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## EGYPT EXPLORATION SOCIETY'S CAMP ARABAH EL MADFUNAH BALIANA. UPPER EGYPT.

Dear Mother.
Another letter with silk scraps arrived this week, also the L.H.J. \& Observer as usual. M ${ }^{\mathrm{T}}$ Beazley is very pleased with the extra Crossword Puzzles, though he always blames me when he cannot solve them.

On Friday we had some people from Nag Hammadi to visit us. they came to lunch, unfortunately Nannie was in bed with a bad cold, so Miss C \& I had to leave our work early \& see to the laying of the table, making salad etc. we are having the letti $/<\mathrm{u}>$ ces $\&$ the cress from my seed, they are very good.

Yesterday we went with Sardic \& Ahmud to visit the weaver again to talk about the wool he is to weave for us. our way from the temple led through the cultivation. \& as we went we saw them filling the little chan $<\mathrm{n}>$ els with water with the shadoof. we saw a young lady camel teathere ${ }^{\text {sic }}$ in one of the fields, when she saw us she made wonderful burbling noises like a big cauldron bubbling over, Sardic said it was because she was happy, so he made burbling noises too, \& went \& kissed her on the nose, it looked so jolly that I took a snapshot of him in the act, I hope it comes out well, I find most Arabs are fond of animals.

The weaver was very pleased to see us, we showed him all the Eastcote snaps \& the samples of wool he examined everything very carefully. he says their wool is not like ours, the colours pleased him very much. he worked his own skein winder so that I could take a photo of it. I also photo'ed the loom, but the light was so dim under the shelter that I do not know if it will
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We have our lunch brought down to the temple now \& afterwards go for a short walk, or find a convenient sand hill \& take a sun bath, when we came home to lunch I always occupied the rest time in scribbling an account of my doings day by day up in my tower room, now I have to do my letter writing in our general room after the evening meal \& I find it very difficult to give you a good account of things when the others are talking \& occasionally drawing me into the conversation.

Our Xmas turkey was brought into the temple today. he was a fine fellow \& strutted round proudly, he cost 55 PT. (11/-.) I think we shall have a great time, we are ordering a whole sheep to be killed to make a feast for our servants. they are allready ${ }^{\text {sic }}$ talking about the great day.

I have finished writing my Xmas letters for England, \& must now think of my friends in Egypt. I wrote to El Gerzawy for his birthday Dec 8 嘼 but have not heard from him. I had a letter from $\mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{r}}$ Laurie last mail, the poor man seems absolutely brokenhearted. I have not heard from Buffles I have written twice. I suppose she has never sent you the $10 /-$ for the bowl I made!

I shall be pleased to see the picture of your new frock, the material is simply lovely.

I must go to bed now
Love to you both
your affectionate daughter Myrtle.
So glad you enjoyed the Father of letters. I will write another when there is an opportunity.

