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Dear Mother.

Last Wednesday I had another thrilling day I started off on the camel at 8 oclock^{sic} & rode South across the desert until about 11.15, then I saw a wonderful cleft in the hills, there must have been a mighty torrent pouring down from there at some remote period, it had cut a deep bed for itself some way out into the desert; even now the trace of it remains, I rode up the wady as far as I could go, part way it divided, so I kept along the right hand fork, & when I came to a part where the camel could not go, I dismounted & made camp. & leaving Mahommed to look after the camel & the lunch etc, I went with Sardic & Ahmud back to the fork & explored the left hand cleft. it led up a beautifull^{sic} wild valley, tall cliffs with bastions like a giants sic fortress rising on either side & the way strewn with great boulders as if the giants had been playing skittles, in parts our way was blocked by a great shelf of rock stretching from side to side of the valley like a portcullis. then we had to go back & hunt for some cleft where we could zigzag

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It was nearly 1 oclock^{sic} when I got back to our camp. there I had a lovely lunch of little meat[?] pasties, tomatoes, date cookies & oranges. This/<e> men, (as I knew later) made their meal chiefly of onions) I rested until a little after two & then Sardic & Ahmud & I continued on foot along the right hand wady, this proved even wilder than the over it got more & more exciting

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we passed lots of wolves sic dens with heaps of bones from their meals & we saw their paw marks. but did not catch a glimpse of the beasts themselves much to Sardic's disappointment as he had his gun with him as usual. We were more than an hour working our way up & we came to a place near the top where it became very narrow & very steep, there was only one place where there was a crack leading up. I was looking for possible footholds when Sardic became very interested in a small cave just beside it, he said to me, "it would be best to go back now, for this is the house of a very big fierce snake"

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Abdullah is being very busy in the garden at this moment, he is killing locusts. he catches them by their tails & cracks their heads between two stones, if they escape him he curses them roundly, it is an occupation he very much enjoys, & quite necessary as they destroy the garden.

The people here do use strange expressions, Mahommed said something very venomous sounding to his camel the other day because it wanted to exchange greetings with another camel. I repeated it to Nannie afterwards & she said he called it "the son of a dirty rag –" meaning – of a bad woman.

The L.H.J. & the Humorists have arrived & are being enjoyed. Your letter containing the list from the Bushey Shop arrived by to-days^{sic} mail thanks for the Persian pictures, I am glad you enjoyed the Exhibition.

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Please tell Pat I have received a letter from her to-day & thank her very much – I do hope she soon gets something interesting to do.

Lots of love to you & Father your affectionate daughter Myrtle.

P.S. I am enclosing some stamps for Eric give him my love & tell him I hope his tummy is all right by now.