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particularly the Italian, which has studied to avoid, especially in the finals, the unpleasant sound resulting from the use of that vowel. ' ' The Chilian differs from every other American 'language, not less in its words than its construction, with the exception of from eighteen to twenty of Peruvian origin, Which, considering...