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Arabah – Feb 23^{<u>d</u>} 1//<9>34

Dear Mother.

Your second letter of birthday greetings arrived on the very day. was'nt^{sic} it lucky.

I had a lovely birthday, Nanny put a pot of sweet peas by my plate at breakfast. & Amice gave me a silk scarf & Little Un a snake skin & a note book

After breakfast all the men came in to wish me a Happy Feast & I gave them each a slice of a cake that Nanny had made. Young Ahmed presented me with an amazing bird made out of pith & feathers. I have taken a photograph of it to show you as I am afraid it is too fragile to bring home

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I had a reply to the letter I wrote to the other weaver to-day. this is how he starts his letter – "After presenting dutyfully^{sic} the greetings suitable to your exalted dignity" – – – – & ends. "I hopł/<e> you will be pleased so that I will deserve a g/igpresent from your honours —" note the subtlity^{sic} of the wording. "so that I <u>deserve</u>" – not, "so that I recieve^{sic}" It is to be hoped we shall not have any more hopeful visitors or we shall be ruined, their wares simply demoralize us – One can resist tempting silks in shops, but when

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How nice of M^r Pinton to give us a piece of damask. I am sending the mummy linen, no need to put it under glass. it will stand a little handling. (I have dipped it in strong lysol).

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

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