

the fruits are on the ground and spoiled, the fruiting season being in October. At that time it is impossible to enter on account of the terrible condition of the roads- mud, mud, mud, and swollen rivers which it is impossible to ford. The only thing to do is to get in- to the country during the dry season and then collect them when the season is on, as I will do. I can get both the northern species and the southern, as these two points are only one month's journey apart. I wish you could have seen me many times sitting in a temple with a crowd of people watching every move I made; often, very often, I think of you and wish you could be here to enjoy it all and to share in the troubles of the road. Often it is perplexing; at one place they want copper coins, at another only silver, and at another again brass cash, 4,500 to the American dollar. At one place the French dollar is at a premium; at the other they will not take them; one place wants rupees, the other only Yunnan dollars, and of course all metal, no paper money."