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My dear Doctor Lutz:

I have your letter of the 12th of February, and the last number of your Memorias in which I find your papers on Diptera. I am especially glad to get your statement concerning the wood mosquitoes. At the meeting of the Entomological Society of Washington in which Mr. Knab first made his remarks upon the idea that insects which carry the diseases of man are as a rule species of semidomestic character, and in which he pointed out that even with malaria the species most concerned in the carriage of malaria are species which are to be found breeding in close vicinity to human habitations, I at once pointed out, in the discussion which followed, your observations upon the wood mosquitoes of Brazil, not as a refutation of his idea but as an exception to what may very well be a good generalization. In order to make your observations fit into this general idea, he proposed the latent malaria idea to which you refer. I am glad to receive your statement, and it will give me pleasure to present it at the next meeting of the Entomological Society of Washington, notifying Mr. Knab of course in advance so that he may be prepared to discuss it.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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