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& when we were in the taxi he gave me a note from Miss C, it was a hurried  
scribble to say she had broken her engagement definitely & had run away to  
friends in Alex so as to avoid seeing the man in case he came here after her  
& would I carry on in the meantime. I must say I was truly glad. I didn't  
like him at all & I do like her very much indeed. she wasn't a bit fond  
of him, but her aunt was all for it as he has money & good position <she> had  
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definite intention of refusing him definitely. & each time has been  
obliged to say 'yes' instead. Things were in this state when he came  
here for a visit with another D<sup>r</sup> & his wife from Cairo. while he was here she was  
like a person in a dream, neglected her work, went about with him, did  
everything he suggested, as if she were a young girl with her first sweetheart.  
but he hadn't been gone more than a day when she suddenly woke  
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