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of ours. The bride was very resplendant^{sic} in pink silk & a many coloured veil & barbaric gold & silver ornaments, & the bridegroom wore a striped blue & white & beige satin gallabea with a blue cloth robe over it. For lunch we had a turkey, plates of rice, beans, potatoes & various sorts of bread & we eat with our fingers in proper Arab manner. Amice & I gave for a wedding present a tea set complete with hass tray & a set of spoons which was very much admired. Amice had bought them when she was in Luxor.

Amice joins me in love to you both & to Pat. Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.