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Amice returned yesterday, I drove in to fetch her. Sardic has had a slight operation to his eyes & will be kept in the hospital in Cairo for another week. the occulist<sup>sic</sup> says his eyes should be all right by that time.

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Next Tuesday we are going to see the Oultons & have lunch with them.

Lots of love to you & Father Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.

To-day I received the letter with the cutting from Father's coat. Thanks very much –