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Allahabad

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My dear Pippa

Yesterday came
your letter with account of
your first ball &c also one
from Papa about diagrams
which will be answered next
mail. I am seated in
my room beneath the punkah
trying to think of something
to say, which is extremely

difficult as the usual blank
has occurred and Garsten is
having tiffin (time 20 to 5) just
in front and keeps interrupting
my train of thought by singing
in the intervals of mouthfuls

"When & where shall I earliest meet?
What & which are the words I shall say?"
which is very distressing.

The only interesting item is
that my bearer went the other
day for a few days leave &
has returned with his son

& heir whom he wants to
teach the trade of bearer. I
am a splendid subject (being
very meek & mild) and this
wretched youth now experiments
daily on my vile body with
great vigour.

Do you remember Thrupp
singing "Killaloe"? I have heard
a still more exquisite render-
ing of that thrilling ballad by
an RE & called Greer who has
just come out & is perfectly

crazy as you might guess by
the name. The only other(?)
interesting(?) news is that there
is a tremendous gale on &
that I am going to dinner to
night ~~with~~ to the Abbatts.

Farewell

Yr loving brother

Ralph Strachey

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