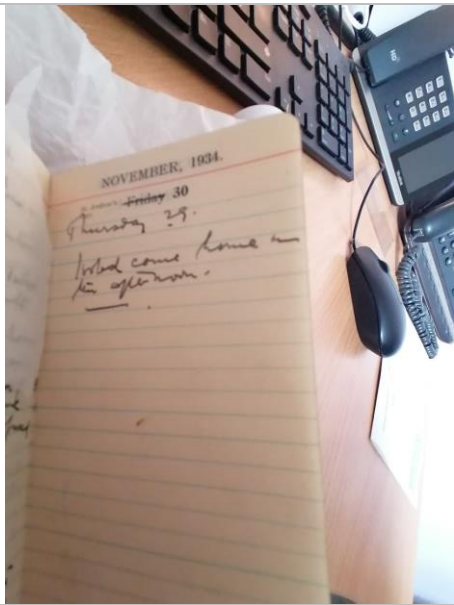


Isobel came to me in the bathroom saying that the bank manager had phoned her up to take some money to the bank to make up the overdraft. I gave her £10 in notes. She went away to Edinburgh with it without letting me know. I ? ?. I went to the bank there was no trace of Isobel. This caused me misery and ? my ? as the bank manager would not honour my cheque to the Lancaster Corporation without money (?). I borrowed £25 from Mr Beck (?). I ? this ? of treatments very bittering of heart, I went to Edinburgh

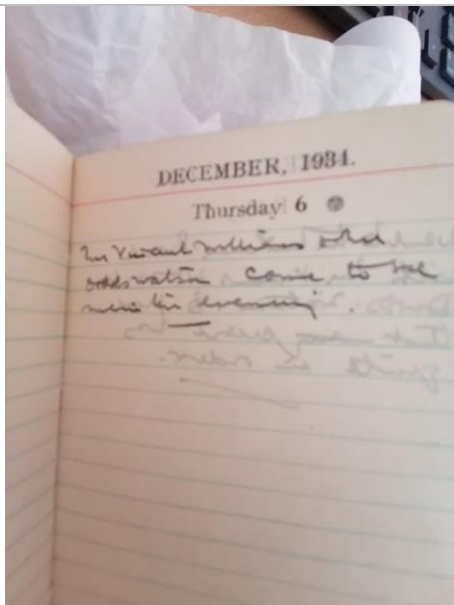
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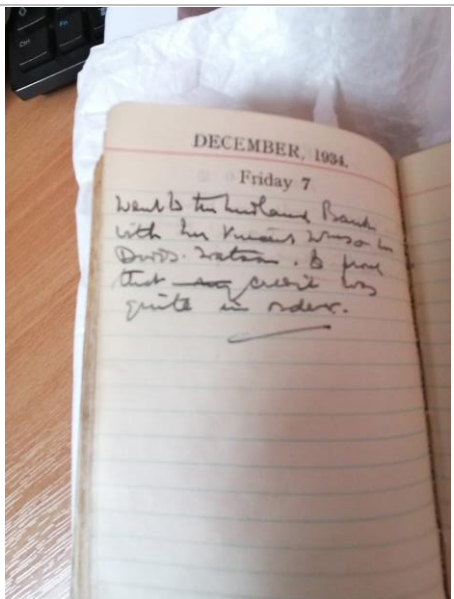
by 4-4 train and arrived in Edinburgh @9pm. I went to make ? enquiries. The servants had wired/warned Isobel that I was following hr to Edinburgh. I went to her sister's house and found her there. I was on my knees and begged her to go back with me to Lancaster but she refused. I came home by the midnight train hungry, languid and broken-hearted. Isobel told a lie ? ? of her sister that she had deposited my money.



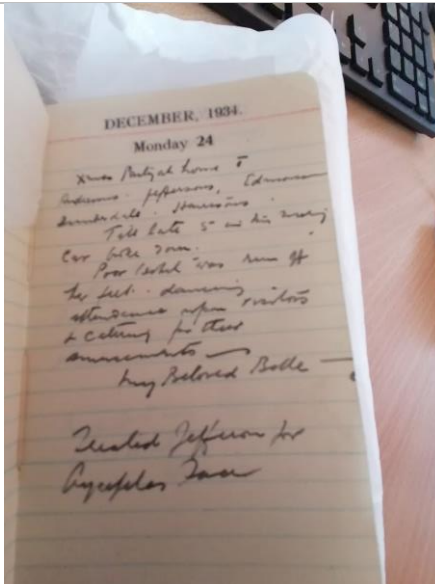
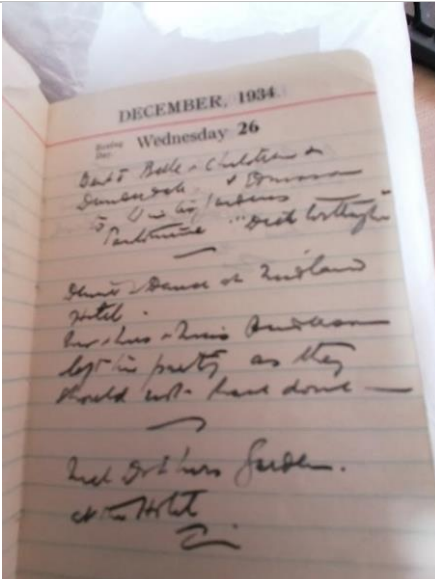
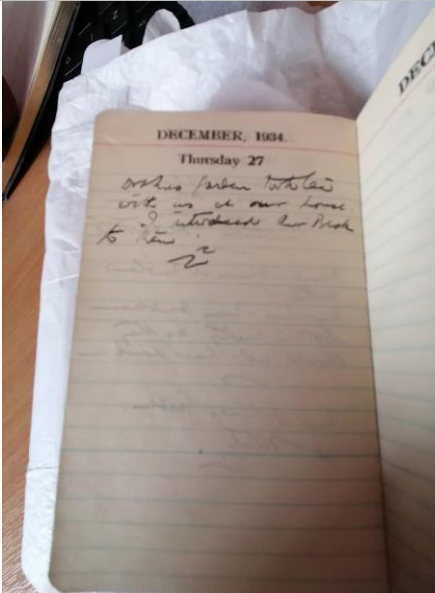
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Isobel came home in the afternoon.



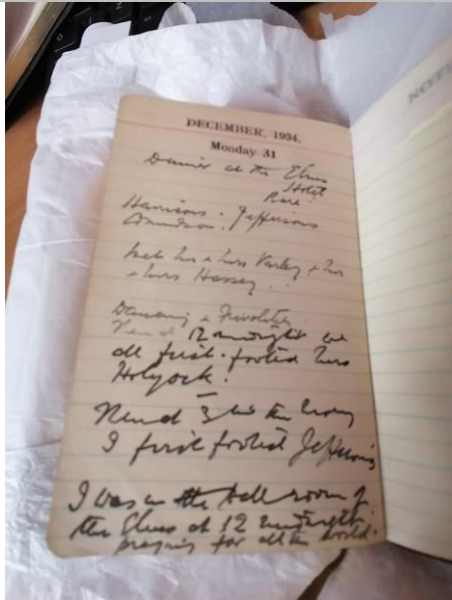
Thursday 6 December 1934
*** ** ** Watson (?) came to the ** (?) this evening.



Friday 7 December 1934
Went to the ** ? Bank with Mr ** (?) and ** (?) to prove that everything was quite in order.

 <p>DECEMBER, 1934. Monday 24 Xmas Party at home to Andersons, Jeffersons, Edmondson, Dunderdale, Harrison. Till late S in his ? Car broke down. Poor Isobel was run off her feet dancing attendance upon visitors and coatering for their amusements. My Beloved Belle. Treated Jefferson for Dyscephalos Tumor</p>	<p>Monday 24 December 1934 Xmas party at home to Andersons, Jeffersons, Edmondson, Dunderdale, Harrison Till late S in his ? Car broke down. Poor Isobel was run off her feet dancing attendance upon visitors and coatering for their amusements. My Beloved Belle. Treated Jefferson for ??</p>	<p>Dr Herbert Anderson Mrs Ethel Anderson Robert J Edmondson (RE?) Robert B Edmondson (RE?) Frederish C Harrison Thomas Harrison James H Jefferson</p>
 <p>DECEMBER, 1934. Wednesday 26 Dinner Dance at Midland Hotel. Belle & Children & Edmondson & Harrison Dunderdale Treated Jefferson for Dyscephalos Tumor</p>	<p>Wednesday 26 December 1934 Went with Belle and children and ** (?) and Edmondson to Winter Gardens Pantomime Dick Whittington Dinner Dance at Midland Hotel. ?? and ?? left the party as they should not have done. ?? at the hotel.</p>	
 <p>DECEMBER, 1934. Thursday 27 Visited friend's house with us at our house I introduced her to them.</p>	<p>Thursday 27 December 1934 *** ** (?) with us at our house. I introduced ** (?) Beck (?) to them.</p>	

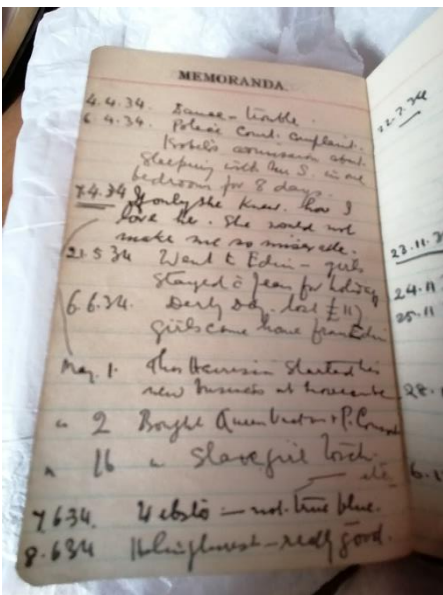
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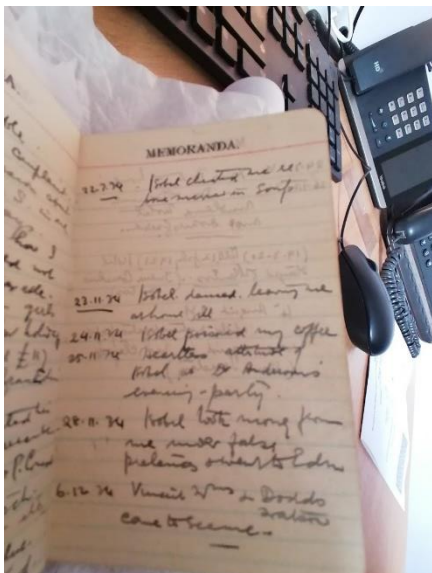
Dinner at the Elms Hotel, Bare.
Harrisons and Jeffersons, Edmondson
Met Mr and Mrs Varley and ?
Dancing and frivolity and at midnight we all first footed ? Holyock (?)
?? I first footed Jeffersons
I was in the ballroom of the Elms at 12 midnight praying for all the world.

John Varley

That is the end of the diary, but at the end in Memoranda, there are the following notes:



- 4.4.34 ? Trouble
- 6.4.34 Police ** (?) Complaint Isobel's admission about sleeping with Mr S in one bedroom for 8 days.
- 7.4.34 If only she knew how I love her. She would not make me so miserable.
- 1 May Thomas Harrison started his new business in Morecambe
- 2 May Bought Queen Victoria and P Consort
- 16 May Bought slave girl torch (?)
- 21.5.34 Went to Edinburgh and girls stayed at Jean's for holiday
- 6.6.34 Derby Day Lost £117. Girls came home from Edinburgh.
- 7.6.34 Webster Not true blue
- 8.6.34 ** (?) really good



- 22.7.34 Isobel cheated me ** (?) in ** (?)
- 23.11.34 Isobel danced leaving me at home ill.
- 24.11.34 Isobel poisoned my coffee.
- 25.11.34 Heartless attitude of Isobel at Dr Anderson's evening party.
- 28.11.34 Isobel took money from me under false pretences and went to Edinburgh
- 6.12.34 ** (?) came to see me.
- 24.12.34 Xmas party at home
- 26.12.34 Dinner Dance Midland Hotel Met ** ** (?)
- 19.3.21 till 12 July 1921 Isobel stayed with Van Ess (Julius Cornelius Van Ess)
- 4th August 1931 Isobel's naturalization papers were approved by Mr Clynes Home Secretary