

Delhi Bridge

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My dear Pippin

You have narrowly

escaped the shock of seeing

'Subbulpur' written at the

top of this letter as the

other day a telegram was

received saying I was to

go at once to Subbulpur

to collect the Engineer there

being away sick. However

after much excitement and

a large flow of the electric

fluid it was agreed that

my services here were too valuable to be dispensed with and Aslett is to go instead - He would have gone already only unluckily Birdie has been ill and could not be moved but she is now better and they are going tomorrow. The disgusting part of it is that I have got to look after Aslett's work as well as my own so I am chained down here until some one can be found to take his place,

and my visit to Simla will have to be put off. Perhaps at the beginning of September I may be able to go, but it is rather doubtful. Anyhow it is a foul circumstance.

The purchase of Brown's bicycle for Dorothy is most interesting and you must send reports on the advantages of the frame and disc adjusters. Also the fixed gear case which I don't much care for. Can you take the big gear wheel off to clean the

bearings. I am sorry to say that my bicycle is a horse of combat, the front tyre having become deflated and refusing to blow up.

This is rather weird as there is no puncture - Perhaps the reason is that I haven't got any soft soap. Some is being got and if it doesn't act then I shall write a letter to the C.T.C. advising all to avoid Fleur in the hopes of getting a new tyre sent free in the usual style. As for old Dunlop he is nicely

shown up by old Hosley  
isnt he.

I enclose another ele-  
phant - a white one this  
time - with a puff of the  
major.

Please send tell Prunpus  
to send Rupert of Hentzau  
unless it is too feeble.

With love

Wm  
Ralph