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Dear Mother & Father.

I am starting to tell you my adventures in good time & hope to have quite a long letter written by the time we reach Gib.

The journey in the train could hardly be called an enjoyable one. that baby was a little fiend incarnate, he yelled & howled & roared steadily for two hours, then his vocal chords gave out & he went to sleep for about an hour, it was a blessed relief for all of us. his poor mother looked frantic. we hoped he had got it over. but no such luck. he started all over again & was still going strong when we parted company at Liverpool. since then thank goodness I hav'nt sic set eyes on him again. nor come within hearing distance, so conclude he is right at the other end of the ship.

Our passports were examined on the train & we were given embarkation cards. a porter took charge of my hat box & hold all when we arrived at the docks S.S.CALIFORNIA

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This is a gorgeous boat, even nicer than the one I came home on. I am in a big four berth cabin with a M^{rs} Cain she is very nice & friendly she is returning to India to join her husband after settling her small girl of six in a school in Stanmore; A third passenger will join us at Marseilles, a Lady Constance Perry – we are wondering what she will be like.

There is only one other passenger for Port Said, so there will not be a crowd in the Customs from this boat any way.

There is a splendid gym on board. I tried the electric horse this morning. it is great fun, it is an ordinary saddle mounted on an iron frame which is connected by a pully^{sic} to a little electric engine. you switch on the current, then mount onto the saddle & pull a lever

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can peddle^{sic} madly on, while an indicator shows the distance you would have covered if the bike had'nt^{sic} been anchored. there is also a running board that you can run on as fast as you can. & stay in the same place all the time, also a boat that you can row – & a punch ball & various pullys^{sic} etc, I shall amuse myself in there quite a lot, I find it much more fun than deck sports.

There is a very good selection of books that one can change twice a day.

Meals are first rate. & an orchestra plays during lunch & dinner & in the lounge in the evening.

I cant^{sic} say I saw very much of Liverpool, we started about 6 o'clock it was getting dark & I watched the shore lights as we came out of the Mersey. This morning there has'nt^{sic} been anything to see – except sea. there was glorious sunshine up to lunch time, since then

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the sky has been overcast, & now we are feeling a slight swell. quite a number of people have retired. my cabin mate is not feeling too happy she says & she does'nt^{sic} suffer from sea sickness, but gets a bad headache unless she lies down until she has got her sea legs.

Later

Life on board ship is very uneventful once one has settled down to the routine There is a very nice lounge here, great deep sofas & chairs & an enormous fire place with what looks like a glowing coal fire burning, but which is really only an electric light, since the ship is steam heated all through. still its^{sic} much more cosy to sit round what looks like a fire. I was sitting there last night after dinner & it was difficult to realize one was at sea. there was no perceptable sic motion until I noticed the fringes of the two standard lamps on either side of the fire place behaving in a ridiculous way. instead of remaining thus [₹] they were either [₹] or [₹]



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I have been absurdly sleepy all the time I have been on board. sea air & the motion always seem to have this effect on me, I went fast asleep over my book in the lounge this afternoon & only woke up when the steward brought the tea round.

It has turned very warm, I have discarded my tweed skirt & jumper & am wearing my kasha costume, I have worn my black satin coat in the evening, but have been glad to take it off in the dining saloon. meals here are wonderful & elaborate but they dont sic taste as good as our home goose & turkey did, I think the cold storage takes all the flavour out & makes everything taste very much alike I am having Horlicks for breakfast now as I dont like the ships coffee, it is bitter & tastes as if it had vinegar with it, I tried it twice & then cut it out the Horlicks made with evaporated milk

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We are due at Gibraltar 7 A·M to-morrow, I hear we stay only a short time so dont^{sic} suppose I shall be able to go ashore. I am sorry as I did so enjoy my walk there last time (on P&O)

This seems to have exhausted all I have got to say at present.

Give my love to Pat when you see her please. also M^{rs} Childs.

All my love to you both Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.