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Could you get us a copy of Old Moore's Almanack. we think it would amuse us & we might have some fun with Nannie.

The Omdah called yesterday to wish us a happy new year. so I got out some of the Japanese magic flowers, you should have seen their amazement when the little slips opened out into fantastic blossoms in the glass of water. I wish I had brought more out, as they are so popular.

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I am sorry Pat has such a bad cold, hope it is better by now, I hope she had a good time at Xmas. it was sweet of her to give you such nice presents.

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Joey is very well. he has only had one slight attack of indigestion – last Tuesday Sardic got underneath & let out the dirty gear oil, you should

have seen the mess. Sardic seemed to get most of it smeared over his person. he adores Joey & is simply crazy to learn to drive but it is not easy to teach him here, the roads are too dangerous. there is a steep bank down to canal on one side & cultivation on the other so that unskillful<sup>sic</sup> steering would mean the car overturning & one is always meeting camels, goats, sheep donkeys, all wandering haphazard. the desert is safer in that respect, but unless one is used to changing gears very quickly it is easy to strain the engine. so Amice thinks he'd really better be taught in Cairo at one of the garages. at the end of the season rather than risk having Joey crocked up

Lots of love to you both your affectionate daughter Myrtle.