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Arabah el Madfunah Twelth^{sic} Night. (Day) [5 January 1932]

Dear Mother.

We are expecting the Oultons from Sohag to spend to-day with us, & we have been preparing a Badmington^{sic} court in the hopes of having a game if there is not too much wind, we had some difficulty in making the white lines on the mud floor. but managed by pouring whitewash in little dribbles (along the s/<m>easuringstring) out of a milk jug. Nannie ofcourse waxed furious as you can imagine

Yesterday we had the police officer & his wife to tea with us in the temple, we showed them the paintings etc, they were very pleased with them, we inquired how his mother in law was & if the dose had done her good. he replied that it had done her "too good." we hardly know how to take that, but we gather the old lady is better

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One of our old guards caught a/<another> horned viper the day before yesterday & brought it to us <u>alive</u> in his handkerchief. it was only a small

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one about 20 inches long, its fangs were as large as cats^{sic} teeth & set right in front of its mouth, & it could open its jaws at an angle like this [\Re] It was very brave of the old man to catch it alive as it is the most venomous of all snakes. of course in the winter they are very torpid & cannot move quickly. we told him to kill it quickly with a heavy stone. we were very relieved when it was dispatched though it was wonderful to see the thing alive & how it moved & how it tried to attacked when he put it on the sand $\frac{\&}{PO}$ before crushing its head with a large block of limestone. he said it could not move quickly because it was cold. but all the same we were glad we were wearing high boots

> Amice joins me in love to you both. Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.