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SHAHABAD DISTRICT,
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hey dear Pippa

Your lv 15 missed
the post so I got 2 letters
last week viz 15 & 16 - I
also got kama's Xmas present
for which many thanks - I
have already read Cyrano
as I have told you - not
having much to say I will
proceed to answer certain
questions in your last letter.
Much excitement was caused

by Gardiner's appointment
as P. W. member of Council
The story is that he received
a letter from the private
Secy saying the Viceroy
wanted to see him - On
presenting himself he was
offered the post, but said
he was very sorry he was
going home & couldnt take
it, and eventually only
consented when the Viceroy
implored him on bended
knees as a personal favour.

This is clearly the result

of papa's testimonial -

I am sorry you have fallen
in love with Cargill (1) because
he is already engaged having
a charming Italiana wife
(2) Because he is rather a
beast -

Green is the wierd German
creature - the dash of grey
on his head is really the
light reflected from his
glossy black hair -

Last Sunday a grand
meeting of M.G. Ry wallahs
was held here and a pho-
topraph taken which will

814(a)

be sent on in due course.

I am glad you like the
ludicrous pencil - I thought
a lark - coloured chest
of drawers sounded charming
but on closer scrutiny found
that it was dark!

I hope the Mumprians have
all recovered - I believe
some of the kids collect
postage stamps so am
sending a specimen of
the new $\frac{1}{4}$ anna stamp

With love to all

W^r loving brother

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