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ARABAH EL MADFUNAH
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Tuesday ^{afternoon} ~~morning~~. I washed your old Kasha coat this morning. It was dry in an hour. it is now ironed & ready for wear. & looks very nice. I have also changed my room. I am now in the one M^r Beazley had. it is divided into two, so I have a bed room & a sitting room as well. it is better for Nannie as the steps up to the tower were a great trial to her. It will be more convenient in many ways although I am quite sorry to leave my tower.

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