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Dear Barbara

Many thanks for your kind letter and believe me I was glad to hear of your doings at home. Also tell Fernald I think he is a somewhat lazy young lad not to drop me a line or is he too much interested in the Milk White Steed

That you are also riding I am glad to hear. It sure must be fine exercise. Almost all the English people ride here in the mornings. Today one of my business associates had a bad fall from his horse and his wife told me he could not enter a beauty contest now.

I play tennis and golf for my exercise and enjoy both very much. Your Aunt Lois says I am rather helpless in

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getting around to look at the sights and I  
guess she is right but then I keep my  
eyes open when I am out and have noticed  
many strange customs of the people and  
different castes.

Uncle Ryland didn't have time  
to finish - so I'll end this - with  
his best love to you all -  
Arthur Luis.

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Dear Barbara:-

Needless to say both Uncle Tyland and I were delighted to receive your letters and to hear of the various episodes that took place in your family.

India is very interesting - there are so many different sects and castes of the people - that are very distinctive.

You see many different markings upon their bodies - principally the face and chest - in colored daubs - that denote the various sects - The dress too differs from the almost naked coolies to the veiled ladies - I saw one of the latter the other day - she looked like a Halloween spook - as evidently she was of the poorer class and had just cut holes in a white sheet which she wore over her whole body. On the

movies here they have special boxes  
for them and a thin net curtain  
hangs from the top of the box -  
to hide the ladies from the public  
gaze.

Today Uncle Byland and I spent  
a couple of hours in the Indian  
Museum - we were fortunate in getting  
a very close glimpse of Blumenthal -  
the noted French Statesman - as he  
was inspecting the exhibits. In  
this Museum are many fine  
specimens of the idol Buddha - that  
have been taken from the old  
temples - They are so bedeviled in  
face and form that you wonder  
how they could worship them and  
yet they do even now. We saw  
an old mummy - about four  
thousand years old - and much of  
its body was exposed - and its teeth  
all showed and seemed perfect.

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The finest things in the Museum were to our mind the beautiful fabrics, both cotton and silk, and also the fine brass trays and metal articles that are very old, and such as I have never seen any where.

The market place here is very interesting - it covers about four city blocks - and small shops are crowded one after another - and you can buy fruit, vegetables, groceries, drugs, stationery, flowers, art curios. - in fact just everything from pins to elephants and live birds, small animals. of course the live things are in a space by themselves.

Uncle Ryland plays a good deal of golf - and I'm sure you'd like

his outfit. It consists of short kabki  
pauls, long sloter q - and of course  
about six inches of bare legs -  
shows - but its quite the fashion.  
You te appear shies and you know  
it must be in style - I hope to get  
pictures so you can see how cute  
he looks. and perhaps your father  
would like to copy him.

I have not forgotten your two  
present - in fact I have two small  
things for each of you girls - and  
some thing nice find a way to  
send them.

There are lots of beggars here -  
and many religious mendicants -  
a holy men - they appear with only  
a breech cloth - their long hair matted  
with dirt and they rub their bodies  
all over with ashes. We often see  
two in the early morning going to

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It's regular begging place - one  
carries a long iron staff - the other  
one a brass one.

I am going to write Luis a  
letter too - and you can read  
this for I am going to tell her  
different things.

Write love to you and  
your brothers and sisters.

Aunt Luis.