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The next morning when we got up at 5 o'clock, there was the poor old man waiting outside. he was looking in a simply apalling condition. he said he had been to the hospital & they would'nt^{sic} take him in without a letter. this of course was a fairy tale of his own – he had not realized it took a whole day to go to Sohag & return, & he was back in his

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To-day Ahmud Waled killed a cere/<a>stes (horned viper) outside our house, it caused quite an excitement. Nannie has had the gateway into the garden walled up so we have to step over it to come in & out. this is to prevent snakes getting into the house as they are evidently waking up from their winter sleep.

<u>Tuesday May</u> 6th

I have not heard anything more from Cook's so imagine there is no accommodation on the boat that leaves Port Said on the $14^{\frac{th}{2}}$. they usually know 10 days before she is due here. the next boat on my list leaves $16^{\frac{th}{2}}$ I will send you word directly I hear. I hope I can get a passage all the way by sea –

I was so glad to hear Capt C has been to see you. what a pity it was such a short visit. I expect you did have a lot to talk about. I had a hasty note from him by to-days^{sic} mail to say he had been to see you & that you were both looking very well etc etc. I was sure you would like him. does'nt^{sic} he remind you a bit of Christopher? not looks of course, but all the mad sort of things he likes to do & his interest in everything.

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I <u>am</u> looking forward to coming home. we must have some jolly outings. do think of all the things you would like to see & do. I am longing for shops. frocks & theatres & ICES – I am not quite certain what my Barclays account is but I know it must be own fiso. I shall probably have a small deposit to keep on my account a bar the next Transfured to my Welford bank. (swank. what .) I can anange about that when I get home -

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Fancy you getting a letter from Florence after all this time. I am glad she is comfortably settled – I am not at all surprised to hear she was not very upset at loosing^{sic} her Mother. she had no thought or care for anything but getting married & now probably thinks very little of her single existence. she certainly did'nt^{sic} have a very happy home life

Give my love to Pat & tell her I hope she is prepared to celebrate when I come home.

Lots of love to you & Father Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.

PS. We have the N wind again so it is not so hot as it was.