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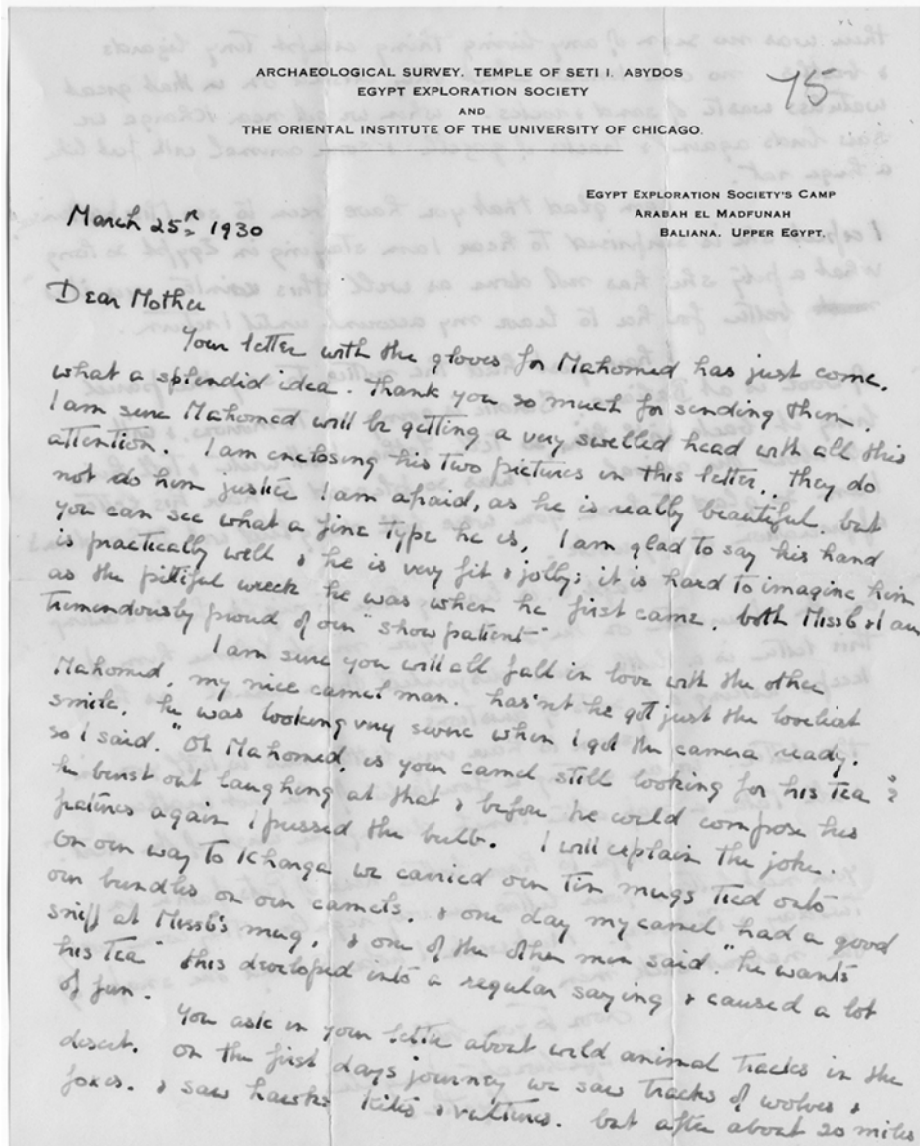
March 25th 1930

Dear Mother

Your letter with the gloves for Mahomed has just come. what a splendid idea. Thank you so much for sending them. I am sure Mahomed will be getting a very swelled head with all this attention. I am enclosing his two pictures in this letter, they do not do him justice I am afraid, as he is really beautiful. But you can see what a fine type he is, I am glad to say his hand is practically well & he is fit & jolly; it is hard to imagine him as the pitiful wreck he was when he first came. both Miss C & I am tremendously proud of our "show patient"

I am sure you will all fall in love with the other Mahomed, my nice camel man. has'nt^{sic} he got just the loveliest smile. he was looking very severe when I got the camera ready. so I said "Oh Mahomed, is your camel still looking for his tea?" he burst out laughing at that & before he could compose his features again I pressed the bulb. I will explain the joke. On our way to Kharga we carried our tin mugs tied onto our bundles on our camels. & one day my camel had a good sniff at Miss C's mug, & one of the other men said "he wants his tea" this developed into a regular saying & caused a lot of fun.

You ask in your letter about wild animal tracks in the desert. on the first days^{sic} journey we saw tracks of wolves & foxes, & saw hawks kites & vultures. but after about 20 miles



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I am glad that you have been to see Miss Wilkinson. I expect she is surprised to hear I am staying in Egypt so long what a pity she has not done as well this winter. yes it is ~~much~~ better for her to leave my account until I return.

I have just had the notice to say the parcel of wool is at Bahiana. Sardic is going in tomorrow, & will bring it back with ~~him~~, so tell Father I will write & tell him all about the arrival. I was so pleased to have his letter. I am so glad to hear you were both delighted with Dr. Sandman's appreciation of my work.

Capt C. is leaving here tonight he is sailing on the Laurentic on the 20th. you must blame him if this letter is a little more disjointed than usual as he keeps asking all sorts of questions.

I seem to have very little news to tell you in this letter. we are getting a foretaste of the hot weather & all take a nap after lunch during the worst of the heat.

I hope to have better news of Pats father in your next letter, your letters are very regular. They come every Tuesday & Thursday. Next week I hope to send the snaps of the "nabour stick men".

Love to you both
your affectionate daughter
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