

Siamese Hardwoods.

In Siam the rosewoods are worked more particularly from the regions lying north-east and east of Bangkok, and are exported in the form of roughly trimmed round logs, the average size of which is 12 to 24 inches in circumference and 80 to 120 inches in length. The rosewood forests have been heavily over-exploited, and as the Siamese government is now taking measures to protect this wood by requiring workers to take out permits and by fixing a minimum girth at which it may be felled, restriction in general output is likely to ensue. The ebony woods are found to the west of Bangkok in the district of Kanburi, Petchaburi, and to the south toward the Malay peninsula. They also are exported in the form of roughly trimmed logs 12 to 20 inches in circumference and 80 to 120 inches in length.

The exploitation of these woods is not a regular industry in Siam, but forms one of the desultory occupations of the people when they are not engaged in rice growing. The wood is bought by Chinese, who are either middlemen or agents of Bangkok Chinese firms, and, as it will not float, it is brought to Bangkok by boat or by train. It is sold by weight, the unit for export being usually 100 piculs (about 6 tons), and the average price in Bangkok ranges from £22 10s (\$109.50) to £37 10s (\$182.50) for rosewoods and about £22 10s per 100 piculs for the ebones. The ebones are apparently more uniform in quality than the rosewoods. None of these woods appear to be dealt with in Bangkok in the sawn form.

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