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The little Jap stewards are wonderful \& I have a little slant eyed stewardess with a perpetual smile.

The people here are mostly English they seem chiefly of the merchant class. or connected with missions, there are very few women.

We have also some Japanese, they wear their native costume \& all sit at a table to-gether \& eat with chop sticks. I have spoken to one a very charming little lady with a complexion like sun ripened apricots

I believe a great many people are getting off at Marseilles.

The food here is good in parts. The bread is the nicest I have ever tasted, their hot breakfast rolls are a dream. butter \& milk also good. coffee very bitter. for breakfast

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I always have fruit-quakes or rolled oats, eggs - rolls \& marmalade.

Lunch \& dinner menu vary every day. one can always be sure of a good serve of either beef or mutton hot. \& cold ham tongue etc.

I have sampled some of their made up dishes \& found them distinctly "funny". The sweets are always good. ices every night. \& lots of fruit. So you see I am not doing badly.

Both the Imp [= Reginald Engelbach] \& M ${ }^{\mathrm{r}}$ Wainwright were very kind to me in Cairo, but I must say I found the time I spent there on my own distinctly dull after my exciting adventures out in the desert. El Gerzawy was unable to get leave to come to Cairo while I was there. he was so upset about it he wanted me to visit him again at Qau-el-Kebir before I came home Think of it. as far as from London to Lands ${ }^{\text {sic }}$ end \& back. in one day.
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He wrote me a most pathetic letter his quaint English is rather beautiful this is what he says.

Th "It is absolutely impossible for me to be able ( $\mathrm{a}[?] /<\mathrm{E}>$ ven if I tried) to forget you, your shaddow ${ }^{\text {sic }}$ is spread all over my place, all over our villages \& inhabitants; all over our feelings.

I have had noticed that I should be forgiven for my great love to you as you have even drawn towards you all natives you have met. Either you may come for one day or I will be more ill than now for your absence".

He is perfectly genuine in all he says. but of course one must make allowances for the Eastern temprement ${ }^{\text {sic }}$, he has specially asked that I will tell you all about him, the authority of parents over their children is a great thing in Egypt even in the matter of ordinary friendship.

Yesterday was the first day I have seen any rain since I landed at Alexandria. think of it 7 weeks sunshine $-\&$ such sunshine - !

I do not know if my letters will get to you before I do, but I think it likely.


## ON BOARD

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The sea does not look very rough but there is a steady swing on which makes it rather difficult to write.

It is cold in the wind. but I expect I shall find it much colder before I get home it will be strange to be among people who all speak English again. I have got quite used to hearing strange tongues \(\&\) seeing weird people \(-\&\) I seem as if I have been away for ages - what a lot we shall have to talk about for a long time to come.

I do not suppose you will find this boat mentioned in the shipping news of the D.T. \& I do not expect I shall be able to give you more definite news than that I expect to be home either late Jan \(22^{\text {nd }}\) or sometime Jan 23. you might be able to find out through

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- Myrtle -

Cooks or through the offices of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Shipping company. (but the best thing is to expect me when you see me.)

Love to you both \& all friends.

Your loving daughter
- Myrtle -```

