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Dear Mother.

I made my curtsey to royalty today. Queen Marie of Rumania was charming, she talked To Miss Calverley & me for quite a long time & was delighted with our drawings. She is very beautiful, & was dressed in dove colour, I think it was a very heavy dull crepe de chené^{sic} {crêpe de Chine}. but enough of Queens we find them rather dull & boring & much prefer our nice people here.

Our hospital parade is going strong just now, we have a most attractive patient, a young man whose profile would be worth a fortune on the films, a delicate aquiline nose, perfect shaped mouth & chin, & black eyes & eyelashes that are simply sinfull^{sic} to be wasted on a man, of course these features are shown to perfection by his picturesque national costume! & his manners are as charming as his face. we have been having a very anxious time with him, he came to us with the most ghastly hand I have ever seen, he had been working with a native spade & got a blister at the base of his little finger & the next, this got septic, & gathered, & spread for 20 days. then someone told him about the English people at Arabah, & he came 8 kilos to see if we could do anything for him, it was dreadful. the outer skin of the palm had rotted, the other skins were all separated & the tendons exposed. & the stench nearly made us sick. Miss C. told the man he ought to go to the doctor & he said "I am a poor man – & the doctor will do nothing unless he receives money – I cannot pay him"

We know this was true. local doctors are not friends of the from by any means, so we won dued what we would do Miss & had some hospital training during the war so she has a good general knowledge she washed this dreadful hand in hot bysh water I hied to remove She rotting skin. Then I suggested a head politice. we made this with boiling water slightly salt. Tied it all over the mans hand & tild him to return early need morning. When he came again In offered us a bundle of beans from his little lit of land it was so pathetic, we thanked him but could not accept, to take any soit of payment cour in kind would get us into trouble for illegal practicing. We get the possible of & it had softened the stein & chain ort a lit of bad stuff & made it carin to wash, but we were with pightened at the look of it. This is was a paid of gang reme. So she told the man he must go to the doctor of Balana straight away osh would pay the doctors fee. Ih write a note In him to take asking the 85 to look of the hand i send wellen instructions how to East it. So the por man had Togo another Il miles then a back of he was weak o ill with the pain of this hand. but we didn't know what ise to do. however at sunset he was back, he was quik done up, as it was Ramadan , he was fasting. They are allowed to drink a cat & litth at sunset, so we told Sandie to Take him into the teleter o see he had a meal, we had quite a job to make him accept food, he saw all. he came for was to beg us to save his hand, however we said our house would be should if he left us hungry . so he ate a two dates a some head. In hought a letter from the doctor to say it was a bad case . I had better be was had with high Twee a day traded with indine , artiseple gauge dussings, which was exactly what we had done. To we have been dressing this hand night , morning , it is really getting better it is now clean , healthy looking, + after a weeks acadment shows signs of growing flesh over the Tendhors. Om day we had a bad fight, then was post inflammation , he whole hand , arm was Furt when we trade the dussing off. we loth agreed a good done

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was needed, but the problem was how to make a Muslem^{stc} drink in Ramadan, & to wait till sunset would mean spread of inflammation. so we got Nannie to talk to him & explain that he must take the medecine sic at once to drive the poison from his blood. the poor man had an awful mental struggle, for he firmly believed that if he drank he would be eternally damned. We quoted the Koran which gives exemption to travellers, to women with child & the sick. & we told him his hand had made him a very sick man indeed. So he said, "It shall be as you say Oh Excellencies" so we prepared the Father of doses of Epsom Salts, & he took it & prayed to Allah to forgive him for his great sin & then swallowed the beastly stuff. he was given hot tea an hour after, the next day the hand was cool & much better so we said it was a sign that he had not sinned but had obeyed the Law of the Prophet. It will be a long time before the hand will be fit to use again, & probably the little finger will be always stiff, but he is wonderfully patient, he never even winces, & once Miss C. had to cut away a bit of the tendon that was forming proud flesh, & he always says "It does not hurt" when we dab iodine on. He is always here at dawn & we get up a little earlier to attend to him before we go to the temple, & at sunset when we return he is squatting outside the garden gate. We shall be glad when he is quite cured, but we we shall miss our nice Mahomet.

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be over & then they will all eat a tremendous meal at the great feast & get bad indigestion & Eppy will be in great demand.

I am so glad to hear M^r Childs is so much better, please give my best wishes to both.

I receivey/<d> your letter with the invoices from Fr[?]/<M>iss Collins, thanks so much for packing up the wool & everything. there will be great excitement when it arrives. Will Miss Collins want the sample of Australian wool returned?

This seems a very hospitally^{sic} letter but I know you are interested in our cases so thought our Mahomet of the beautiful face might interest you

Bed Time again

Lots of love Your affectionate Myrtle.

Hope to write to Miss Collins in a few days.