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I shall be glad when this part of the journey is finished now; when the novelty has worn off there is a deadly sameness about a long voyage. but I think the thing one misses most is privacy - all the same I do enjoy being with other people. both my cabin mates are very nice & it is rather fun chatting at night time, while we are dressing.

It is getting really hot now. we have had a wonderful passage. we passed some beautiful islands on the S of Sicily.

I really think I have told you all the news. I will continue my adventures from Cairo.

Love to you both. (also to Pat)

Your affectionate daughter.

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