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 number. There is a very nice Australian
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 walk round the promenade deck.
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 take us ashore after breakfast,
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 markets they were splendid, such
 a variety, & all so fresh. There were
 baskets & baskets of mushrooms, &
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I did not send a letter from
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 in the train to Liverpool, no squalling
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 of a disturbed night. & I think most
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I have just finished reading
 "Faraway", Priestly's latest book it
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Love to you both & to Pat
 Your affectionate daughter
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