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Mr. W. R. Hearst  
McCloud, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hearst:

Interest in the Bridge House problem made me forget to take up the subject of San Simeon refrigeration -

The present plant was bought 18 years ago - and first located in a shed by the Chinamens' cook tent - . It was an early patent machine made by the General Electric Co., and has run with a minimum of repairs these years.

It now needs a complete overhauling of its compressor and a general renewal of its metal ice containers. - The members of the firm who handled it here are all dead, and to send the heavy dumbbell to New York for repairs and refilling will take time. -

We had the chief engineer at the Palace Hotel who has handled this machine go down and make a careful inspection. He says that his tests show it is at only 40% of its capacity, and that the results will be steadily less good.

Newer types taking less room make it unlikely that this machine will be handled here again.

As I understand a section for meat curing is wanted with arrangements such as installed at the Beach House last year, - it looks as though it would be better to not spend more in rehabilitating this outfit than just enough to keep it going until you wish to put in an entirely new plant on that order. The existing boxes and piping will not need more than a general clean up.

As always, Yours truly,

Julia Morgan

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