



Slater Tile And Mantel Company

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Dear Mr. Allen:

We realize we have been very neglectful in writing you relative to the swimming pool; but owing to the condition we found this pool to be in, we tried to get some information before writing you which might enable you to get some idea of what might have to be done to make this a pool of first class condition.

In the first place, the tile in the pool is in such bad condition it would be useless to try to repair it. You spoke about installing twelve or thirteen hundred pcs., and we feel sure when that twelve or thirteen pcs. is installed, there would be no place to stop. The pool is very antique, and the scum gutter is useless where it is located. Besides, the leak in the pool is probably in the cement backing behind the tile; as, of course, you readily understand that if the tile has not the proper backing (what I mean by that is a water-proof reinforced concrete) you would still have the leak if new tile were installed.

We also noted when checking this pool that the pipes were all rusting and certainly were very unsanitary and unsightly, so we feel sure you want those changed. In other words, we feel it would be much better to spend the money it would cost to repair this pool, which then would probably not be satisfactory, on the installation of a new pool entirely; and that is the reason of our delay in writing.