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## Dear Mother

I posted Father's letter this morning. so now I'm going to answer yours, I was so pleased with all the enclosures. \& have started to make little purses out of the scraps of silk \& ribbon.

I am sorry to hear such bad news of poor Sallie it will be very serious for her if the club has to close. she ought to have a pension after all she has done.

I am also sorry Muriel is not strong again. she seems to have had rather bad luck lately.

We saw a most interesting sight this evening. One of the great camel droves have made their encampment quite close to our house. There are 200 h camels resting on their long reck ${ }^{\text {sic }}$ from the South to Cairo, we walked out to see them after dinner. it was a picturesque sight, the men were gathered round their camp fire cooking their food $\&$ the camels were lying all around them. the head man came \& talked to us $\&$ showed us the fine white riding camels

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that one reads about in novels. They are very fine looking beasts, $\&$ their coats are short $\&$ beautifully smooth like a white pony. The camel men invited us to take coffee but we excused ourselves \& thanked them for their courtesy. we did not dare think of the probable state of their cooking pots. I am just off to bed. tomorrow is market day, our day of rest. we have planned a picnic I hope to describe it to you later on.

## Nov 26 ${ }^{\text {th }}$

Today we packed our lunch \& our tea in two big baskets, loaded the donkeys \& set off for the day. there were Miss C \& myself \& M ${ }^{\mathrm{r}}$ Beazley Sardic, Ahmed-Abdu-Sellam, Mahmud \& Abdullah \& three donkeys. named "The Black", "The Steam Engin[e]" \& the "Father of Tiredness". Their names are of course in Arabic \& are very descriptive.

We walked across the level desert to the cliffs, $\&$ clambered up one of the big passes. we had our lunch before the steep $\mathrm{a}<\mathrm{s}>$ ccent ${ }^{\text {sic }} \&$ left two of the men to look after the donkeys \& started the stiff climb up the cliff. near the top we found

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an ancient stone quarry. when we went in, we disturbed hundreds of bats. we were able to go quite a way back into the limestone cliff \& could see how the great blocks were hacked out. After leaving the quarry we continued our upward climb till we reached the top \& could see the high desert with its outcrops of rock \& great sanddrifts stretching away as far as the eye could see. Egypt is like this little
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by one of the great sand drifts, it's a gorgeous feeling taking great strides \& then sitting \& sliding in an avalanche of yellow sand. we had tea at the foot of the cliffs, then being weary we mounted the dons \& rode home, our journey covered about 8 miles, part of it very stiff climbing so am feeling nicely exercised.

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We found the mail had arrived in our absence. I was delighted to see the samples of wool when I opened your letter, but the news it contained made me feel very sad. poor Olive, it is such a tragic end, I wonder whether Florence's news upset her again. she would naturally feel anxious not being able to be near to advise \& look after her I have not heard from $\mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{r}} \mathrm{L}$. he probably does not know my address. I had written to Olive soon after I arrived here, but probably he did not see it as she usually read out any news of interest to him. I have written him a little note of sympathy. I will also write to Buffles in a day or two \& ask for news.

We would very much like <some> Cross Word Puzzles from the DT. (also solutions of same)

I have enjoyed looking at the L.H.J. but have no time for reading the stories. I seem to be letter writing all the time I have to myself, my evenings are rather full as I am teaching $\mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{r}}$ Beazley hieroglyphs, he does not know them at all \& consequently is very hampered in his
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I am sorry poor $\mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{r}}$ Child is no better, it must be very trying for him to have to be so helpless I posted a very fat letter to Father two days ago. Sardic nearly had a fit when he saw me stick on 4 stamps, I hope the letter arrives safely as it contains an account of a very curious ceremony.

Our men killed a lovely little snake outside the house to-day. we have put it in a bottle of spirits \& hope to get it identified some day

I am so glad the rug is a success, have you decided where it is to go yet.

Lots of love to you \& Father.
also to Pat.
From Myrtle -

