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later I climbed the big pyramid. The steps/were about three feet high; I forget the exact height, but pretty big steps, and when I had gone up, maybe a tenth of the way to the top of ~~xxxxx~~ top of the pyramid, an Egyptian ~~xxxxxxx~~ came running up and took ~~xxxx~~ grabbed for my hand and indicated that he was going to help me--to pull me up to ~~xxxx~~ the top. I told him I did not want help, but he insisted he would do it, finally I said, "I do not want help and I will not pay ~~anything~~ if you insist." So he left me then. Now these two friends ~~me~~ told me that they went to Egypt and when they came to the pyramid each of them let one of the Egyptians pull him by the hand up each step to the top of the pyramid. Then he said ~~xxxx~~ that when they came down his friend handed the ~~man~~ man who had taken him up a coin or some money and the Egyptian immediately left him. He himself handed the man who had helped him to the top of the pyramid a dollar. The man immediately began to gesticulate and declare that this was absurd ~~to~~ to give him so little money, that pointed to the great effort of going clear to the top of that pyramid and all the work he had done; he must have at least double ~~xxxx~~ that. Well, my friend thought a dollar--which of ~~xxx~~ course in those days was worth far more than it is today--was fully adequate compensation and refused. The man kept insisting and ~~me~~ arguing and walked with them across/ the whole area there and went to where you got the trolley car to go into Cairo, and got on the car with him, still arguing and insisting he should have more money. Only when the conductor came and asked for fares did he leave him and get off at ~~xxxx~~ the next stop. After this happened and he was perplexed that his friend had evidently fully satisfied the man who had helped him, so he asked the ~~friend~~ friend, "How ~~friend~~ friend, how much money did you give him?" And the sum amount he mentioned was the equivalent of an American nickel. The man had simply taken it, nodded, and walked off. It sounded ridiculous, but as I thought of it ~~xxx~~ later, if, having been given a dollar, one by arguing and ~~x~~ demanding could get another dollar, it was worth the time and effort. If, having been given a nickel, further argument and discussion would result in getting another nickel, one would question whether it was worth all the effort it would require. Incidentally,