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only time I have ever seen him hurry himself was when he was late returning & thought there might be afreets about.

Tell Pat I was very pleased with her letter & card & will write to her soon.

> Love to you both Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.

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