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Mr. William Randolph Hearst,
La Cuesta Encantada,
San Simeon, California.

Dear Mr. Hearst:

One more Hill family trouble I forgot to mention and we are over for this season -- concerning Divet, the French furniture repairer, who has been living in San Simeon and whom Mr. Parks and Mr. Slattery regard as a dangerous character to have about because in a family row he picked up a knife from the table and cut his son-in-law in the arm.

I had agreed, (this was while you were away) to discharge the man if you judged best on your return. *consider it necessary*

The son-in-law came here to the office and told me he felt he had been partly to blame in exasperating Mr. Divet, and that he held no grudge against him - that Divet had always been kind to them all and was not "mean", but that a combined household in trying quarters had not (naturally) worked out.

My solution was to pass the matter over as a strictly "in the family" affair, as Divet in all the years with us has never before shown bad temper and according to the boy does not carry a knife and is not "mean".

As always.

Yours very truly,

JM-deM