March 15: rain, gray
Jan. 10, 1896—ments Captain James Claplanhoo
Mary Webster and Polly Biondi and Sarah Willoughby share him around, inviting him for dinner, listening to him reading letters...
Dec 19, 1895

Have been experimenting dyeing old pants & vest with Diamond navy blue dye. I took an old pair of pants faded and discolored which I was about to give to an Indian or burn up, and having washed them I boiled them in the dye as directed for two hours and I think they will be improved so that I can wear them again.
Ap 1, 1898, S began to use mustard-colored pocket diary, a Standard for 1890, and uses it until end of year. Handwriting is darker ink, and there are gaps (which aren't in the 1890 entries). Swan generally remembers to add the little loop atop the 0 of 1890 to transform the year, but when he doesn't, it is as if his entries flow back and forth between the years.
1889 and 1890 diaries in common pocket notebooks. 
1891 is long, slim Standard pocket diary, with maroon leather covers and gilt page edges. 
1892 is divvied into notebooks again 
1893 is a standard Excelsior diary, maroon covers. 
1894, 5, 6, 7 also Excelsior—Excelsior Diary in gilt script on cover of each—tho 1894 is longer and slimmer. 
All are maroon.
(We cannot see ourselves as old. Dare not.)

as we will be when old.