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I had not quite understood what Sardic told me about the English wool, he was able to use most of it after all, but could not spin it as fine as he wished to because the heat had made it so brittle. Yesterday Ibrahim the weaver brought the scarf that had been made for me out of the coloured wool, it is such a pretty thing but what is so extrordinary^{sic} is that they have used the colours in such a way that they look utterly different to any of Miss Collin's colour schemes, it is truly Eastern & so simple that it seems perfectly obvious, Poor Sardic is very distressed because the threads PAGE 1

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I do hope Mother is better & being careful of herself.

Much love to you both your affectionate daughter Myrtle.