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Mr. William Randolph Hearst
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Dear Mr. Hearst:

As telegraphed today, the painters are ~~listening to reason~~ and since the beginning of the year are putting in local hours. I have impressed upon them the necessity of making more effort if they are to finish the work, and it seemed as if they ~~under-~~ stood the idea. *And Saturday am.*

The lobby of "B" is about done and looks finely, and they ~~have~~ begun work today on the ceilings of the small bedrooms, but ~~the sitting room has not been~~ *lost* *the sitting room has arrived on top*

The mantel for your bedroom was set up, and by a miracle exactly fits in width. It is a beauty. *fine*

A small crew of plasterers ~~went up~~ last week and have ~~the~~ "A" bedroom ceilings completed. The window trims of "B" are so very rich, ~~it makes the trim of these bedrooms look too~~ meager, ~~I am having two suggestions worked up, using your~~ materials, one for your room and one for Mrs. Hearst's room, *an under way*. *I am afraid it is going to make* *was shut* *They* *will mail them to you as soon as possible.*

The road work shows conspicuous advancement, and the rocking is surely solving the problem. On account of lack of cement the forms in front of "A" and "C" have not yet been filled. The work in front of "C" ~~is going to be a grand success from~~ *promisingly* *itself*, on account of a heavy storm with fog drifting through the rain, I could not get the effect from the opposite hill.

One thing that surprised me was the ~~warmth indoors without~~ *comparative* fires, while outside it was really cold. Though extremely stormy, ~~windy~~, not one of the large windows has leaked in the slightest *so far*, nor has the roof, though the first windstorm made it necessary to get the tile contractor to weigh down the ~~tile~~ *tiles projecting over* the

It is evidently too early for planting, *although the heating* *is of earth for the beds could be under way.* Yours very truly, *over* *the* *Comm.*

Enclosed is a suggestion for the cost of a ~~which~~
~~could solve the problem~~ and ~~what the ground~~
~~shape~~ occurred to me yesterday. as ~~an~~ accompanying
two things - making A seem much larger & more
important by including all the area in front of
the house in the court, and ~~B~~ making ~~the~~
~~an~~ entrance ~~point~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~front~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~house~~ ~~and~~ ~~making~~ ~~the~~
~~a~~ ~~limit~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~area~~ ~~in~~ ~~front~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~house~~ ~~and~~ ~~making~~ ~~the~~
of a boundary wall, not possible ~~in the old plan~~ ^{which} before - &
It is what might be called a physiological change, as
the material one, is chiefly the addition of this little wall
at the ends, & the change in the character of the point -
Yrs very truly

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Mr. William Randolph Hearst
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Dear *Mr Hearst* -

As telegraphed today, the painters are putting in eight hours and Saturday morning. I have impressed upon them the necessity of making more effort if they are to be allowed to finish the work and it seemed as if they grasped the idea.

The lobby of "B" is about done and looks finely, and they have begun work on the ceiling of the ^{new} bedroom. The sitting room has not been touched.

The mantel for this room has arrived on top and by a miracle exactly fits in width. ~~It is fine.~~

A small crew of plasterers was sent up last week and have bedroom ceilings of "A" completed. The window trims of "B" are so very rich, I am afraid it is going to make the trim of your bedrooms seem meager. Two sketches, using your motifs, one for your room and one for Mrs. Hearst's room, are under way. They will be mailed as soon as possible.

The road work shows conspicuous advancement, and ~~the road~~ is surely solving the problem.

On account of lack of cement the forms in front of "A" and "C" have not yet been filled. The work in front of "C" promises finely. Owing to a heavy storm with fog drifting through the rain, I could not get the effect from the opposite hill.

One thing that surprised me was the comparative warmth indoors without fires. Though extremely stormy, not one of the large windows have leaked in the slightest so far, nor has the roof, though the first windstorm made it necessary to get the roofing contractor to weigh down the tile projecting over the cornice.

W.R.H.-2

It is evidently too early for planting though the hauling of earth for the beds could be under way.

Enclosed is a suggestion for the court of "A" which occurred to me yesterday as accomplishing two things - making "A" seem much larger and more important by including all the area in front of the house in the court, and making the entrance to this court at a point which allows of a boundary wall, not possible before. It is what might be called a psychological change, as the material one is chiefly the addition of the little wall at the ends, and the change in the character of the pavement.

Yours very truly,