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Dear Mr. Simmonds

On recalling our chat during the trip round Valparaiso & Vina, I should like to give you further information which I hope you will consider interesting.

To begin <sup>with</sup> there are no fierce or dangerous wild creatures in Chile, we have the puma it is true, he is quite formidable looking, but he will run from a child. There are also snakes but they are not venomous. Though we occasionally have gales of wind in the winter season we never have cyclones, nor yet terrible floods, loss from lightning (we only have the chat variety) etc.

There is no deadly tick such as the one which produces your Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

You may of course counter by saying 'But you have death dealing earthquakes' to which I would answer that if people were not so imprudent & short-memoried the loss <sup>of life</sup> would be insignificant. They rebuild with materials which have proved to be incapable of withstanding a strong shake - A frame house or one of reinforced concrete does not fall provided the foundations be solid. Please give my kind regards to the Professor from Minnesota, his lady wife & companion, as also to the four ladies whom I accompanied