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P.S. I have just heard that Nannie loves "Home Chat" would you send a copy occasionalysic with the papers

> Arabah-el Madfunah. Dec 18th 1931

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We had a surprise visit from M^r Oulton & M^r Shirley (we stayed at both their houses at <the> cotton factorys^{sic} on our drive here) they were driving back from Girga, we were so pleased to see them, they were like two bad schoolboys out on a spree & got into all the mischief they could. they played with Amice's rubber stamps, stole two of my Xmas cards, &, gobbled up Nannie's preserved melon skins

They had sprung a leak in their car's oil tank so we had to take Joey & go over to the engine room to fetch a spare can of oil. we went over the rough desert track & M^r Oulton pretended to be frightened & yelled at each bump. he made us laugh so we were aching all over.

We are going to spend Boxing Day with the Oultons at Sohag.

Nannie asks me to send her love & wish you a happy Xmas.

Love from us both to you both Your affectionate.

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