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My dear Pippa,

I have got a ticket for a berth in the "Thames", which sails on the 1st of July, so you may expect me to drop in somewhere about the 20th or 21st of that month. I am going second class by steamer and first class across the continent, the former for cheapness and the latter for speed. This is quite the fashion nowadays and I believe it is very comfortable. Robertson was going 2nd, but as soon as he discovered that the E.I.R. were going to pay his fare for him, he basely changed to 1st. However I do not mind as I shall be able to avoid him more easily now if he gets troublesome on the subject.

of 'strains'. I forgot to tell you last week to answer that letter to Aden: I hope you thought of it yourself. You had better send your 1st of July letter to Port Said and others to Brindisi addressed to the P.O. S.S. Thames. It seems so strange making these arrangements, I can hardly believe it is truth.

I will now relate the sad tale of how I bashed my knee. When riding out with Dorsdale from Barakar, my pony got frightened at something and bolted,

and as we were going along at a pretty good pace one of the stirrup leathers slipped from the catch in the saddle and I went off; and as the ground was pretty hard I came rather a cropper. I came down on my right knee and my face which was saved a good deal by my topee (or hat) so my knee got the worst of it. I had to lie on my back for a day or two but I am nearly all right again now and am walking about with a slight limp. I have been stopping at

Dr. Bath's during my recovery
& am still there. I suppose I
shall go to Barakar again
shortly. Herbert and Lewis Paul
are coming here on Sunday to
take an affectionate farewell
of me; I expect the poor crea-
tures are wishing they were me.

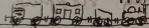
The first page of this letter was
written with the Merritt type-
writer. I meant to write the
whole letter thoozely (this, thus;
that, thooze;) but it took too
long.

When you get this, who will
be on the way to Bombay but

your loving brother

Ralph

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