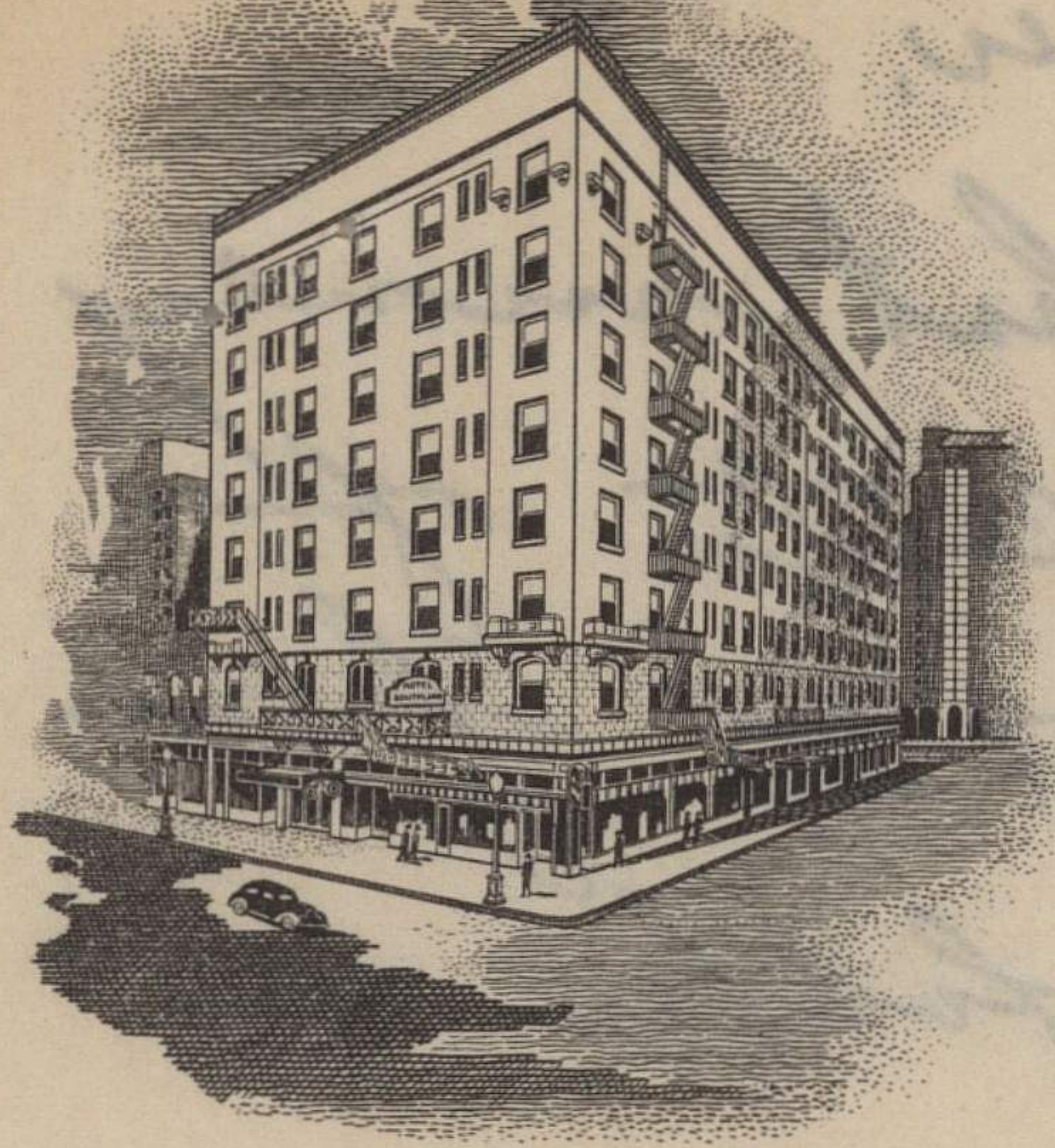


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Dear Doc,

Glad to receive your letter and believe that you are sincere in your friendship. The reason I didn't write sooner is because when you didn't answer the wise "yes or no," I thought you must be out of the city.

My misfortunes, Doc, are charged to me solely. Gambling can do much to wreck you, and the drinking I did on the side didn't help.

But I'm not willing to give up yet — that is as far as