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Mr. William Randolph Hearst,  
c/o San Francisco Examiner,  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hearst:

Yesterday at San Simeon the appearance of the two new bedrooms on the main floor of house "A", with the mantels at the further end, bothered me so much that I am having the ceilings made without finishing the borders -- until you see the effect for yourself.

The only way of correcting it I can see is by furring one wall or the other and re-centering the room. When we decided on the ceilings we both thought having the offset on one side of the room would not matter; but then there was nothing to draw attention to the fact of the off-centering at the further end, as the bed could be 6 inches off center and no one would notice it. But the mantel makes the off-centering evident from the first second you glance at it.

The iron windows are being set in both houses "A" and "B".

Yours very truly,

JM-L