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Dear Mother

Your letter describing your visit to town to see the B.S. play arrived to-day. I am so glad Father enjoyed it as well as Pat & you.

We are in the midst of our preparations for our visit to Kharga. Last night the camel men came, they can provide us with 7 desert going camels & require 3 days to condition them for the journey. they do look a band of glorious ruffians fit for some of the 40 thieves, but they are really perfectly respectable & well intentioned individuals. They are wild with delight at the prospect of being engaged for such a trip. To-day Ahmed Ibrahim our nice guard & our very good friend, brought the date merchant (who goes into Kharga every date season) to the temple for us to talk to him, his name is Hassan & he has agreed to act as guide. The inspector of Police has promised to lend us proper saddles belonging to the police force, also special skins for carrying our water supply. needless to say we do not intend to wash on the journey. we are taking a tiny tent to retire into to change our clothes. as for sleeping

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I cant^{sic} believe it is really true it sounds like some of the tales we read. Of course something may turn up at the last moment to stop us, the police may get the wind up & prevent our starting. The Marmur is very troubled about us, he says, we shall die of tiredness, our backs will be broken in two, & there is nothing to see but sand & rocks, (needless to say he has never been) why dont^{sic} we have a nice comfortable motor car & go to a place where there is pretty scenery, educated people & good shops for our holiday. we laugh & tell him it is because we are English and all the English are mad. & he shruggs^{sic} his shoulders & says "Inshaalla" (as God wills).

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to-morrow to see if we can adapt it for comfortable riding. I am stuffing my few requirements into a hold-all to carry behind me, my flea bag & blankets will of course festoon the camel.

I am afraid I may have to miss two mails after this as the first chance of posting will be Monday week – so dont^{sic} be alarmed if you dont^{sic} get your usual letters. no P.O. in the $Li/\langle y \rangle$ bian Desert that I know of.

> In great haste love to you both

Your affectionate daughter Myrtle

I dont^{sic} think I have ever been so thrilled in my life.