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Dear Miss Morgan :

I am very serious about eliminating electric heat everywhere-- Wyntoon, San Simeon, and Santa Monica.

It is unpleasant, unhealthful, dangerous and expensive. It burns up the oxygen in the air. It scorches anything near it. It often fails when it is most needed. It is difficult to regulate, and the most costly of all methods.

All that can be said in its favor is that it is easy to turn on, but no easier than steam.

I suggest that we put steam heat EVERYWHERE.

Of course we plan that at Wyntoon. We can easily install it at Santa Monica, and we can do it this summer when we are putting on a new roof, reconstructing our porch, and fortifying our foundations.

Installing steam heat seems the least of our worries there.

San Simeon is something of a problem, but steam there will be a great comfort. It seems simple enough for the ground floor. We could put it under the two great windows in the assembly room, and put it where we have the electric heating in the east room.

I doubt if we need it in the refectory, but we might put it for insurance at the east end where the stone Madonnas are.

Steam in the library would be pleasant and easy to install under windows.

The upper floors offer some complications, but can doubtless be worked out. The advantage would be tremendous.

We must positively have the simplest and most accurate form of regulation. I understand some of the recent thermostats are practically perfect, and even some of the regulators on the individual coils are accurate.

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I suppose we might have both, but this may not be necessary.

The flat shapes of the coils makes it possible to conceal them entirely behind beautiful grilles, so we are all set as regards both utility and decoration, if we can work out the most practicable method.

2. At San simeon I would like to put in the bowling alley. I would like also to finish the hand ball court. These will make good winter games.

I think we should also perfect the lighting over the indoor pool and we should finish the tennis court and perfect the accessories there.

I wonder if concrete pillars would not be better than iron or bronze for supporting the lights and awnings ?

If powerfully reinforced they might be extremely strong as well as decorative.

What do you think ?

Our night lighting system on the tennis courts is not ideal. Actual overhead lighting is best, but must be high.

Can we work out something of that kind, or shall we increase the lighting at the sides.

With the tennis court finished, we would look more spick-and-span on the Hill.

Sincerely yours,

Miss Julia Morgan,
San Francisco.

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