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Sardic was very pleased with his handkerchiefs, I have not yet given Sheikh Jed-el Karim his yet, he will have them next lesson. Ramadan starts the end of this week, they do not know the exact day but the entire moslem^{sic} world will be watching for the new moon & as soon as it is sighted the month of fasting has begun.

Our dog found something unspeakable in the desert yesterday, Amice & I were standing d/<o>n a high mound watching the sunset & we saw him carrying something then he sat down & began to eat & a ring of carrion-

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gathered round, they hopped quite close to him we sent one of the men to drive him away from the foulness, I let the crows have their due. he is not hungry as he often takes his food bunies it instead of cating it. The swing machine is now in working order again, amice & I have been using it today to do various repairs, We wont into Baliana one day during the week + purchased large sheets of three fely wood to make wind seriens to protect us from changelis when the strong Horth winds begin To blow so fan it has been much los warm for comfort but the weather may change any day now. our punctacis wen two lange to eduy Rome in Joy so Singat went to just them the jultiving day with his camel. The gooder is progressing, the bears are quite lall of the peas are starting of the narrows are making a have show, there is quite

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The garden is progressing, the beans are quite tall & the peas are starting & the marrows are making a brave show, there is quite

a row of tomato plants along the wall, & we have some morning glories climbing up the Teressinasic {Teresina}, as well as a showing of beetroots carrots lettuces etc. we even run to a rockery made of curious stones that we bring back with us from our various excursions & rambles. We have not been for any walks yet, it is too hot during day light, & as we have seen snake tracks in the sand we do not care to venture out after sunset, later when the cool winds come the snakes will all hole up for the winter

This is all my news for this week lots of love to you both from both of us. Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.