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Arabah el Madfunah. [probably 10 March 1932]

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& I keep loosing sic the drift of what I am writing.

I am so glad you are going to have a garderner^{sic} man in regularly, I hope he is a nice one.

Amice joins me in lots of love to you both.

Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.