

Caldera, Chili, Sept. 30. 1890

Mr Walter Deane

Dear friend,

Only a line, today that I am expecting Deane here for home on Oct. 11, by steamer Imperial, Capt. Chase, an American - due at Panama Oct. 28. Shall come by way of New Orleans, where I expect to be by Nov. 6th. If you get this letter in season, & have time to write so as to reach that city by that date, I will probably receive your letter, as I shall inquire at the office. But I shall not stop at N. Orleans. Shall hurry on to New York as fast as possible.

Am having a fine time here in tramping over the desert of Atacama in search of plants, many species of which, very peculiar, grow upon the sands & among the rocks.

If I had time, I might collect some 200 or more sp. Think as it is, that I have obtained about 100 sp. Strange, is it not, that a desert should yield many flowering plants?

Have had experience of another Andean peculiarity, viz. two earthquakes - one of them quite strong enough to shake the house badly & send us all helter skelter into the street. The was hard enough at Copiapo, 50 miles from here, to throw down several house walls, & to give all the people a bad shaking up.

Am going up to Copiapo today to call upon my nephew & his family - shall stay there several days & botanize all I can.

Since reaching my brother's home had your last two letters, written at Jaffrey, come to hand. Your letters have all been a great comfort to me. & I thank you much for your kind, genial & constant correspondance. Hope Mr Kennedy rec'd my letter from B. Aires. I got out of that country just in time to escape a greater commotion than the city revolution, one which seems to be spreading all over the Argentine. With kind regards to Mrs Beane I am cordially yours Thomas Morong.



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