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Left London for Paris.

In spite of the great storm we had an excellent crossing, sea almost smooth, & being in the large boat I had never a qualm. After sleeping in Paris I went on to Marseille by day train, & slept there. Next morning, when in the Borelly Museum, Miss Reece came in; & in the afternoon I found her & Miss Evans on board, when I embarked. We had a fair day, & the three other days the afternoons were roughish, so that I shunned dinner, but was not ill at all. The main safety is in lying down & sleeping before the sea is rough enough to be uncomfortable. At Alexandria we got in too early, the ship stopping at 1 a.m. after which there was no sleep. We went ashore in time for the first train, & so landed in Cairo on 3 Dec.

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house at Sakkara, & to have tombs opened to copy; Brugsch however put in some difficulties. They are going to have another cook beside my boy Hussein; so that I do not see why I should spare them the latter. Quibell was out with Miss Pirie at Sakkara, so I could not hear what was negociated about my affairs till the evening. MissesP. were in a hurry to be off, so started early next morning with Quibell; which delayed my business another day, as Q. was essential as a witness of what de Morgan had agreed to before de M. left Cairo.

I heard that De M. had agreed to my excavating the palace of Amenhotep III & the Ramesseum. But as there are great possibilities in such a site de M. makes reservations, & requires us to have a reis to represent the museum at our cost.

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I bought various trifles in Cairo, the best are a new year's wish for Prince Sheshenq engraved on a lazuli scarab [♠] all on a scarab of [♠] this size. Also a very unusual Hatshepsut [♠] finely cut on a small carnelian scarab.

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A very fine scarab of Nekau. An electrum pectoral with figure of Jahuti, for Kasarken son of Auput high priest of Amen (XXII dyn.). A hard green stone scarab splendidly cut, engraved [\*] "Tahutmes III making Kadesh to bow down". So there are still some prizes to be had in Cairo, although several collectors have been clearing the market before me. Q. bought in the street another Khyan scarab, which he exchanged with me.

I saw a curious lot <from Naukratis> of 6 cats life size, 5 in marble & 1 limestone, with a base of one inscribed [元]
"Galatea daughter of
Theudotos to Bubastis". They are all in running attitude, some with birds in mouth, & of Greek work. From the cutting of the insrip¹ probably of the IV¹h cent B.C. I made a bid & expect to get them when I come away, for Brit. Mus.

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Poor D<sup>r</sup> Grant has been very ill two or three times lately; lungs bad, & now heart failing on any upset of the system. He is better, but still in bed, where I saw him to day. He is muscularly strong, & looks to me as if he would get on all right if he were to be very strict in not overtaking himself, & be dieted strictly. Happily M<sup>r</sup> Gibson is here, & is putting all his affairs into order for him. M<sup>rs</sup> Grant & Jessie are well, & are able to look after him.

At last we got off from Cairo. Milne & Quibell going with me, & sleeping at Girgeh; & Wallis & Miss Q. following by night train. Thus we reached Luxor by night Dec 8 10. Newberry was waiting for me & carried me off for the night to his house. He has a sweet garden, & small native house, at the north end of Luxor; & he & his wife have been as kind as they can be about all our affairs. He comes over to

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the west side several times a week, & is making tracings of all the most important tombs, with the very imperfect French copies to serve as a stimulus to completion. His work appears to be excellent so far as I have seen it. The next morning I crossed over, & looked at my ground, lunched with Carter, got 9 men that afternoon levelling down our dwelling-gallery floors; & as no stores or Q. came that day, I slept at Carters at D.B. Next day our traps came over & we stock down in the galleries.

This dwelling of ours is in the still-standing brick galleries <or tunnels> with arch roofs built by Ramessu II around the Ramesseum. They are about 12 ½ feet wide, about as high though partly filled with earth, and 50 to 80 feet long, [\*] still fairly perfect. The ventilating holes along the roof have broken

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away & left gaps at parts; but by building cross walls of dry brick inside we can devide them into very fair rooms. I selected the most complete, being a group of four adjacent tunnels, & had a deep trench dug all round them so as to isolate them, & prevent any one coming in or on to the roof without plenty trespassing; such a ditch serving also to trap any intruder who might try to run off at night. This trench, and the levelling of the ground, &c, occupied us for the latter half of the week; so we were ready for excavation by the 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. Our establishment consists of one tunnel, the worst, in which I have secured a good piece for my room alone: the second, the best, which is divided up

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for Miss Quibell, her brother, Milne, dining room, & kitchen: the third which is for our men from Koft; & the fourth, much broken, in which Ali wants to settle in his wife & baby from their village near Negadeh. We telegraphed & got Ali to meet us at Nagada, & he has been cook and factorum for the first fortnight, & invaluable for trustyness, & beating down prices. Our old hands from Koft have all swarmed up here before we wanted them, & about 50 more whom we would not take. One of them whom we sent down there to fetch some bed steads & boards of ours did a smart thing. All men anxious to come on speculation of being employed (not sent for by us, – nor wanted) he offered to bring at 1 piastre each. He thus paid for the boat for our things out of the fares of the speculators

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of whom only three or four were men whom we should think of taking. He thus brought our things for nothing! and he quite honestly stated the transaction, though he might have pocketed about a week's pay out of the business. The fools who estimated their own desirability so highly, were brought cheaper than they could come otherwise, & if they would come they might as well pay for our boat. This is a good instance of Egyptian shrewdness & infatuation.

I fully expected great trouble with the people here, trouble in managing them, in excluding spies & dealers, & in keeping our Koft men safe. But I have been most agreeably disappointed. Of course we had a turmoil in the first few mornings with a couple of hundred men & boys ramping for work; but I Thicken them all by their faces; + I very little of + Ihave not a greater ofthe of they all wor This is the first-time

picked them all by their faces; & Carter who has seen them on my work says that I have not got a single bad character known to him. A very little firmness has cleared the business entirely, & I have not a quarter of the worry that I had at Koft. Of course our Koft outsiders are kept entirely to themselves, & have work apart from all the locals. But anyway the locals are a large proportion of excellent men & boys; & but for the taint of dealing which clings to all the inhabitants, I should certainly take as many locals as Koftis in my best pick. Some of the locals are the pleasantest I have ever had; & they all work amazingly. This is the first time

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that Thebans have had a chance of metre work; & the prospect of being able to earn an unlimited amount by hard work is a glorious innovation to them. They begin half an hour before sunrise & go on to sunset or later, working with a vengeance all day. The result is that even at 1<sup>d</sup> a cubic yard the best earn over double day wages, & I have cut prices to 3<sup>d</sup>/4 a yard, still leaving them up to double wages for the best. <I should think the work cost 1/2 or 3/4 of day labour, to me.>

As to the payment for things I find that go on just as well as any where else. I bought up all that is worth having on this side of the river, about £ 2 or 3, all very cheap; got thus to the bottom of the local dealers prices; & proclaimed

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that I give the same for all that is found. Scarab & small things have been handed up to me without hesitation, & I have given what is received with thanks & satisfaction. One man tried to foist in a bit of stone from outside (though others have plenty told me whether things were from the work, or no,) & I spotted it at once, & dismissed him amid the jeers of the others. Everyone thought him a fool to lose his place all for no advantage. The first man that grumbled at his pay for his hole, I paid off at once, & will not take back. Such little decisions have had a good effect, & the tone of the work is excellent; we are on the best terms together, & I only hope that we may get on anything like as well as we go now. There does not seem to be the least

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jar sealings, & stamped bricks; beside the lower half of the face of a colossal statue of T. IV. in sandstone, of fine work. But I shall recover nearly all the plan of the building, & it is certainly worth clearing & recording, as it will cost under £ 20 altogether. I have also begun on the south edge of the Ram<sup>m</sup> buildings.

In the Ram<sup>m</sup> I have dug two pits in the fore court, with a view to de M. building buttresses to secure the great wall of the battle of Kadesh, which is in very perilous state. In doing this I found that the fore court had Osiride colossi around it like the second court.

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Spiegelberg is living on this side, & overhauls all our hieratic ostraca, &c; & gives his readings & remarks. Borchardt I have just seen on his way up to Philae where he is going to work out the temples thoroughly with Capt. Lyons. Daressy is in charge of the immense clearing & repairs of Medinet Habu, which is being thoroughly done.

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rock, & built over by the offices attached to Tahutmes IV temple. The contents are certainly therefore of mid XVIII dyn. In it were nearly a hundred bodies in plain wood coffins, all mere brown dust. The skulls however were well preserved, & we got out 81 good skulls, which being all of one age & one group will be excellent material for the ethnology [?] of Thebes before the later mixtures, of. Though only one tomb, & so poor, we have suddenly got a good outfit for more skull work; & 81 skulls, & 52 jars, are a fair haul for one afternoon. I kept some dozens of long bones which I shall measure here & leave behind, if no one petitions to have more such in England.

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I have also cleared out & planned the remains of a large private tomb, built with pylon, courtyard & chambers in brick; it proves to be of Khonsuardus a chief goldsmith of the temple of Amen, about XXV dyn. Scraps of his mummy cover give the name & titles. The bit of standing wall was <is> the most conspicuous land mark between the Ramesseum & Medinet Habu.

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a puzzle. It is not square with the temple of Amenhotep II which stands within the space cleared; it was not made by quarrying as only gravel concrete has been removed; & it was not made for tomb facades, as much of it is unoccupied by tombs. We have cleared most of the tombs along it now, & found scarcely anything in them; as they have been so thoroughly plundered:

But in a chamber built against the rock a curious group of things was found. A bronze helmet  $[\mathcal{R}]$  of the Assyrian type I think, a bronze bowl, & a stock of iron tools, 3 saws, 3 chisels, two centrebits  $[\mathcal{R}]$  with the sides not yet developed into a cutter & a scraper, a rasp cut with a punch as now, an incipient file roughly cut, an excellent rivolving gorge of a type now unknown  $[\mathcal{R}]$  & a sickle  $[\mathcal{R}]$ .

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I could hardly have supposed that centrebits & rasp were developed so early; but the form of the helmet cannot be put to any Greek or Roman source, & being bronze it cannot be mediaeval. That iron tools should be used at the time of the Assyrian invasion is quite likely, the more as I have long suspected that iron work was developed among the Chalybes in the north much earlier than in Egypt. This group seems to have belonged to an armourer, & it gives a fine new stand point in the history of tools. None of the forms are Egyptian, & I should attribute them all to the Assyrian invasion 600 B.C.

The Ramesseum work goes on also. But little has been found in it yet; the best thing perhaps being a lintel of Ram. III, with deep cut cartouches on the front, & a scene painted on the back, of the back of Dsiris with Isis + Rebhat + sundy This is in a new tyle from be have seen much of Spie gelberg, when i living over here on the west all the graffet That we find are hierater stuff ust in his line. He is the pleasantest absence of their usual bumpters may wallin is taying at D. B. sure have

the back, of the bark of Osiris with Isis & Nebhat & sandy ornaments, &c. This is in a new style of work, all the blues being incised in the stucco & filled in with blue paste flush on the face.

We have seen much of Spiegelberg, who is hiring over here on the west for hunting after all the graffiti & stray scratchings on the rocks. His special study is the R XIX-XXI dyn; & after considering it I have offered him the working up of all our inscriptions of this season, as most of what we find are hieratic stuff just in his hire. He is the pleasantest German I know, next to Wiedemann, for absence of their usual bumptiousness. We shall accordingly send him all the hieratic & copies of all the hieroglyphic, & he will edit them for my volume. Wallis is staying at D.B. & we have seen many other visitors passing. Milne & Miss Reece have left. Hussein has come to cook.

Please forward as usual.

22 Jan 1896

The acknowledgements of my first journal painfully remind me that I have run far in arrear with its continuation.

The cause of my delay has mainly been that my ideas & arrangements were in a very uncertain state; & I hardly knew what to think or say on many points. While the physical hindrance has been that I am generally very tired in an evening after ten hours in wind & sun; & in our airy galleries it has lately been so cold in an evening that the only happy place is between blankets, as I now write this.

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Naville thinks that it may be a queen altogether, ruling alone, & that it may be XXI<sup>st</sup> dyn. But there is nothing female about the name; & the colours of the glaze are too fine for that date I think. This new king began a large temple, just N. of the temple of Amenhotep III. There is a large levelled space of rock, bounded by a scarp on N & W (marked [\*] on maps), & the temple was begun

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on that space. But the space was not levelled for it, because the temple is not square with the space; & on the W. the back corner is cut into the scarp [ ] of this temple scarcely a stone remains; & it has been usually attributed to Amenhotep II. (Excuse scrawls as I as lying in bed on my writing arm). But there are few stones, there are all the

Amenhotep II. (Excuse scrawls as I am lying in bed on my writing arm). But though there are few stones, there are all the trenches for the foundations, filled with sand; and in the sand are the foundation deposits. These deposits consist each of a slab of stone with cartouches, & a large number of glazed pottery offerings of bulls heads sacrificed cows, thighs, ducks, lotus flowers,&c, besides many dozens of scarabs & plaques with the cartouches. About a pint of beads is in each deposit; but very few pots, & only two or three littel little saucers unbroken; & very slight & rough models of tools in copper.

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We have now cleared out four <six> deposits, & got 600 700 <1245> objects; but the earlier lots were pilfered by the local men I employed, & about 200 pieces got out to dealers; they are so anxious to get stuff to sell here, that they will steal, even though I give good value.. One of Carter's guards told him that his nephew was stealing & added that he was a great fool to do so, as I gave them as much as they got elsewhere. My friends about here have been of the greatest help in giving news of what has been taken, & I have succeeded in turning out all the thieves so far; & stepped off £ 4 of wages & bakhshish due to one of them. Luckily all this stuff is duplicate, & we have not lost any history, only centuplicates.

These thefts caused a great reorganizing of my work. I ejected nearly all the local men, & have taken in outsiders from a farm an hour to the north, & from villages 1-2 hours to the south.

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25 Jan. I have just seen a foundation deposit of the Ramesseum <turned out by Q>. Instead of a sandstone slab with cartouches, (as in the above) there is a limestone brick 10 x 5 x 4 inches with cartouches on three sides, coloured yellow. And with that about 250 plaques & model offerings in coloured glazes. A wooden brickmould of/<&> adze model, & one tiny bronze chisel. So the tools are all in abeyance in the XIX<sup>th</sup>; & the heaps of coloured glaze offerings are the main thing.

So far we have fixed an unappropriated temple to Tahutmes IV; changed a temple of Tahutmes IV (Lepsius) or Amenhotep II to the new king User mut ra; & changed the temple of Amenhotep III to Merenptah. For I now begin to believe that Amen<sup>p</sup> III only built one big temple here - that of the colossi; & the other temple attributed to him was merely built out of his material.

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Spiegelberg has found the remains of the temple of Aahmes Nefertari.

I am also helping to clear out two small temples or chapels which have not yet been assigned to anyone, between Tahutmes III and the Ramesseum.

On the socalled Amenhotep III temple - really Merenptah - I have found much of interest already. A hall of circular columns with square caps, & stone architraves, which carried a <u>brick</u> vaulted roof. A fine slab of a Sudan war of Merenptah, with negro soldiers, a dum palm, & a monkey in the trees. A fairly good head of Merenptah, rather rubbed, in soft sandstone; & a fine relief of his queen's face, perfect. The foundations are so deep in front that we have not yet reached the deposits. I went through 13 ft of clean sand bedding under 7 feet of chips, 20 ft in all, &

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only reached water, but no bottom of the foundation trench. So we are clearing a wider hole so as to work securely, & try to get below water. This is at the front pylon; at the back I hope for better results. I have opened the line of foundation all up one side, but have not yet cleared it out. The blocks laid on the sand in the trench comprise pieces of a splendid colossal sphinx, probably of Amenhotep III, all smashed up, & used for basing by Merenptah.

In the Ramesseum I have got a quantity of stuff from burials. Strange to say a finely carved wooden ushabti of Nehi the viceroy of Tahutmes III was found in some rubbish. Many XXII dyn tombs have some remains left; a fine bead net quite perfect, many winged scarabs, &c, & much painted cartonnage interesting mythologically. Thousands of little

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M<sup>I</sup> Wallis has been about here for sometime, & is thinking of doing a big picture of excavating. Newberry has been most helpfull<sup>sic</sup> {helpful} & kind, attending to all our postal business, getting boats for friends, & feeding us with vegetables. Carter & Brown we also seen pretty often, & Naville has looked in already. Spiegelberg is in here every other day, & reads all our graffiti & hieratic, which he is to publish.

We expect Misses Paget & Pirie up here on Tuesday next, to begin their colour copying. There is any amount for them to do, & plenty in our work.

Those mysterious niches in rooms at Tell Amarna are for worship. Two here in Ram<sup>m</sup> have steps before them, & a third has a group rudely painted in it of the cow headed tree goddess pouring blessings on a worshipper. So they are for the popular or domestic worship.

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head to tail [\*]; they are of marly limestone, not very good, & cracked in places, but one head I took away is in perfect state.

Then we have just found parts of an exquisite stela of Amenhotep, of which more tomorrow.

Of Merenptah himself only one original work was found; the upper half of a fairly good statue in black granite over life size, with colour complete on it, & almost uninjured; the beard is knocked off, & a flake of one cheek with it, but the features are all intact. It is the only portrait statue of him known, & very like his father, but yet different. Of course that with will go to Ghizeh Museum, but the photograph of it will be much in demand in England,

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The chapel of Uazmes cleared by Greban/<aut>, I have recleared further, & found little deposits in the doorways. A fine blue ring of Amenhotep III under the entrance door sill, & a very fine scarab of Amenhotep II in the doorway to the shrine.

Merenptah was scandalously shabby in his deposits; only a few little glazed object, & a pinch of beads, were put in; a few here & a few there. But no regular deposits in any part, although we have cleared most of the foundations.

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The stela of Amenhotep III proved to be very curious. It is of limestone about 6 ft 5 x 3 ft 7; broken in three pieces with bits missing. The subject is Amenhotep offering to Amen, twice at the top; & Amenhotep in a chariot driving over a group of Syrians, & another figure of him driving over a group of negroes. One line of inscription names the various races. The work is most beautiful, & quite fresh where it is complete.

Then we found a huge stela of the toughest close grain black granite quite perfect. It is 10 ft 3 high, 5 ft 5 wide & 14 ins thick, weight about 5 tons. It was originally cut by Amenhotep III, recording in 31 lines his works for the Amen temple & his tributaries. Akhenaten erased all the account of Amen & the figures of the god, but Sety I re-engraved all the defaced parts; & on this, & the limestone

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stela, he has added a line "Restoration of the monuments made by the son of the sun Sety Merenptah for his father Amen". This is very important, as it shews, for the first time, what king made all the reengraving of Amen on the public monuments. Then on the other side of this great stela Merenptah has cut a long inscription of his own. This I have not yet looked over as it can only be seen a few inches from one's nose as one lies under the stone; but I must copy it soon.

I have had overmuch company about. Several dahabieh and other folks; & Duke of Cambridge here last Saturday, when I went near the Ramesseum with him, & again this Saturday when he sent for me to the tombs of the kings to do talking & lunching. He is rather infirm,

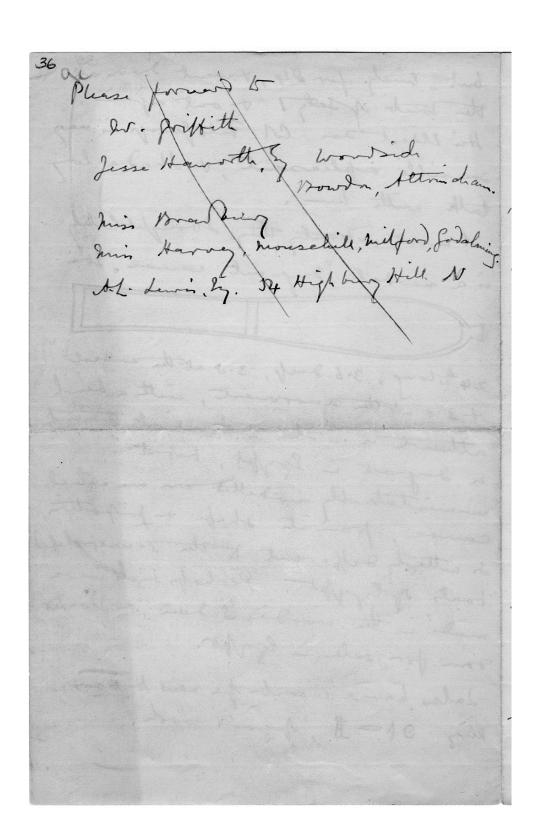
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but lively for 84, & went down all the tomb of Sety I & out again. His eldest son Col. FitzGeorge is very sensible & pleasant, and I had a long talk with him.

A most interesting thing I bought lately is a model dug-out canoe. It is  $[\Re]$ 

24 1/2 long, 3.6 deep, 3.8 at the widest & 3.0 at the narrowest, with a bench athu/<w>art it. This is the first trace of a dug-out in Egypt, but it is unmistakably modelled on an actual canoe, from its shape & proportion, so utterly different to the saucer-shaped boats of Egypt. Perhaps such were made in the wooded Sudan, & floated down for sale in Egypt.

I also have a scarab of a new Hyksos king  $[\Re]$ , of good work.



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