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Historical or Biographical Note
Charles H. Stoddard studied engineering at Leland Stanford Jr. University from 1892 to 1895. In 1901, he was employed as the chief draftsman at the Fulton Engineering & Shipbuilding Works in San Francisco. In 1903, he is listed as a mechanical engineer in the city directory. By 1917, he had joined the Moore & Scott Iron Works in Oakland, where he continued to work for many years. By 1923, he was the superintendent of the shipyard, now known as the Moore Drydock Company. Some of the notebooks in this collection are stamped "Christy Machine Works," but it is not known if Stoddard ever worked for that company. It is uncertain when he retired, but he retained a financial interest in Moore Drydock Company as late as 1941.

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Stoddard lived in San Francisco until about 1917, when he moved to Burlingame. By 1922, he had moved to Oakland, where he continued to live as late as 1941.

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