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My dear Pippa

Last week we had a novelty in the shape of an earthquake, a very slight one. I was paying a call, when suddenly the ceiling (which is simply a cloth stretched across) began to crack, and then the floor shook slightly for about a quarter of a minute, as if

the Underground Railway was just beneath & a train was passing. I was preparing to rush shrieking from the house when I saw that the rest of the company had not even noticed the shock, so I sat tight & trembled.

Do you remember on Jubilee day a youth appearing at the show shivering in a large ulster and a broiling sun? If you do, you will be interested to hear

that he came here for a day and his name is Writtonby Huddleston. {I.M. (?)} This reminds me. Did you see that the Pirates ship has returned after finding nary sou? If so is it true? Also have you read a book called

Robbery under Arms? If not get it. It is a most exciting tale of bushranging.

nelly has been rather bad with bronchitis but is now recovering. We have been

having rather peculiar weather
for this time of year. More
dust storms and rain, which
ought not to come till the
end of June.

Au récrire

or is it récrire!

Yr loving brother

Ralph Strachey

Love to everybody.

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