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The Cataract Hotel

Aswan

24th Feb. 1929

Dearest Pipha

I believe Janie wrote to Maryorie to say that Jean Drayen's courage & mine collapsed at Wadi Halfa, and that we ignominiously took a comfortable steamer back to Aswan, leaving Janie & Simon undaunted to return in the felucca. Janie declared that she has never felt so well in all her life as during the sail. I think I should have enjoyed it as much if I hadn't caught some kind of a fiendish microbe which settled first in my throat & then in my nose, & made me feel very uncomfortable. Kind Jean Drayen (who himself had a very alarming accident to his eyes - all well over) invited me to stay with him in this hotel - which is the grandest in Egypt. And here we have been enjoying the flesh pots for a whole week. The comfort & food are heavenly. I was badly in need of them & they have done me an immense deal of good.

When Janie & Simon get back, to-morrow or the day after, we shall return to Cairo immediately and start

for Jerusalem as soon as we can get all the preliminary jobs through.

When I got back here I thought I should find some letters but something has gone wrong & I have not had one for nearly three weeks. I expect them every minute - rather anxiously. The papers are full of such horrifying accounts of the cold ~~and~~ and the influenza epidemic, that I expect you are all on beds of sickness - and that not a single cat has gone to Simon's exhibition!

Please note that we intend to take the Theophile Gautier at Beyroul - on Mar. 22^d. If necessary address to me then Poste Restante, Bcleruen this & then it is very hard to think of an address to give.

After Mar. 22^d address Poste Restante Athens where we expect to arrive about April 1st.

Fordest love, dearest creature, from your own
Dorothy.

To tell the truth, for some reason it is the Rendels I am anxious about.