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## Nov 15<sup>th</sup>

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Mystle:

I am sending some more pictures. they are not as good as usual. Capt C offered to develop them but when he got the film unrolled it would'nt<sup>sic</sup> all go in the dee developing bath at once The next lot I have sent to Cairo. I expect to send you more in another letter.

We are having local oranges & mandarins now as well as melons & dates & grapes. I have a glass of freshly squeesed<sup>sic</sup> orange every morning to start my breakfast, then a huge slice of melon & a cup of coffee.

The paper you sent will do very nicely. I shall start making toys in the evenings now.

In the list of fruits I forgot to mention that we are having sweet potatoes, these are lovel<del>ey</del>/<y>. the flavour is rather like chestnuts they are long like a carrot but the skin & consistency is like an ordinary potato

I think I have told you all the news so far.

Lots of love to you both your affectionate daughter Myrtle.



[  $\Re$  ]

This is an ant blowing his trumpet (a flower)

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This is the trumpet blowing the ant!

(the wind took it & bowled the ant right over!)