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Excerpts from "Adam's Diary."

Monday.--This new creature with the long hair is a good deal in the way. It is always hanging around and following me about. I don't like this; I am not used to company. I wish it would stay with the other animals. Cloudy today, wind in the east; think we shall have rain. We? Where did I get that word?--I remember now--the new creature uses it.

Tuesday.--Been examining the great waterfall. It is the finest thing on the estate, I think. The new creature named it Falls--why, I am sure I do not know. Says it looks like Falls. I get no chance to name anything myself. The new creature names everything that comes along, and always that same pretext is offered--it looks like the thing. There is the dodo, for instance. Says the moment one looks at it one sees at a glance that it "looks like a dodo." It will have to keep that name, no doubt. Dodo! It looks no more like a dodo than I do!

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