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Mr. William Randolph Hearst
137 Riverside Drive,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Hearst:

The plants were arriving up the mountain Friday. They looked large and vast in numbers down on the wharf, but dwindled as usual in size as they reached the top. The plants from Santa Barbara and first shipment from here, as I have written before, made no showing at all. This one I think will. In any case, no trouble was spared to get the best all combined nurseries could provide. Many of the plants are individually lovely. There is one beautiful big bouganvilla for court of C, with a big old rose opposite, that we found box grown in an out of way corner. The blue flowering trees from Santa Barbara are about a foot high! It seems they are too tender to move if of any size.

Mr. Humrich is working on the walls and decorations of House B. The lobby canvases were newly stretched and the doors all have arrived on this steamer.

In House A both bed room ceilings are under way and are gay and pretty. There is enough of the rose damask for both bed rooms. It would look better if the bottom instead of being a straight line, were cut with the braiding. This could be done for the one to be made from the wall wetement.

The valance at the Hacienda is fine and might be turned in at the top and used, not showing a complete design, but otherwise it would be too deep.

If the damask is used for both rooms shall I have it made up? It will take time to do.

A really intelligent antique repairer was found, who has been at work for weeks on repairing the choir stalls. He has finished getting the beds in order. The bed with the eagles on the posts has a very heavy, poor new varnish over the old finish, - quite spoiling it. Mr. Humrich agrees with me that it should be cleaned off down to the old wood. Would you agree?

Shall I have the broken chairs repaired and the new bed in the last shipments fitted up on arrival?

Yours very truly,