



Here is a view of the Andes Mountains, which rise sixty times as high as the highest church steeple you ever saw ; they are so high that their tops are continually covered with snow. Some are volcanoes.

EARTHQUAKES sometimes occur, and destroy whole cities, killing many of the inhabitants. An earthquake is a violent shaking of a part of the Earth.

Travelers cross the Andes on the backs of mules, which are much safer than horses in such dangerous places. Indians, with chairs fastened on their backs, sometimes carry travelers over the mountains with safety.

Immense birds, called CONDORS, are found here, which often destroy sheep and cattle, tearing them with beak and claws.

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