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SAN SIMEON, CALIFORNIA

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Dear Miss Morgan :

The fireplace in the East Room, or so-called Breakfast Room, is not any good. It never has been any good and never will be until we make the radical alteration that is necessary.

Whenever we build a fire in it, we have to open the door and let in the cold air from the outside, and sit in a draught, and get a crick in the back of the neck, and get warm in front and cold in back or vice versa; and the fireplace under those conditions is of no use.

It is pretty much impossible for it to contribute enough heat to overcome the cold that enters from the outside.

We have tried ventilating the fireplace with air passages to the outside. We have tried new chimneys and chimney-tops; but nothing is of any benefit.

The trouble with the fireplace is the flue is too small.

We have built up the base of the fireplace until it is almost two feet above the ground, and still the opening is too large for the flue, or rather the flue is too small for the opening.

It seems to me there is nothing to be done except the one thing necessary,— enlarge the flue.

When we go away for a sufficient length of time, I wish you would kindly put down on the program of construction this change in the flue of the fireplace in the East Room as one of the most important things to be done.

Sincerely yours,

Miss Julia Morgan,
San Francisco, Calif.

W R Hearst
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not done before on acct of Doyle Suite Room work ahead