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Dear Mother.

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I had a nice surprise yesterday. Sheikh Jed-el-Karim arrived with a basket in front of him on his donkey & he told me there was a present for me inside it. when I opened it there was a dear little tabby kitten, it was trembling with fright after its hours it from

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the village where his school is. I lifted it out & cuddled it a bit & though it was very frightened & clung with all claws to the basket it never scratched my hands & after a little it began to purr very softly, we took it out to the kitchen & gave it milk & scraps of chicken & left it to get used to its new surroundings while I had my lesson. As soon as Sheikh-Jed-el Karim had departed, Abdullah told me the headmaster of the school from Beni Monsur was waiting to pay his respects, so in he came, he had brought his small daughter & his assistant teacher & we all said polite things & when they had departed I had a scramble to get my bath & be ready for supper

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This morning I took the kitten round the house & introduced it to all the rooms, it was very frightened at all the strange plas/<c>es but seemed content as long as I held it, the men had it in their room all last night, it seems quite used to being handled & I think it will soon get over the strangeness of everything & settle down, it takes its food without the slightest hesitation.

The guards<sup>sic</sup> dog was wild with delight when he saw me again he lept<sup>sic</sup> up at me & put his paw's<sup>sic</sup> on my shoulders, fortunately I had a piece of nice new bread ready for him, Old Mahomed is very proud of him, when he sees me coming he says to the dog. "Rise up Oh my brother, the lady comes."

our soudani guard have arrived,
the first night <they were here> they found a viper
in their room curled up in the sand,
so I have ordered a brick floor to
be put down in the room as
snakes will seldom enter where they
cannot make a hole to hide in.
the men are now busy putting down
the bricks, During the summer
a viper was caught in a rat trap
they say it was a yard long.

I have learnt a nice Arabic idiom (<u>not</u> from my school master) instead of saying of two friends. "they are hand in glove" – you say "they are two bottoms in one pair of drawers". This may amuse Pat.

Lots of love to you & Father also to Pat.

Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.