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Dear Mother

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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.

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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 Baliana. Sardic is going in tomorrow & will bring it back with xxx[?]/<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 D^r Gardiner's appreciation of my work.

Capt C. is leaving here tonight he is sailing on the Laurentic on the $20^{\frac{11}{2}}$ 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 "nabout stick men"

Love to you both. Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.