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 | THE ROYAL PALACE.
 ISMAILIA, HOTEL VICTORIA.
 BORDEAUX (S' JEAN) HOTEL TERMINUS & BUFFET.
 ARDENNES, THE ROYAL CHATEAU D'ARDENNE.
 ABBAZIA, HOTEL STEPHANIE & VILLAS.
 CAIRO, GHEZIREH PALACE

Shepherd's Hotel

Cairo Nov 19, 03

TELEGR. ADDRESS:
SHEPHERDS-CAIRO.

Dear Louie
 Wanda Helen
 Maggie & all
 of you. I wish

I could get a letter from
 you saying you
 were well. But
 alas! that seems
 impossible. & so I can
 only hope & pray.

I've been up the Nile
 as far as the 1st Cataract
 at Aswan, about
 700 miles from the sea.
 I went by steamer &
 returned by rail. The
 trip was interesting
 in many ways

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The noble famous
 foodful old stream.
 laden with fertile
 mud from the ^{top} heart
 of the continent. The
 millions of date palms
 in groves & lines along
 its banks, the broad
 green fields of corn
 & millet & sugar cane
 bounded in the hot
 hazy distance by
 brown & yellow dunes
 where sand is ever
 in motion by the
 winds - the curious
 mud villages & mud-
 colored inhabitants
 & the wonderful
 ruins of great cities
 temples, obelisks, the
 pyramids & tombs etc.

which open such far-reaching & astonishing views into the very aridness of the arid Langsynes of history. The region about Luxor on both sides of the river 450 miles above Cairo is the most interesting of all. Here is the site of famous old Thebes with its 100 gates etc. Only tombs & temples are left. Those of Luxor & Karnak are greatest & most wonderful. It is hopeless to give any conception of them in letters, but I am

gathering a lot of photographs that will give you some little notions about them. I expect to leave Cairo tomorrow for Port Said & then take the North German Lloyd steamer "Barbarossa" on the 22^d for Ceylon & Australia, thence by an Australian steamer to New Zealand & thence straight home - a long long way that will take two or three months. I am weary & full of the sickiness. I suppose I

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 LONDON, THE MIRESA PLACE
 GOSWENWOOD, THE GOSWENWOOD HOTEL
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