

Cairo, Egypt.

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My dear Margaret: I received your dear sweet letter and I was happy to learn of your zeal and that you are surely coming to Budapest. I did not keep my word to write you as soon as I arrived at St. Sait. As I have explained in the letter to Mrs. Coit, we went to Palestine, the cholera compelled us to stay 16 days, then we had to go to quarantine. The chief distress of those unhappy days was because I had neither paper nor ink and could get none. My mail I had received and there were business letters of the most important kind and nothing could I do with them all. At last we reached Cairo and I had to go to bed a week, so there was a whole month when I simply couldn't get a letter to you. I had to give up the Nile trip and have been here at the time.

Even now I cannot give you very definite information. We have bought tickets to Colombo and leave next Monday. We go to Madras, across to Bombay and then across the North to Calcutta, then to Rangoon and Batavia Java. The doctor does not want to go to Australia. I do. We may arrange matters so that she will remain in Java while I go

to Australia and we shall meet at some common
point. We can only say as to cost that we find it averages
\$2 per day and we think that will cover the expense of the
remainder of the trip. Now if you can join us, you could
take a P. & O. and come to Bombay when we shall arrive
about February 2 and remain until February 8. If you
could not take the whole trip you could return from Java
if you liked. Or if you would like to join me for the Aus-
tralian trip including New Zealand and Tasmania, I should
like that. I shall not tease you to come, but if you wish
to do so, I assure you it would be a great joy to have
you with me and I would see that no Bozeys carried you
off. I am awfully sorry I could not get this information
to you sooner. I expected to get a careful estimate of the
cost of everything but I found that impossible,
except to buy a ticket for a stereotyped tour which
we did not want to make. Just let me know if you
can join us. I never felt very hopeful yet, as your
mother did not seem to think the plan would mature.

Give me love to Dollie. If you do not come this trip,
perhaps we shall hear another. Awaiting your reply
and hoping but scarcely expecting you may come
I am
Yours lovingly,
Carrie C. Catt

I send you my latest photo.