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There have been great to-does with our sparrows lately. a minx has arrived upon the scene, she is very young & fluffy & has'nt^{sic} grown a proper tail yet, but she is an ourtageous^{sic} & shameless flirt. yesterday she hopped into our chapel. the local sparrows were in their respective houses with their wives. so she chirped & chirriped^{sic} until M^r Sparrow looked out of his front door to see what all the noise was about. & she gave him the deliberate, glad eye – I am sorry to say he accepted

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We are having lemonade & biscuits each morning now at ten, as we only have oranges & coffee for breakfast at six & need a little break & refreshment. & we scatter crumbs for our feathered friends; now, as soon as we sit down they come & hop quite close to our chairs, they are getting wonderfully tame.

To-day our thermometer registered 100 in the shade which is not too bad for this time of year. it gets cool at night & is fresh in the early morning.

We shall soon be thinking of starting packing & preparing for our departure, the work we have in hand will take about two weeks to finish & I do not

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expect we shall be able to start another picture this season

Lots of love to you both Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.

P.S. I think by the time you receive this letter you had better stop forwarding the Observer & address letters to me c/o Thos Cook. Cairo.