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I am sure you would enjoy it is called  
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it is very long, about 600 pages.

I am having the most gorgeous  
eats, I started my dinner last night  
with half a dozen oysters, one evening  
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juice with a little piquant sauce added  
served in a tall glass,

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hour in the gym, I tried the electric horse  
they have a new one that canter & gallops  
as well as trots. I also rode the bike  
for a little over a mile (all in one spot of course)  
there is a band fixed to the front wheel  
that one can tighten to make it harder  
work. Then a party of us played with  
the large leather ball, the instructor  
joined in with us, it was great fun  
& we were soon all hot & breathless.

This ship has been completely re-decorated  
since I was last on her, the smoke-room  
is in the very modern style, the square  
lounge chairs are in pink & pale green  
leather & the wall decorations are of  
fantastic animals jumping about  
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 great bargains there owing to the  
 de-valuation of the franc but I think  
 they are too optimistic.

I will post another letter when  
 we reach Port Said on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Hope you had a comfortable  
 journey home on Thursday & that  
 Father has not felt any further effects  
 of his chill.

Lots of love to you both.  
 Your affectionate daughter  
 Myrtle.

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