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My Arabic progresses very slowly. I can give the necessary directions about ladders, pencils & all requirements for my work. fetchings & carryings etc. but I get stumped in ordinary conversation & I hate to keep asking, what did he say? all the time. I pick up bits here & there, & am learning names of things but I am not at all quick at it.

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next week or so my letters may be rather scrappy compared to the former volumes but I will do my best to send regularly, as I know how much pleasure your regular letters give me

I expect by now you know that I have had all your enclosures, it really takes quite a long time to get a reply back, (it is about a month since I sent your little cap)

I am so glad you are having such good help with your new dress, it is very kind of Pat & her mother. please give them both my love Do let me know how my things went at Miss Collin's sic exhibition. I am glad she has had better sales for her own work.

I must close now.

All my love to you both your affectionate daughter Myrtle.