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Sir: Swain. Deard.

I have just had a conversation with Mr. Gill, the stucco man, in relation to your college buildings, and he assures me that the preparing an old wall to receive a coating of stucco should never stand in the way of its application. Mr. Gill will engage to prepare the surface of both of the dormitory buildings for 50 dol., or 25-doll. each, and apply stucco in the test manner at 50 ct. per square yard of surface—(being the same he gets here, and the same he had of Mr. Donaldson) and pay all his own expenses of transporting materials and laborers. Now there can be no question but the stucco had best be applied—unless the irregularities...