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Cecil House Cairo. May 13th 1930

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I had such a lovely send off. such a bevy of callers came to say good bye to me at the house & the taxi was stopped 3 times on the way to the station by friends who wished to offer their salaams. I even had a deputation from the ladies of the village. & Sheik Abdu Wahid has written me a special charm from the $\mathbb{C}/\langle K \rangle$ or-an, to protect me on my journey & bring me safely back, one portion remains in the house, the other I am to carry about with me on the right side. this is a very unusual gift from a devout Muslim to a Christian & I value it very much.

M^r Little (who is now called Little 'un) came to Cairo with me. & Miss C follows with Nannie & the luggage to-night. We came by the night train, had a first Class compartment to ourselves, so we each stretched ourselves out & went fast asleep until 5 o'clock. then we had a wash & tidy up & were all fresh & lively when we arrived at Cairo by 7 o'clock. The Little un saw me safely here & then went on to stay with some cousins who have a house near Old Cairo

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then went to the National Bank of Egypt & cashed a cheque for £40 my travel allowance, then to the hair dressers, had a trim & a wave. from there to Cooks. had a chat with M^r Jackson & parted with £35 for tickets etc he says all the boats this year are absolutely full in the 2nd Class but have quite a few passengers in the First – every one seems to be hard up. I felt a bally millionaire – They do not know yet the time she will be leaving Port Said but will advise me later it will be either 15th or 16th & she will probably arrive at London 12 days afterwards. the date of arrival is not given in the shipping list but I expect you will be able to follow her progress in the Daily Telegraph. she is the City of Calcutta.

When Cooks were disposed of I went along to the Industrial exhibition to do my shopping.

I bought a very nice suit case, a size larger than my black eabin pegamoid one. it has a tray inside & is made of cow hide I gave £3·5·0 for it. I think it will stand a lot of hard wear. I could not get the case Uncle Jim wanted they had nothing that size at all I bought a hand bag. also two lengths of silk & a gorgeous pink & lemon dressing gown for myself. I need the latter badly my cotton one looks rather a wreck

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May 14th

Had a gorgeous day day. morning. Miss C arrived to breakfast. she had a bath & a general change of garments & then at 9⋅30 the Little 'un arrived & we all went of sic to the Mouskeysic {Musky = Khan el-Khalili} to buy things. it was fun − my first purchace was some incence they burnt the various smells & I selected the one I liked best. I bought a small lump for 10 PT. I know Father will love it. it is quite a new sort of smell we looked at the street of the goldsmiths. & the copper smiths & the spice market etc. then we went to visit a friend of Miss C's who deals in old brass & copper ware. & there we had a regular orgy. we partook of coffee, turkish delight, & cigarettes, & had the most lovely old arab characteristic had been at most lovely old arab characteristic had been since they would'nt sic look at modern stuff at all.

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Miss C had several presents to buy & she had to have some for herself because she could'ntsic bear to part with them. I also fell. I have purchacedsic – but no. I will not tell you. you must wait & see – itsic a present for both of you. I simply could'ntsic resist it & itsic something for domestic use that is realysic required. The amusing thing was that the dealer gave us each a present at the conclusion of the bargain & has promised to give us a still more splendid present if we will come to him again next year.

We drove back here feeling very triumphant, we were just finishing lunch when the Imp [= Reginald Engelbach] blew in to ask us both to dine with him to-night, we are having tea with D^r Junker & at the present moment are taking a short rest.

May 16th

The boat train leaves to-day 11 AM from Cairo. Miss C is coming with me & I have asked her to come & stay it would be such a dull home coming for her to have to go to a dull club & we have been so happy to-gether that I am sure you will give her a lovely welcome for my sake If the spare room is occupied I will sleep in the studio & she can have my room.

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& had such an orgy – lovely & wonderful things were spread before us. I tried to get our passage rug, but alas. they were nearly all 4 feet wide, the only narrow one was in soft pinks & I could'nt^{sic} bear to think of it against our stair carpet. all the same. I have bought a rug. I dont^{sic} know where for – we must decide about that together, but its^{sic} one of those things that one has to have irrespective of price or anything. its^{sic} a treasure & a joy – an old persian^{sic} in the most exquisite soft colours & the most unique design – as for Miss C. she adores rugs – she is absolutely depraved in the matter of acquiring beautiful things. she spent £60 & has been gloating over it ever since, she is leaving hers with D^r Junker this season as she has no place for them at present. but mine is sewn up in a sack & of course will come with me. (I only wish you could see hers)

I hope this will reach you before we arrive

Lots of love your affectionate daughter Myrtle.