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Col. Theodore Roosevelt,
Oyster Bay,
New York.

My dear Col. Roosevelt:

Regarding the three lion rugs which were
returned to me for repairing:

I am enclosing you several photographs of
lion head which I have mounted for the wall and with which
I have been very successful; several men having sent me
their lion rugs to put into this shape. I offer these as
a suggestion for the rugs that you have returned, since,
after two attempts, it seems impossible to find any way to
keep your lion rugs from wrinkling; as I have said before,
this is due to the original tanning.

In mounting these heads for the wall the
body skin is not cut away, but tucked inside the head and
shoulders. The mounts are much more satisfactory in appear-
ance than the rugs inasmuch as they are more natural, and
the main difference is that the skin gets now ware such as
it is subject to on the floor.

I would strongly advise that your rugs be
made into similar mounts, and would be very glad to hear
from you regarding this.

I am under the impression that there is
something to be fixed on the elephant tusk gong; if this
is so, I would be glad to fix it whenever you so desire.

With congratulations for you recent success-
full trip and with kindest regards, I am

Very respectfully yours,

James L. Clark

*Mrs Roosevelt please
to be given with
Cauras*

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