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<u>Later</u>

Have just returned from an expedition to Girga, we left our work early in the afternoon & drove over to show Jan the quaint native shops, mosques etc then we went & had tea with the bank manager, he was so delighted to see some English people, so we could'nt^{sic} hurry away, then Joey refused to start, we finally traced the trouble to water leaking into one of the cylinders but we were very much delayed & Nannie was in a great state of fuss as we were nearly

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Myrtle.