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Dear Mother.

Dr Brown says it is 'ntsic ezemasic I've got but empi-tigosic {impetigo}. one of these foul plagues of Egypt. itsic a beastly little germ that gets into the skin & spreads like wildfire unless drastically treated, itsic nothing serious, but means probably 10 days to a fortnightsic treatment, so here I am in a private room in the Anglo American Hospital being made no end of a fuss of with my nose & mouth completely obliterated with a thick grey paste – like a dirty suet pudding. the first time Dr Brown saw me with his beauty cream on the tactless man went into fits of laughter – which was hardly fair as my face was too stiff to even smile

When my face began to get really bad & our camp remedies only seemed to make matters worse Amice & I agreed there was nothing for it but for me to come to Cairo as quickly as possible; we had got a special ointment that we give the natives for empi-tigo^{sic} but did'nt^{sic} dare use it, as the rash on my white skin did'nt^{sic} look a bit like it does on their brown skins, & we thought it was ezcema^{sic} that was spreading on account of the heat. & ev[?] the empitigo^{sic} ointment might have had awful results, so Tuesday morning when it had spread all over my upper lip, Amice rushed Joey to Baliana, wired D^r Brown to ask if it was possible for me to have a room here (I could'nt^{sic} go to an hotel with my face in such a state) also wired to Rex asking

him to meet me at bains station as i was coming on the night hair if there was a room vacant live. With answers came in time for me to get packed + colet the apress that wering. Amice ohour me in & Sandie came as far as the need station to get me comfortably settles, my mags o fullow os hopens unshapped the, arrange with the attendant for me to have the compartment to myself - with the fromes of a f tip when we arrived at bario if no one cla came in. It was a welled night + I was Thankful when we arrow of bairs station 7.30. The was waiting in a gud state of concern. Le saw to all my luggage had it put a his can a drove me straight have, your tumbles into bed affin a good wash , then Dr Brown came , had a good look at me. I under his directions the nuise plastined me up until I tooked like a Polypinisian Jelish or tolin pole. I have this done Twice a day . This is a most brailful place on the big island mean the sporting that a away from the dust tokit of bais, I spind most of my time silling out in the gardens reading , watching the birds or challing with a fellow suffice who is suffing from a prisoned sting on he face, his room is next to mine own usually come out into the garden about the same Time. Of course this is an awfully expension place, but Amice had forseen the possebilly of our needing medical attention of some Time . had made the Society stump up a yearly solscuption for both of us. so being members we can come here any time at reduced nation as it is I don't suppose I shall have much of my last months satary ligh when I heave - notion way of spending ones mony wint it. tol I suppore I must be Thankful to have a place like this to come to the money to pay for it - of come There's no doubt ! caught the infection from some of the people who come for doctains when Amies knows what it is I am afraid she will be very working it's queli amusing the way she considers huself responsible for me

him to meet me at Cairo station as I was coming on the night train if there was a room vacant here. both answers came in time for me to get packed & catch the express that evening. Amice drove me in & Sardic came as far as the next station to get me comfortably settled, my rugs & pillow & slippers unstrapped etc, & arrange with the attendant for me to have the compartment to myself. with the promise of a p tip when we arrived at Cairo if no one else came in. It was a wretched night. & I was thankful when we arrived at Cairo station 7.30. Rex was waiting in a great state of concern. he saw to all my luggage had it put on his car & drove me straight here. I just tumbled into bed after a good wash & then D' Brown came & had a good look at me. & under his directions the nurse plastered me up until I looked like a Polypinisian sic {Polynesian[?]} fetish or totem pole. I have this done twice a day. This is a most beautiful place on the big island near the Sporting Club & away from the dust & dirt of Cairo. I spend most of my time sitting out in the gardens reading & watching the birds or chatting with a fellow sufferer who is suffering from a poisoned sting on her face. her room is next to mine & we usually come out into the garden about the same time. Of course this is an awfully expensive place, but Amice had forseen sic the possibility of our needing medical attention at some time & had made the Society stump up a yearly subscription for both of us. so being members we can come here any time at reduced rates. as it is, I dont^{sic} suppose I shall have much of my last months^{sic} salary left when I leave. rotten way of spending ones^{sic} money is'nt^{sic} it. but I suppose I must be thankful to have a place like this to come to & the money to pay for it – Of course there's no doubt I caught the infection from some of the people who come for doctoring; when Amice knows what it is I am afraid she will be very concerned its sic quite amusing the way she considers herself responsible for me

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After this experience I must say I agree with her that Joey really is a necessity.

he saved me 24 hours of misery any way & it might have been something far more serious. if we had had to send the telegrams in by donkey or camel there would not have been time for all arrangements to be made & a reply received in time for me to be off the same evening. & if I had had to wait until the next night I should probably have had half my face covered with these torturing blisters. She really is wonderful the way she forsees^{sic} & prepars^{sic} for emergencies – & its^{sic} mostly for other people, she does'nt^{sic} bother about herself at all

Rex has been such a brick. he comes in to see me every day. the first time he was armed with a huge bunch of flowers & a Flit spray. (Nancy of course has left for England) Yesterday D^r Derry came. he heard from D^r Brown that I was here & came to see me the very first oportunity of was ntime of him – rather hard luck having to recieve all my nicest men friends when my face is like this.

I hear M^r Lucas is trying to pluck up courage to come & see me. One of the men from Chicago House is here, he has been laid up with para typhoid, he talked to me out of his bedroom window this morning. so you see I'm not feeling exactly lonely.

I am hoping I shall have left here before an answer to this letter could reach me. I shall write to Cooks to forward any letters. Amice is sending them on from Baliana at present

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Lots of love to you both Your affectionate daughter Myrtle –

Please thank Pat for her letter & give her my love –