



SCALEBY • BOYCE • VIRGINIA  
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DEAR LAURA:

AT LONG LAST I AM SHIPPING YOU FIVE INDIAN RUGS, DIRECT FROM THE CLEANER. SORRY TO SAY SOME OF THEM HAVE SMALL MOTH HOLES. I DO THINK THEY ARE AWFULLY GOOD LOOKING, AND HOPE THEY ARE THE ONES YOU THOUGHT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST. THEY WERE CERTAINLY ALL ACQUIRED BEFORE 1890, AND FOR THAT REASON MAY BE INTERESTING.

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF TAKING A PHOTOGRAPHING TOUR IN ARABIA? I KNOW FREYA STARK DID SOMETHING OF THE KIND. IF YOU DO, PLEASE LET ME KNOW, BECAUSE MY BETTIE IS KEEN TO GO TO THAT PART OF THE WORLD, AND THOUGH IT IS, TO PUT IT MILDLY, "TROUBLED" AT THIS TIME, I SHOULD THINK A TOUR TAKING PICTURES MIGHT BE TERRIBLY INTERESTING, OR WOULD A CAMERA GET TWO WOMEN INTO TROUBLE?

WHEN ARE YOU COMING EAST? WE WOULD ALL LOVE TO SEE YOU HERE AT "SCALEBY."

WITH LOVE, LET US HEAR FROM YOU,

AFFECTIONATELY,

*hanna*

GILPIN