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And that, indeed, is the note of St. Cergues in everything. Ski-ing is one of the safest of sports, and on the Nursery Slopes you would think it quite impossible to hurt yourself. But with care and skill—or, rather, the lack of both—it can be done in a mild way and a strained ligament or a sprained ankle may lay you up for a few days. Now I know few things more exasperating than to be obliged to keep your bed in the ordinary hotel. You are a nuisance to everybody, and they generally take care not only to let you know it but to see the matter is subsequently considered in the bill. That is not so here. We have had two or three of these minor accidents while I have been here, and I feel that it is only just to the genial host of the Observatoire, M. Auberson, to say that every one of the sufferers is loud in praise of the kindness and the sympathy with which they have all been treated. They have never been allowed to think that anything was a trouble—though it very often must have been—and there has never been anything about it in the bill.