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Feb 11 ${ }^{\text {th }}$
Another visitor today, a young Belgian who came in and introduced himself. Petrie as usual lay low, and left me to do the entertaining. He talked most beautiful English - why is it that all foreigners put us to shame in the question of languages.

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## Feb 12 ${ }^{\text {th }}$

Market day．I stayed quietly at home all day，so have nothing to record．

The warm spell is over，and it has turned quite cold and windy again． We seem to have come all of a sudden within measurable distance of the end of the season：Petrie is actually writing to book his passage home．He leaves Alexandria for Naples on the 21st of next month．Allowing three weeks to pack，I shall get the boats off somewhere about

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April 10 th , which means that I shall be through my business in Cairo the first week in May, and so may get back to England about the middle of the month, which is considerably earlier than usual.

## Feb 14 ${ }^{\text {th }}$

Last year we heard a story that some of Amélineau's men, while working one of the royal tombs, stole a basketful of fine stuff, and hid it, meaning to take it away afterwards. This they were prevented from doing owing to the director of the work ordering them to heap the sand over the place. Tomorrow we shall clear the place in question, and as we think it very possible the villagers may make a raid tonight, Ali and I are going to sleep up there tonight. The idea is to sleep near the place, and then, if they come, let them get well to work, and slip down, rouse the rest of the men, surround the place and nab them all.


I hope they will turn up, as it will be rather slow if nothing happens.

## Feb 15 ${ }^{\text {th }}$

At about ten oclock Ali and
I set out in pitch darkness, with a roll of blankets, a gun, and a lug revolver.
First we drew the pits, but they were as silent - as the grave I was going to say, but of course they were that -, and then stumbled along up to Om el Qa'ab. When we were within a few hundred yards of the tombs, as I judged, I told Ali to wait with the things, while I took off my shoes and crept up to inspect. The first thing I did was to stalk a stone, under the impression that it was a hyœna, and the next to lose myself. I walked on and on but I could not find those tombs anywhere, and at last gave it up and at set off to try and find Ali again, though by this time I was not by any means certain in which direction

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he was. Just as I was making up my mind I should have to tramp about with bare feet, and a revolver in my hand, all night, I struck a hill which I knew was quite close to the tombs, and which put me in the right road. Noone was visible, so I went back to Ali and we brought up the things and curling ourselves up in our blankets, we lay down and went to sleep. Unfortunately, after all our trouble nothing happened. I slept peacefully until about an hour before sunrise and then returned home to breakfast. The buried treasure has not turned up today, though the men have been working like fiends. If it is further on there is no chance of anyone getting it out at night yet awhile. The sand is heaped too high above it.

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Petries went off with Ali, a camel, and three donkeys for a four or five days tenting trip north. Then this afternoon Mrs Sheldon Amos left for Cairo: remain Miss Urlin,
Miss Orme, and myself. It did seem
funny at dinner tonight being such a small party.

Its a curious thing that the
best things always happen to turn up on the work when Petrie is ill or away.
Today we got some very nice things, the best being an important wooden tablet of Mena, the first king of the first dynasty. I am afraid the Petries will be rather done up when they get back, as we have are having a very warm spell.

## Feb $18^{\text {th }}$

I have been reckoning up the mens' accounts all the evening, and am so muddled I hardly know what I am doing. I have 150 to pay off this week, which is no joke.


I should be very glad if someone could send me a recipe for losing one's temper: it would be so very useful on the work sometimes, and I never can manage it, and always have to pretend, which is more exertion.

I seem to have been doing accounts all day long, and am very tired of it. MacIver came over to lunch, and stayed most of the afternoon: he seems doing very well on his site. The rain has made things grow here: yesterday I found a solitary blade of grass growing all by itself about a mile back in the desert; quite an inch and a half long.

Feb 20 ${ }^{\text {th }}$
The Petries have just returned, quite late this evening, so our nice quiet time is over. I astonished some of the men this afternoon by dropping on them heavily for slacking which took place

when I was about a mile away from them: a telescope is a very useful thing, and quite outside an Arab's reckoning.

## Feb 21 ${ }^{\text {st }}$

Another change in the weather: quite cool, with a strong north wind. Now it will get gradually hotter and hotter for a week or two till it ends in a khamsin and another weak ${ }^{\text {sic }}\{$ week $\}$ of cool. I have been getting some nice things from the pits the last day or two. Yesterday I found the greater part of a draught-board, with most of the men: today I got some nice alabasters and scarabs. From Om el Qa'ab today we got a solid gold pin, of unknown use, inscribed with the name of Mena.
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Market day. I have spent pretty nearly the whole day sorting Ushabtis, and copying off their inscriptions, and I dont much mind if I never see another all my life. About fifteen Hundred I worked through altogether. Miss Johnson returned this evening, having enjoyed herself muchly at the rival camp. I rather think I shall run up there while the boats are going down to Cairo. They are going to stay out all the Summer probably.

Feb 28 ${ }^{\text {th }} \& 29^{\text {th }}$
I have spent the greater part of the last two days $b$ making sections of frame for the tunnel, and crawling in to fit them together. I measured the length today, and found it came to 140 feet, just fifteen feet off the middle. If I strike the middle and find nothing I shall have to leave it for this season, and to tell the truth I shant be sorry to see the last of it. We are a huge party now. Our table is hard put to it to accommodate nine people,

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and my room has to stretch itself considerably to hold six smokers after dinner. Our mosquitoe has just come in to pay me a visit: we keep one tame one about the place which visits us all in turn.

I really have come to a full stop in my pyramid now. I found a tremendous quantity of sand had fallen in front of my tunnel today, so I started clearing it out. But as fast as I cleared more kept pouring down, the descending sand began to lose its clean appearance, and I realised that it was the filling of the pyramid that was coming through. Either of two things had happened -/<;> I had stuck the pit, which was an uncased one, or else the pyramid had been built on a slope, and the desert surface had run down till it was level with the tunnel. In either case I can do nothing further in there, as the stuff

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will continue to run in until the whole pyramid has been removed, a matter of some ten or twenty years. So I think I shall have to leave it for this year, and next year turn a couple of hundred men on to it, and clear the whole thing properly. To tell you the truth I was'nt altogether sorry to leave the tunnel, as it was getting dangerous. It would be a bad business to have a man killed on the work.

Really warm weather at last: quite delightful after the wind we have been having.

This afternoon I made a start on my stela, and a nice long job it promises to be. Luckily it is so big that I can stretch myself full length on it, and so work in comfort. MacIver and I met a large party of tourists today, and they did stare. They probably took us for Greeks, though one kind and
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The great move was made today, and a rather wearing time we've had of it. None of the three of them know any Arabic to speak of, so I dons quite know how they are going to set on. They have two of the village guards $\ddagger$ sleeping

up there with them $\mathrm{s}[\mathrm{o}]$ they will be quite safe, both from Bedawi and hyœnas.

It is really beginning to get warm at last: we got to over ninety today, with a touch of 'khamsin'. I have nearly finished my temple now; what about three days will see it through, and then the temple pit will take about three more days. After that I shall bring all the men back to the cemetery to finish up odd jolts/<bs> there. I dont reckon to go on with regular work much more than another fortnight. We hear that the boy who stole the watch has got two months, so he will be kept out $\ddagger$ mischief for some time.

The great news about the move just arrived. I think it sounds delightful. When does the great event take place? I am afraid I shall hardly be home in time to assist. And what does Putley say? Please say good bye to all the

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people there for me. The war news is great too. What a sudden collapse it has been, and what a reception Roberts will get when he returns to England. Today two New Zealanders dropped in promiscuously, much to the Petrie's wrath. A month in the colonies is what they want; it would open their eyes a bit. Why should'nt Alban go to 'Teddies'? I dent much like the idea of the Reading school. And why - but I might go on why-ing all night, and its too hot for that.

A horrid cloudy day, and a high wind. I tried to draw in the afternoon, but the light was so bad and the wind blew my papers about to such an extent, that I lost my temper and had to give it up - the drawing, not the temper. This morning we had the police Inspector over from Belianeh to protest against the Vo Hügels camp,
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March 10 ${ }^{\text {th }}$
A tremendous sandstorm
blowing all day, so my temper is $a /<i>n$ an outrageous condition. I particularly wanted to get the stela done before Petrie went. My men have struck a big pit in the temple. The filling is so hard that they have
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to take a pick for it, so it may have something good left in it. It might even have a passage into the pyramid at the bottom of it. Who knows? The desert camp have had a most unfortunate accident. Baron Don Hügel somehow managed to get his hand crusted under a stone, and so has to go down to Cairo to have it seen to. He went off this afternoon. It is not very badly hurt, but wants appliances which we have'nt got here. He hopes to return in a few days. Meanwhile MacIver is sleeping up there to look after their things for them. No photograph this week. I havent had time to print any.

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